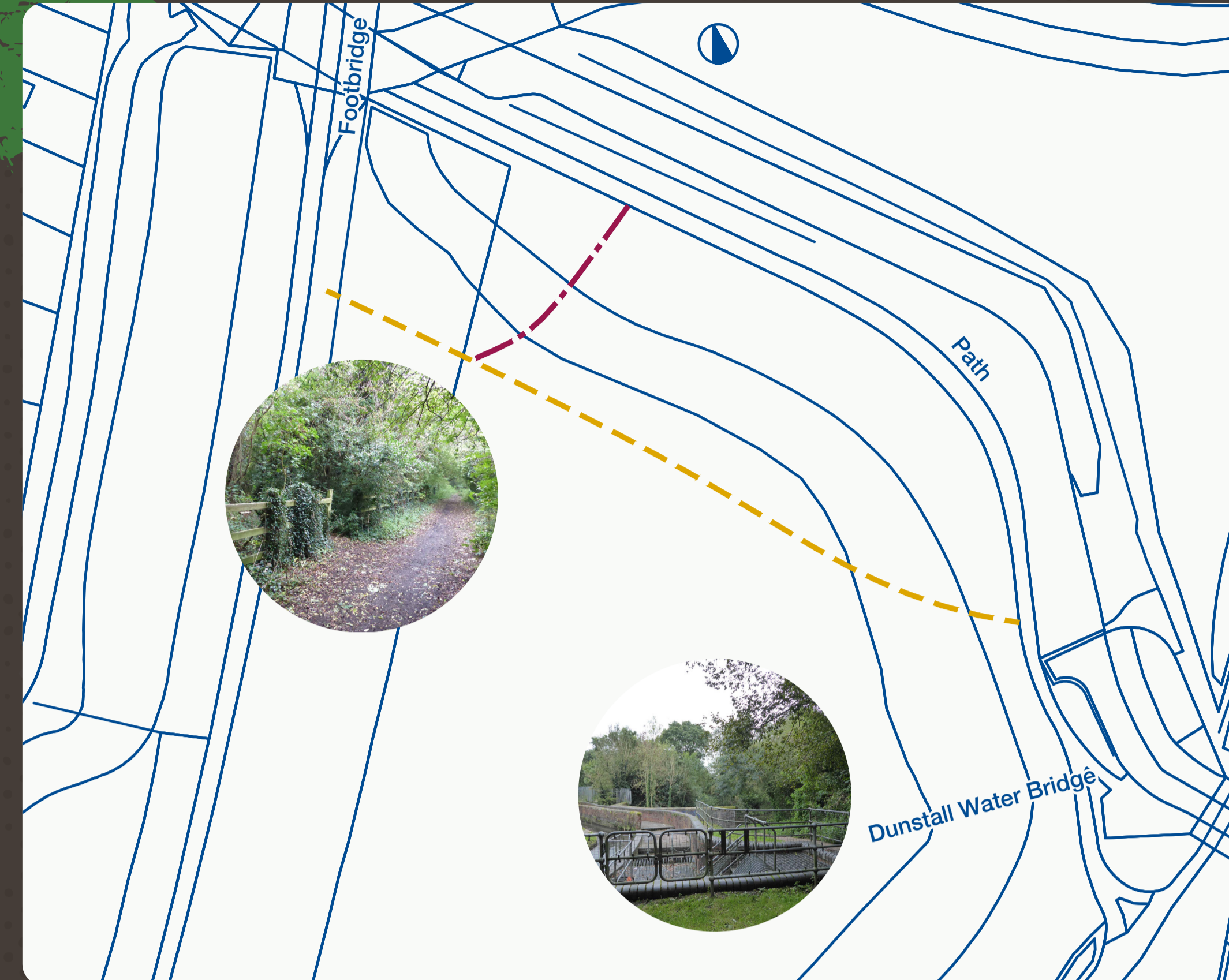


Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve Revised Pathway Improvements



