# Stanley to Luncarty Active Travel Route Newsletter

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## Welcome

Stanley Development Trust (SDT) and Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust (PKCT) hope you enjoy this first Stanley to Luncarty Active Travel Route newsletter. This and future newsletters aim to keep you informed about progress and development of this exciting project.



*Example of an active travel route © Elaine Hill*

## Project background

It has been a long-held ambition of SDT to develop an all-abilities path between Stanley and Luncarty. In 2016, SDT commissioned a report by P4 Projects to look into the options and opportunities in the area, which then led to the development of a new working partnership with PKCT and Cycling Scotland's Transport Planning and Engineering (TP&E) in 2020. TP&E are a social enterprise design consultancy and industry leader in developing best practice active travel infrastructure.

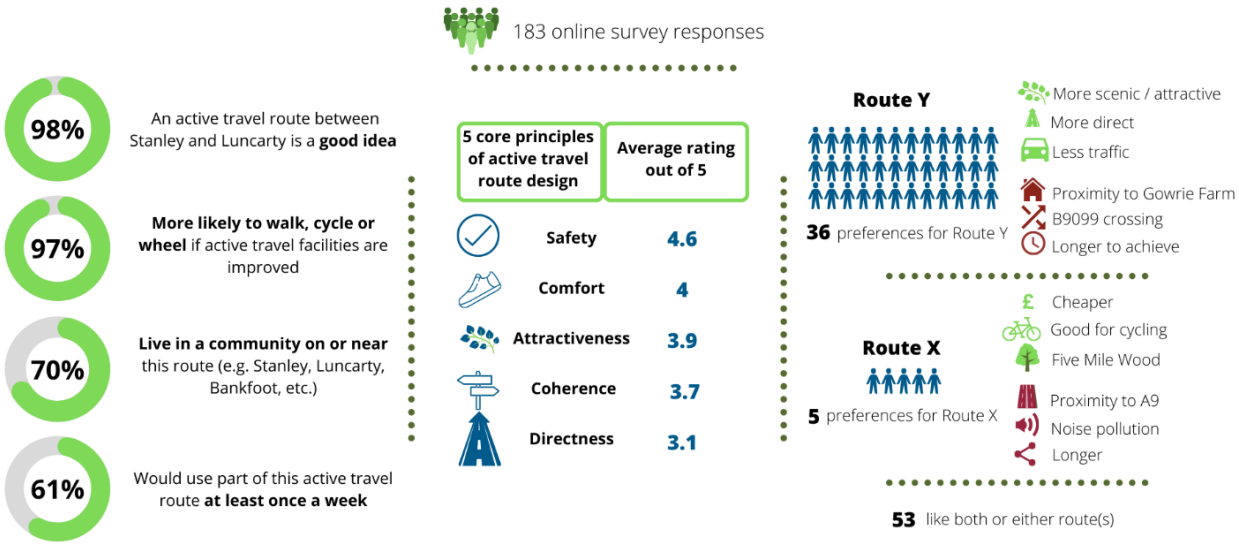
In September 2020, funding from Sustrans enabled PKCT to commission TP&E to take forward a feasibility study and concept design of two shared-use active travel route options to link the villages of Stanley and Luncarty. The new route will be part of the River Tay Way – a new long-distance active travel route between Perth and Kenmore.

Active travel is an important mode of transport involving physical activity being part of travel from A to B, including walking, cycling, wheeling and horse riding, as examples. It is great for our physical and mental health plus wellbeing. It also assists in managing the environment by reducing carbon emissions created by everyday journeys in cars.

The proposed active travel route between Stanley and Luncarty will be a new, sealed surface, off road path designed for daily use by everyone on foot, wheels or horseback. The completed path will be used for commuting and leisure, thus helping users to gain a better level of fitness and an improved sense of wellbeing while travelling through a beautiful part of Perthshire. It will also be great for tourism and the local economy by directly linking the settlements to each other and further path networks, towns and cycle routes in the area.

