



# Course Details & Risk Assessment

**Road Assessed:** A20 Ashford Road  
Lenham to Orchard Heights

**Course:** Q25/15

**Date of Assessment:** 22 January 2022

**Name of Assessor:** John Longbottom/Bob Giles

**Description:** Start **10 metres to the west of a road gully grating situated at the eastern end of the layby** [51.23726, 0.72817] on the eastbound A20 below the chalk cross memorial on the North Downs above the Lenham bypass. Proceed to Orchard Heights roundabout (8 mls) [51.16137, 0.85534] to **turn** and retrace to Charing roundabout (12.8 mls) [51.21309, 0.78999] where **turn** back towards Orchard Heights roundabout (17.6 mls) where **turn** and retrace to Charing roundabout (22.37 mls) where taking the 1st exit continue along the A20 to **finish** at a point 266 metres before the junction with Hubbards Hill [51.23437, 0.73873], opposite field entrance on the north side of the carriageway.

**Traffic Flows:** None current for this version of the A20 25 course. It uses roads for the now defunct Q25/20 and Q10/22 & the current Q10/45, Q15/7 & QS/35 courses. Traffic counts for Q10/22 taken in 2018 showed no issues and use in subsequent years has not highlighted any issues.

**Course/Event History:** This is a variation on the Q25/20 course (Harrietsham-Charing-Harrietsham) which has been shelved due to the imposition of a 30mph speed limit approaching Harrietsham from the east near the bottom of Dickley Hill.

## Key Identified Risks

Location	Hazard Detail	Risk Reduction Measures	Risk
General	Promotion time meets C.T.T. requirements and standards		Low
Before event	Riders riding from HQ Competitors warming up	Instructions on start sheet restricting riders from warming up on the course.	Low
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<b>Start in layby on A20 below the chalk cross memorial, Lenham</b>	Parking for timekeeper only. Maximum of 5 riders awaiting start	Place Cycle 2 Event Signs on the A20 West of the Layby. Instruction on start sheet. No competitor parking allowed	Low
Various minor roads on left		No Additional Measures	Low
Slip Road from Yew Tree Mobile Home Park	Minor road on left	No Additional Measures	Low
<b>1. Charing RAB</b>	Riders take 3 <sup>rd</sup> exit, traffic entering from 1 <sup>st</sup> exit (A252) & School Road & from the right from traffic on the RAB.	3 Marshals. 4 Cycle Event Signs on A.20 entry to RAB, A252, School Road and western approach to RAB.	Low
Station Road/High Street X roads junction with the A20	Pedestrian lights	No Additional Measures	Low

Various minor roads on left		No Additional Measures	Low
<b>2. Orchard Heights RAB</b>	Riders take 3 <sup>rd</sup> exit. Traffic from left on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> exits.	2 marshals 3 Cycle event signs on A.20 west & east approach and Orchard Heights road.	Low
Crossroads with Goddington Lane and Sandyhurst lane.	Minor roads from left and right.	No Additional Measures	
Station Road, Hothfield	Minor road on left	No Additional Measures	Low
Cades Road, Hothfield	Layby & minor road on left	No Additional Measures	Low
Various minor roads on left		No Additional Measures	Low
Entrance to Charing Crematorium	Entrance/exit on left with slip road on right for eastbound traffic.	No Additional Measures	Low
Station Road/High Street X roads junction with the A20	Pedestrian lights	No Additional Measures	Low
<b>3. Charing RAB</b>	Riders take 4 <sup>th</sup> exit to retrace along the A20 to point 2.	Marshals/cycle event signs as location 1	Low
<b>4. Orchard Heights RAB</b>	Riders take 3 <sup>rd</sup> exit to return to point 3.	Marshals/cycle event signs as location 2	
<b>5. Charing RAB</b>	Riders take 1st exit to continue along the A20	Marshals/cycle event signs as location 1	Low
<b>4. Finish – Field entrance 226 metres east of Hubbards Hill Junction.</b>	Adequate parking for timekeeper car only.	Chequered board. Cycle event signs on approaches Instructions on start sheet for riders returning to HQ.	Low

The small junctions or entrances to farms/ facilities that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.

**Number of Cycle Event signs required: 9 no.**

**Number of marshals required: 5no.**

**Date of original assessment: January 2022**