Dunstall Water Bridge

Preferred Option

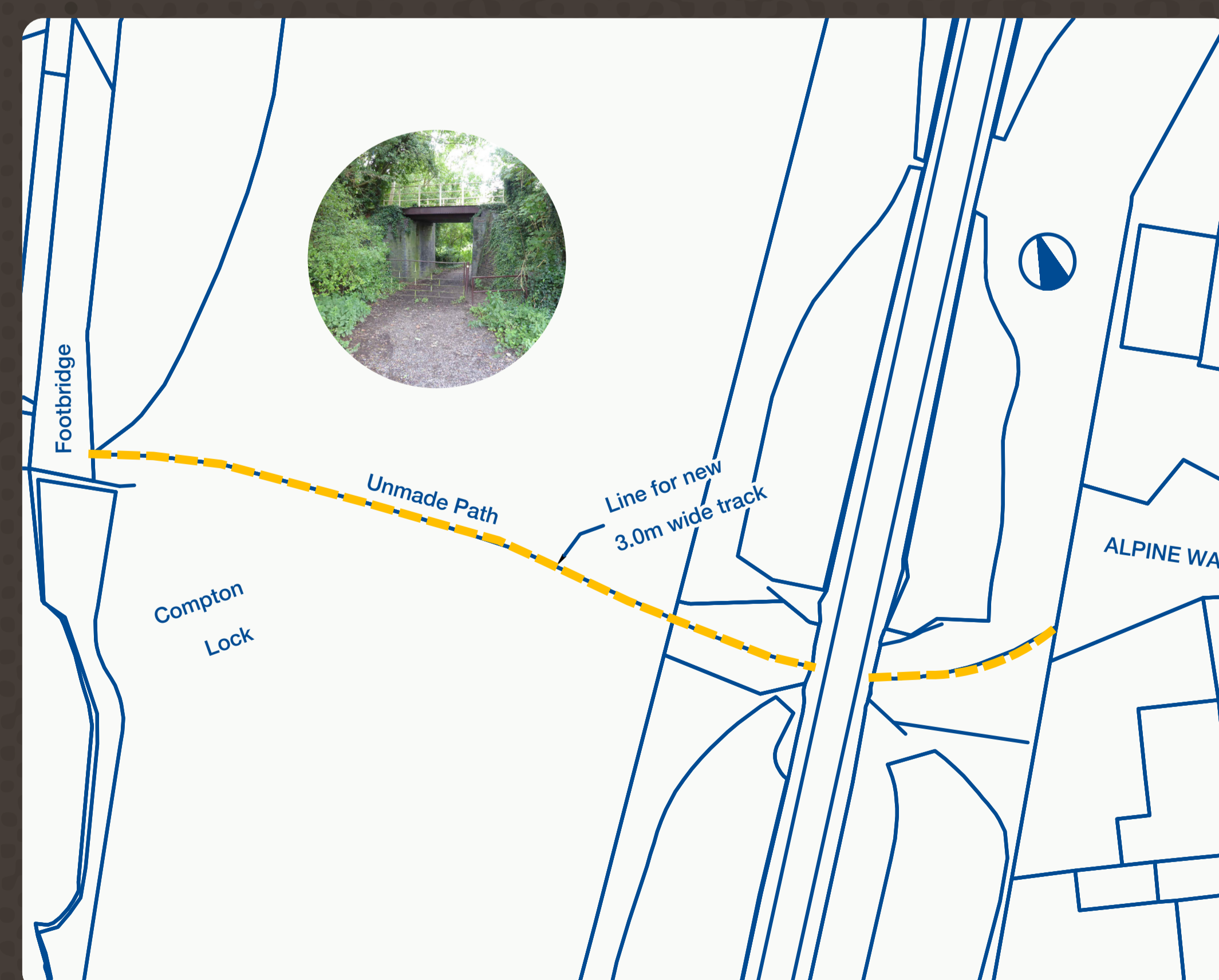
The shorter more direct route (in red) which includes steps was the preferred option.



Horden Road Car Park

Preferred Option

A new 1.8 asphalt cement (tarmac) surface linking the informal path to the main railway line starting at the gate and following the established desire line.



Alpine Way

Preferred Option

Replace existing informal path with a 3.0 m bonded gravel finish to provide better access to the historic Compton Lock and canal.

Following consultation with users and stakeholders the proposed improvements to pathways have been revised to incorporate your comments and feedback.

