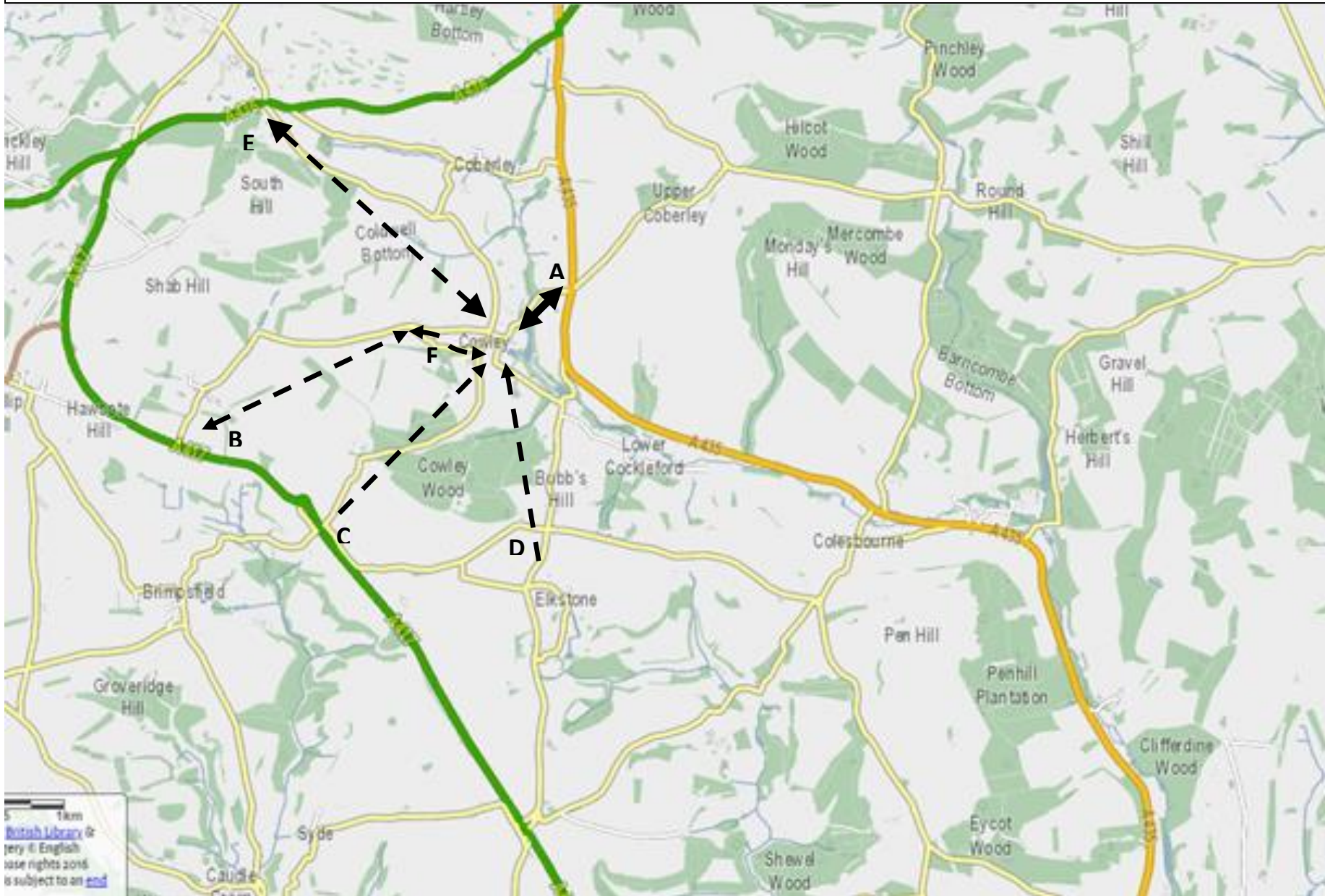


Page 62 1.11.26 Local Roads - The ExA had the opportunity, on its USI, to travel local roads surrounding the A417. Please describe your experiences of the routes along these roads that drivers have been using to circumvent the current traffic issues faced on the A417 (with maps if necessary), the type of vehicles using the local roads and their frequency. Provide any evidence to support such assertions.

Whenever traffic volumes increase whether by peak period or surges in traffic, RouteE through RouteB and RoutesC/D to RouteE feel the impact. Vehicle types typically range from cars, vans, motorcycles, horseboxes, caravans and when diversions occur, even HGV's and coaches; the larger vehicles are totally unsuited to local roads. Emergency vehicles have difficulties at the best of times accessing and traversing the village RouteF to RouteB. When a trail of rat-running traffic travels in one direction on any Cowley road and meets on-coming traffic, chaos ensues as there is nowhere to go and reversing is challenging. No pavements, apart from RouteA with limited paving.



- Key**
- A = Main route into Cowley. National Speed Limit (NSL) 60mph. Local 2-way road, narrow in parts, blind bend on hill.**
  - B = Stockwell to Cowley. (NSL) 60mph. Single track road, narrow in places and no passing. Steep hill, Cars, vans daily at peak times.**
  - C = Cowley roundabout through Cowley Woods. (NSL) 60mph, Single track road, narrow, limited passing places. Water erosion in places forming gullies. Potholes. Cars, vans, daily at peak times.**
  - D = Elkstone Road to Cowley. (NSL) 60mph. Single track road, narrow, no pavement, limited passing places. 200-300 cars/vans mainly at evening peak, travelling through village connecting to road E or road A to connect with A40 or South, S/East Cheltenham.**
  - E = Cowley to A436. (NSL) 60mph. Single track winding and narrow road with some passing places. Popular with walkers, riders etc. Ratrunning mainly in evening peak.**
  - F = Cowley Village (NSL) 60mph. Resident parking. Single track, no passing.**



The following were all taken on an afternoon walk in the village – August 2021



Route C



Route C



Route C





Damage from vans Route E



convergence in village from route C into village centre

