**Tandem Trekkers Route Assessment**

**Ride route: Leeds Rd Playing Field Track**

**OS Grid ref:-**

The track is approximately .25 miles from the tandem store at Hot Tub World

**Note** Transport of Tandems from the store may involve cycling tandems down Leeds Rd, a busy arterial traffic route to Huddersfield.

**Terrain**

All surfaces are flat in the sense cyclists understand the term. The Leeds Rd is well surfaced but subject to decay and potholes that may lie unattended and deteriorate. Riders are advised to be mindful of road surface quality. The track and surrounding paths are maintained to a high standard.

**Other potential users of circuit or route (such as pedestrains, horses, cars etc):**

Leeds Rd is subject to heavy traffic of all types.

The Leeds Rd track is hired exclusively by Tandem Trekkers for the duration of the session but it may be crossed by groups using the football area in the centre of the track. Other exercise groups use grassed areas in the centre of the track and adjacent to it.

**RIDE LEADER TO SCOPE EXTENT OF ACTUAL RIDE TO BE UNDERTAKEN.**

Date / details of route assessment :

24th May 2018 – Peter Hardy – route ridden on a solo hybrid with road tyres –entire section of ride taken comfortably at speed.

**Car parking / trailer parking notes:**

Cars may be parked in the venue car park. The ride leader may choose to take all tandems to the venue on the trailer or request pilots to transport them individually.

**Schedule of route / waymarks / particular hazards (points should appear on annotated map)**

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| Nr | Grid ref | Distance from start  (miles) | Risk Description | Mitigation | Risk rating  Low / Med / High |
| START |  | 0 | Start point Hot Tub World. Ride starts on Whitacre St. use the pedestrian crossing to cross Whitacre St and establish a safe start position. When the lights turn green turn right onto Leeds Rd and proceed towards Huddersfield. | General care and caution | Med |
| 1 |  | .25 app | [when safe] take up primary position in the RH lane and [when safe] cross the oncoming carriageway to enter the gate of the sports centre. Dismount and proceed to track area | General care and caution | Med |
| START |  |  | Wheel tandem along the footpath from Hot Tub World to the sports fields. [It is not legal to cycle on a pedestrian footway.] | General care and caution | Low |

**Schedule of hazards at the track area**

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| Hazard | Risk | Level | Action |
| Surface | Broken surface / edges | Low | In excellent condition when inspected |
| Broken glass | Puncture, cuts if rider falls. | Low | Remove or use clear area |
| Members of the public | collision | Low | Vigilance, caution. Position volunteer at crossing point to advise other users of cyclists presence. |
| Dogs off the lead | Attack / mauling. collision | Low | Ask owners to keep dogs on leads in area |
| Children on / off bikes | Collision | Low | Stay away from children. |
| Cyclists | Collision | Low | Store tandems on inner track against fence of football area. Advise on lane discipline:   1. Inner lane for mounting / dismounting. 2. Over take on outside. 3. Warn riders in front they are being overtaken. 4. Use general good practice of cycle handling / road use. |
| Access to middle area | Collision | Low | Appoint volunteer to support Vis to cross track to centre. |

**General risk assessment notes applicable to all rides**

* All riders should be encouraged to take part in activities that are within their capabilities.
* All riders must wear a helmet.
* High vis clothing to be considered for road riding
* The session leader should have checked the leader pack as per insert and have leader pack with them at all times. This must include first aid.
* Sun protection and water advisable to be carried.
* For exposed routes or winter rides suitable clothing is essential along with spare water or windproof items
* All ride leaders should familiarise themselves with the contents of the ride leader pack specifically tools, spares, first aid and survival equip.
* Ride leader should carry suitable navigation aids and check route assessment before commencing ride.