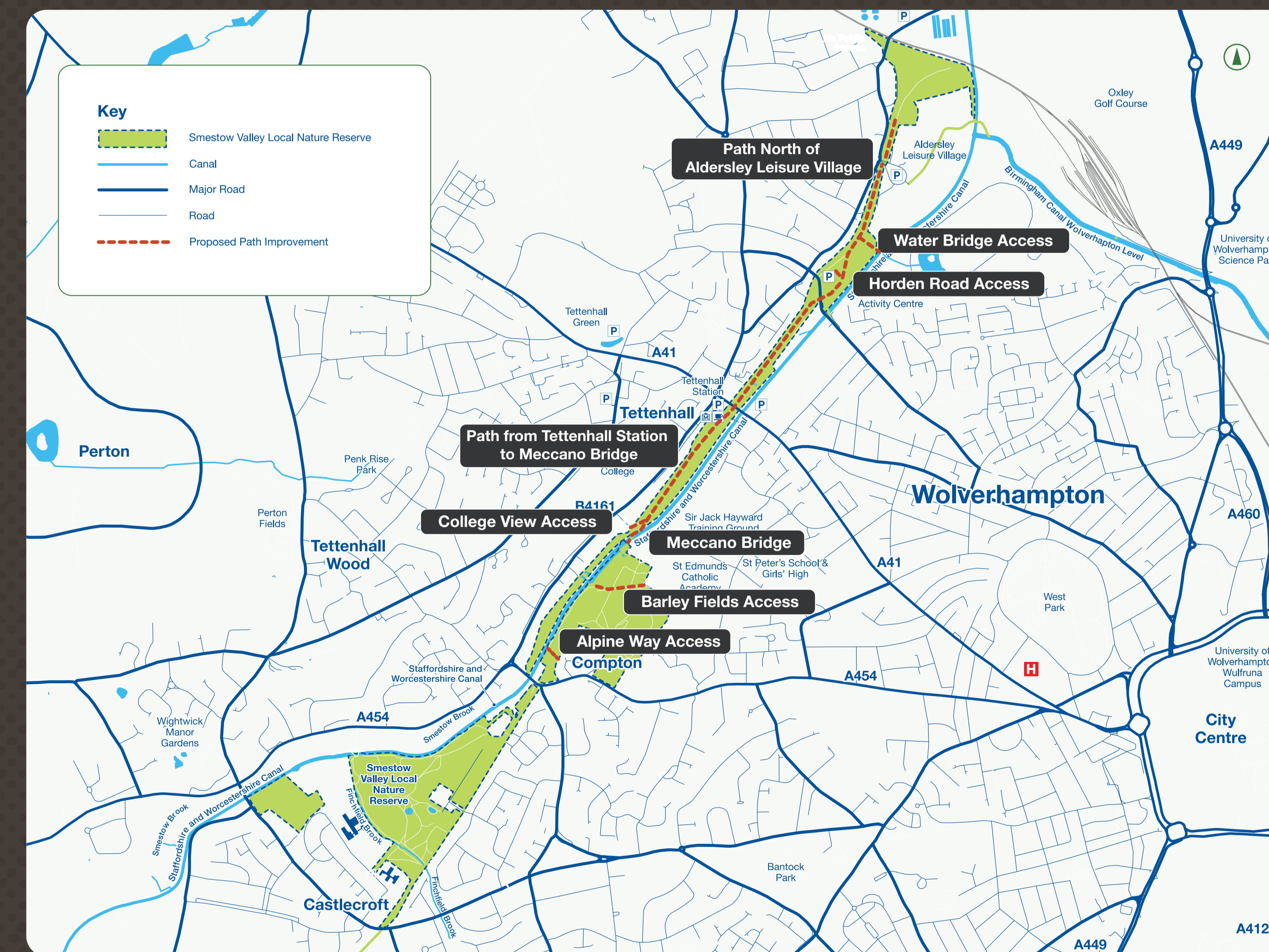
By enhancing path surfaces, particularly those that are currently muddy or impassable we aim to make Smestow Valley LNR more accessible to a wider range of users, including families with young children and individuals with mobility challenges.

Reducing any adverse impact on the environment has been a particular area of concern, therefore, plans have been revised to ensure impact is

minimised with use of 'no-dig' surfacing to protect tree roots and removal of the previously suggested path through the Barley Field.

The proposed path improvements from Meccano Bridge to Tettenhall Station and on up to Aldersley are now out of scope for this project as they are being developed as part of a walking and cycling route by Black Country Transport.

In the delivery phase of the project to Explore, Enhance, Protect and Promote Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve we will be applying for funding to make the following pathway improvements.



The project to **Explore, Enhance, Protect and Promote Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve** is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Thanks to National Lottery players, we are exploring proposals for conservation work in the nature reserve including repairing and protecting historic features and improving access onto and throughout Smestow Valley.



College View

Preferred Option

Replace existing informal path with new 1.8m asphalt cement (tarmac) 'no dig' path to provide better access to the main railway line.



Path North of Aldersley Leisure Village

Improve existing unmade path with new 1.8m wide asphalt cement (tarmac) path to the north of the Aldersley Leisure Village to connect to the proposed Walking and Cycling route being developed by Black Country Transport.

New proposals following consultation

Path from the canal bridge connecting Wildside Activity Centre to the nature reserve

New 1.8m wide asphalt cement (tarmac) surfaced 'no dig' path to improve access across the canal to the main railway line path.

Path adjacent to Finchfield Brook

New 1.8m wide asphalt cement (tarmac) path running parallel with Finchfield Brook to replace the existing stretch of unmade path and complete the tarmac path from the canal to the railway line.

Fencing along Smestow Brook at Tettenhall Old Bridge

The proposed path across Barley Fields has been removed as feedback suggested that it would not suit the aesthetic of the area and was unnecessary.

Steel fence to replace the broken timber fence that runs parallel with Smestow Brook to the south of Tettenhall Old Bridge.

*All options are subject to further detailed design work and costings.