

Wichelstowe

travel guide

Phase 1 - East Wichel



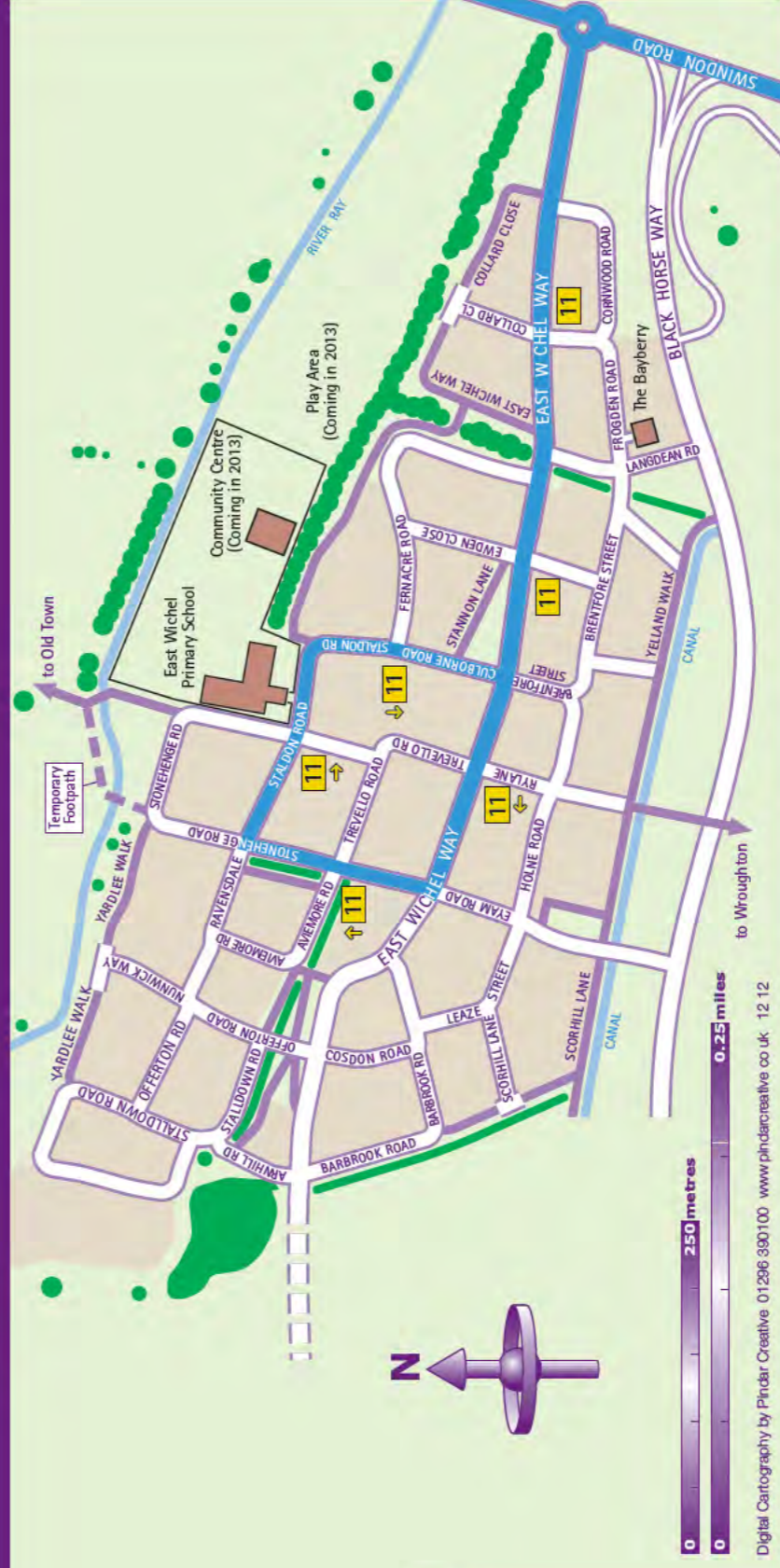
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Key

-  Bus route serving East Wichel
-  Bus served roads
-  Other roads
-  Roads under construction
-  Footpaths



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On foot

Walking is a great option for commuting, shopping and leisure. It's free, healthy and reachable. East Wichel is well connected to both Wroughton and Swindon - did you know you could walk to Old Town shops in under 20 minutes?

Wichelstowe is surrounded by a 'green buffer zone', with attractive walking trails through the fields and a variety of wildlife to enjoy, as well as the canal and other amenity spots, such as the lakes, which are near to the competition.

Walking is the most environmentally friendly way to travel, and can increase your physical health and sense of well-being. It's as simple as 30 minutes per day. That could be equivalent to a daily trip to the shop, or collecting your children from school.

By bike

Cycling is considered the healthiest way to get around, and Wichelstowe is in the great position of sitting adjacent to National Cycle Network Route 45 (along the Northern perimeter). You can follow this path along the way to North Swindon without ever having to cycle along a road! West Swindon can be reached by following it westward for just 10 minutes.

