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Generally:

- Congratulations on the comprehensive coverage provided by the Clackmannanshire Core Path Plan. We were particularly pleased to see the attention paid to cross-border routes and the very clear identification of these cross-border points on your CPP maps. We would like to see your approach applied consistently across the country. Consistency of approach across the country is our main concern at this stage of the CPP process and we have been stressing this to other councils. The mildly critical comments below should be seen in this important context.

Specifically:

- We were disappointed to note on Map 4 the removal of the link between core paths 138 and 139 and wonder why this has occurred and whether it could be reconsidered? This continuous route is part of our Heritage Paths programme.
- We were also very pleased to see that the inclusion of the extended core path 157 and new core path 183 as we requested in our comment of 26 November to your previous CPP stage.

However:

- We would have liked to see more grid reference numbers and the overlap map numbers on each detail map to aid location of particular places and routes. This would make the Plan as a whole much easier to read.
- We note that there is no written description of any of the paths. Several other councils have included such descriptions, or even classification of path surface and this adds value to their CPP. Would you consider this for inclusion in your final CPP, perhaps including this information on the blank pages between your maps (reverse sides).

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