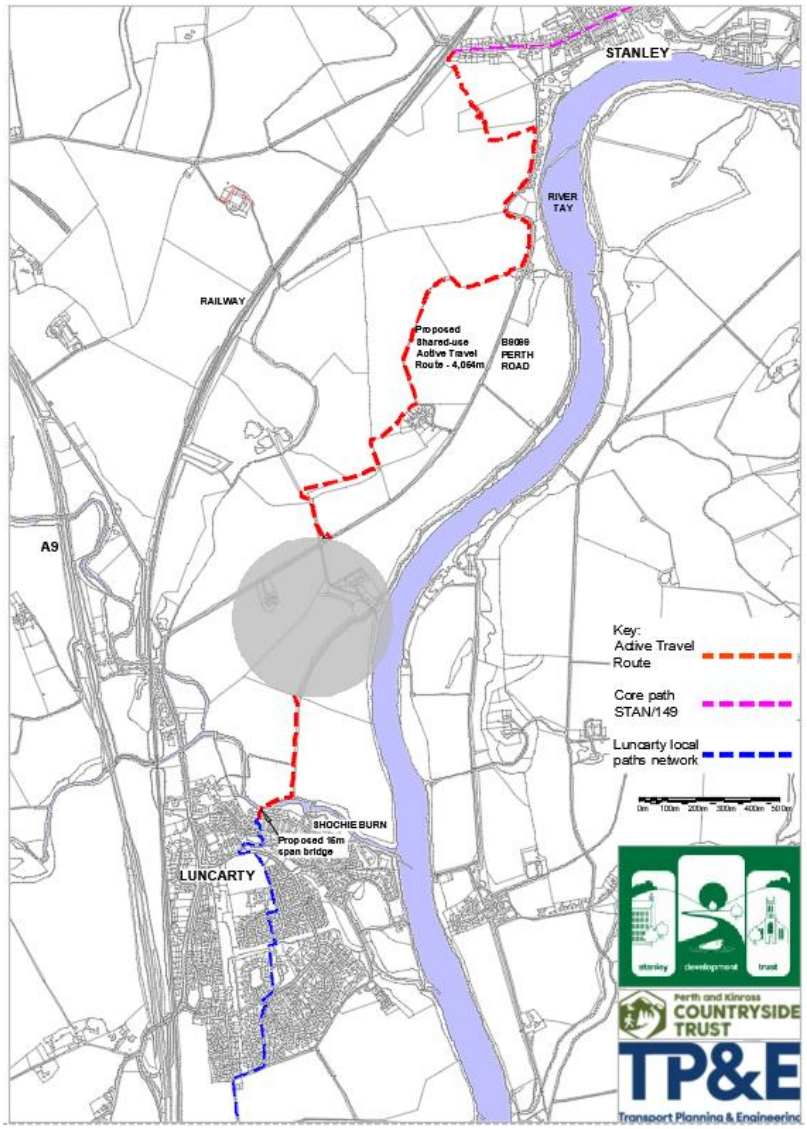
An online consultation on two possible active travel routes linking Stanley and Luncarty was carried out in Spring this year to gather comments and suggestions from the local populace. Below is a summary of the consultation:

**Stanley to Luncarty Active Travel Route Community Consultation**



## Route map

Through community consultation, a strong preference was given for Route Y. This is the most direct north/south route between Stanley and Luncarty following field lines and keeping away from the busy B9099 in the main. This map shows the proposed active travel Route Y, with the area within the grey circle still under discussions.




## What happens next?

TP&E are developing concept designs due for completion in October 2021. Meanwhile, meetings will be scheduled with landowners to secure permissions through discussion of the concept designs. As soon as they are ready, we hope to publish the outline designs in local media, on our website and across social media. On securing further funding, the next stage in 2022 will be to create developed designs. Design funding will enable the proposals and agreements to undergo a detailed design to establish what is required to enable a route to be realised, the quantity of work necessary, and through this an estimate of the overall project cost. As part of this process, further pivotal consultation with landowners, neighbouring property owners and the wider community. Therefore, the priority after the delivery of the concept design will be to fundraise for this developed design.

## Getting in touch

If you have any comments on the route proposals or would like to speak to a member of the project team, please email info@pkct.org

Find out more about the project on PKCT's website at www.pkct.org/stanley-to-luncarty-active-travel-route