Swindon cycle maps are available from libraries, leisure centres or by emailing your address to transportplanning@swindon.gov.uk

For details of cycling, news and events visit www.swindon.gov.uk/cycling

By train

Traveling by train can replace stressful driving time with quality time spent working or studying if used to commute, or socialising with family/friends if used for leisure.

Your nearest station is Swindon, approximately 2 miles away. To get there, you could catch the bus, or cycle and either take your bike on the train with you, or store it at the station. There is also a taxi rank and car park outside. See www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/SWI.html for detailed information about station facilities and bus links.

There are some great deals available for students, families and groups traveling by train, and booking in advance could save you up to 60%! Buy your tickets at the station, online or call 08547 000125.

By bus

With priority given to buses via bus lanes, no car parking charges to consider and a range of ticketing options available, you may find the bus a quicker, cheaper and less stressful option for commuting, shopping or even visiting destinations further away.

Currently, two services run north to East Wichel:

- Thamesdown's #11 runs every 15 minutes to ASDA Warrington, via Swindon town centre.
- Stagecoach #73 runs hourly to Wroughton, with more frequent buses at a.m. and p.m. school peak times (service subject to periodic review).

Further services are available from Croft Road and other nearby locations.

For exact departure times, please see the timetables available at bus stops and available from the Thamesdown Travel Shop on Fleming Way and Stagecoach office at the bus station. Alternatively, you can search online, or request a printed copy from wichelstowetravel@swindon.gov.uk

By car

Around the world, we are being encouraged to reduce our car use, to both help protect the environment and improve our health. If you drive a car, you can travel more efficiently by making both small and larger changes to your habits.

Keep your tyres well-inflated, switch off the engine in traffic jams, keep your revs down and remove accessories such as roof racks when they are not being used. You will save fuel and reduce the wear and tear on your vehicle.

Swindon has a local car-share network where you can find out about sharing regular journeys with other people living nearby. For more information and free registration with no obligation, visit www.carshareswindon.com. There are several organisations that offer similar services on a national scale, and these can be very useful for sharing journeys to one-off events, or on long-distance commuting.

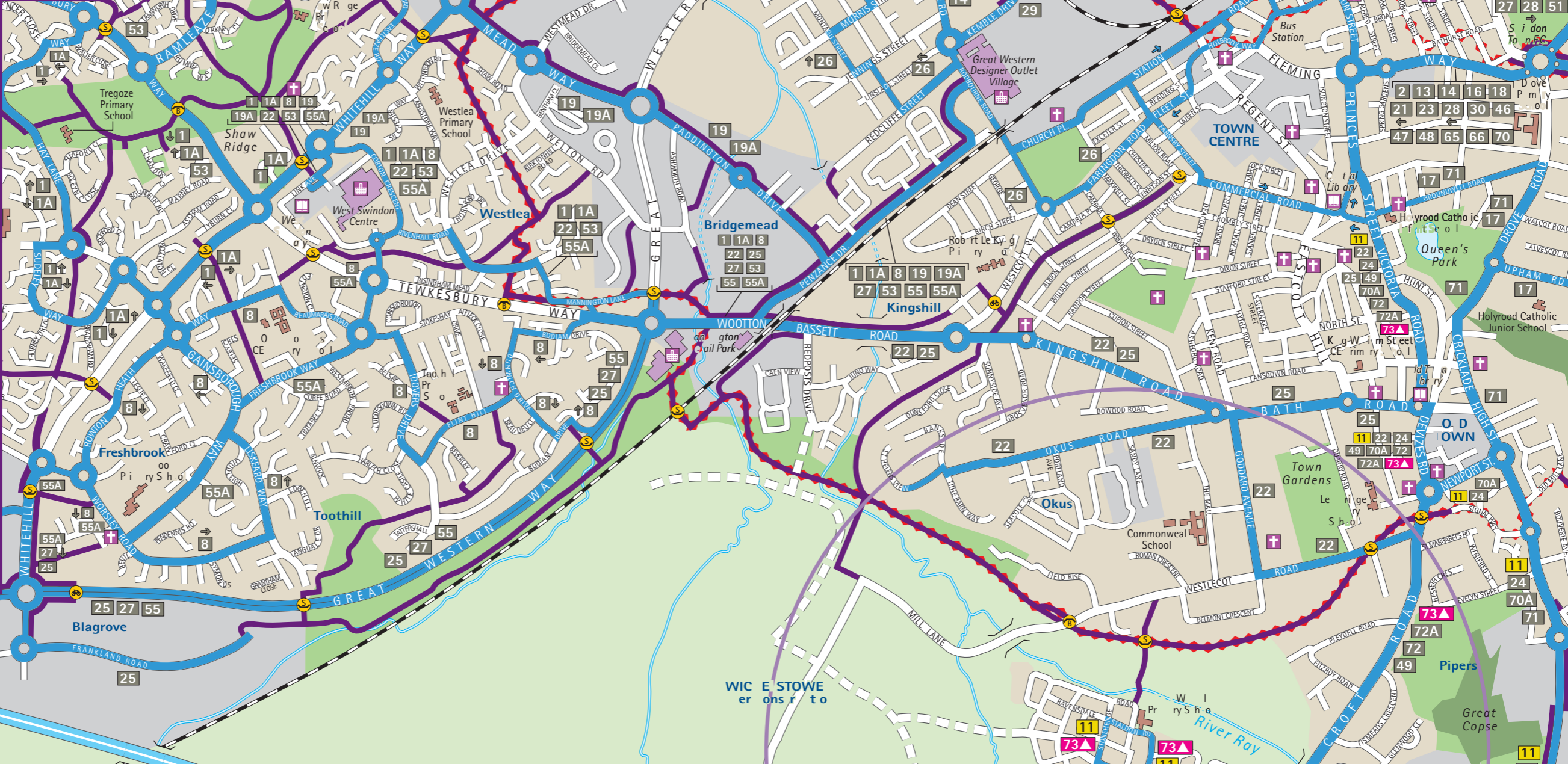
Visit www.transportdirect.info to compare journey options from A to B.

