Velo Birmingham Cycle event – September 24th

I hope by now that you are all aware that it is proposed that this cycling event will skirt the eastern edge of Great Witley on Sunday 24th of September. This is **not** a cycle race, but a mass participation event, with 15,000 cyclists of varying abilities taking part. If it goes ahead, it will involve lengthy road closures.

The original route brought cyclists from Dunley, through Great Witley outbound for Herefordshire and then inbound through Great Witley again, heading for Holt Bridge with our major roads closed from as early as 6.00am (A451), until as late as 4.30pm (A443). Your Parish Council protested about these road closures, as did many Parish Councils, individuals and businesses on the route and, with the help of Councillor Pollock, that section of the route has now been abandoned.

It is now proposed that cyclist will enter the village from Dunley, turn left along the link road and left again along the Worcester Road towards Holt Bridge and Birmingham. This would involve road closures for most of the day, but at the time of writing we do not know for certain whether the event will go ahead. The road closures would involve the A451 from Dunley crossroads as far as Red Marley, the B4197 as far as the A443, (both until 14.30) and the A443 from Great Witley to Holt Heath (until 15.30), where the route follows the A4133.

If you need more information or wish to make any representation about it the relevant web site and contacts are listed below.

CSM (event organisers) website: velobirmingam.com, comments to [route@velobirmingham.com](mailto:route@velobirmingham.com)

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