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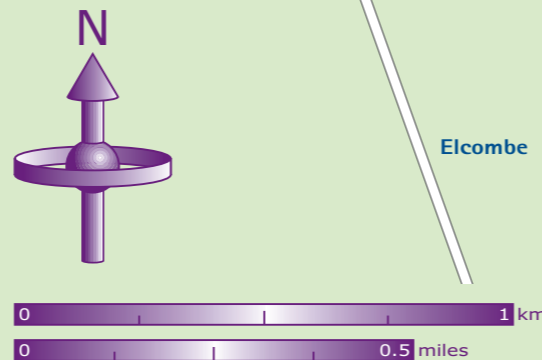
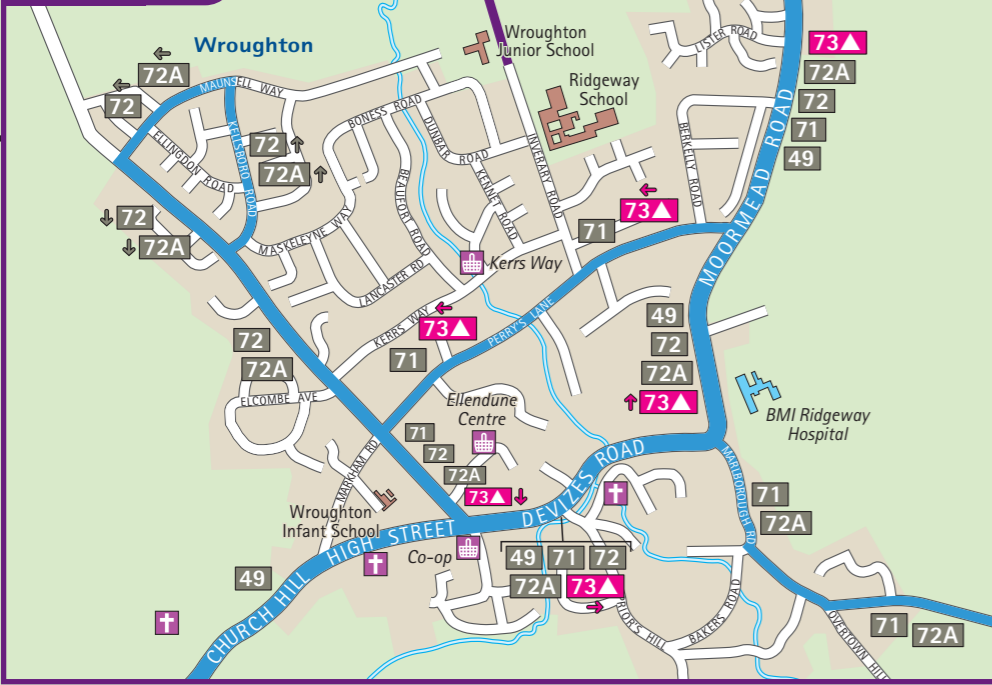
- 11 73▲** Bus routes serving Wichelstowe (coloured)
- 73▲** Temporary bus route
- 49** Other bus routes (grey)
- Blue line** Bus served roads
- White line** Other Roads
- White dashed line** Roads under construction
- Red dashed line** Cycle Track
- Red dashed line with dots** National Cycle Network (Route 45)
- Yellow circle with black border** Signalled pedestrian crossing (including Traffic Signals)
- Yellow circle with black border and bicycle** Toucan crossing
- Yellow circle with black border and bridge** Bridge
- Yellow circle with black border and 'S'** Subway or underpass
- Light brown** Residential
- Grey** Industrial
- Light green** Open Areas
- Green** Parks
- Dark green** Woods
- Red building icon** Libraries
- Shopping cart icon** Retail areas
- Black cross icon** Places of worship

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Wroughton



See inset map (left) for Wroughton



15 minute walk or 4 minute cycle