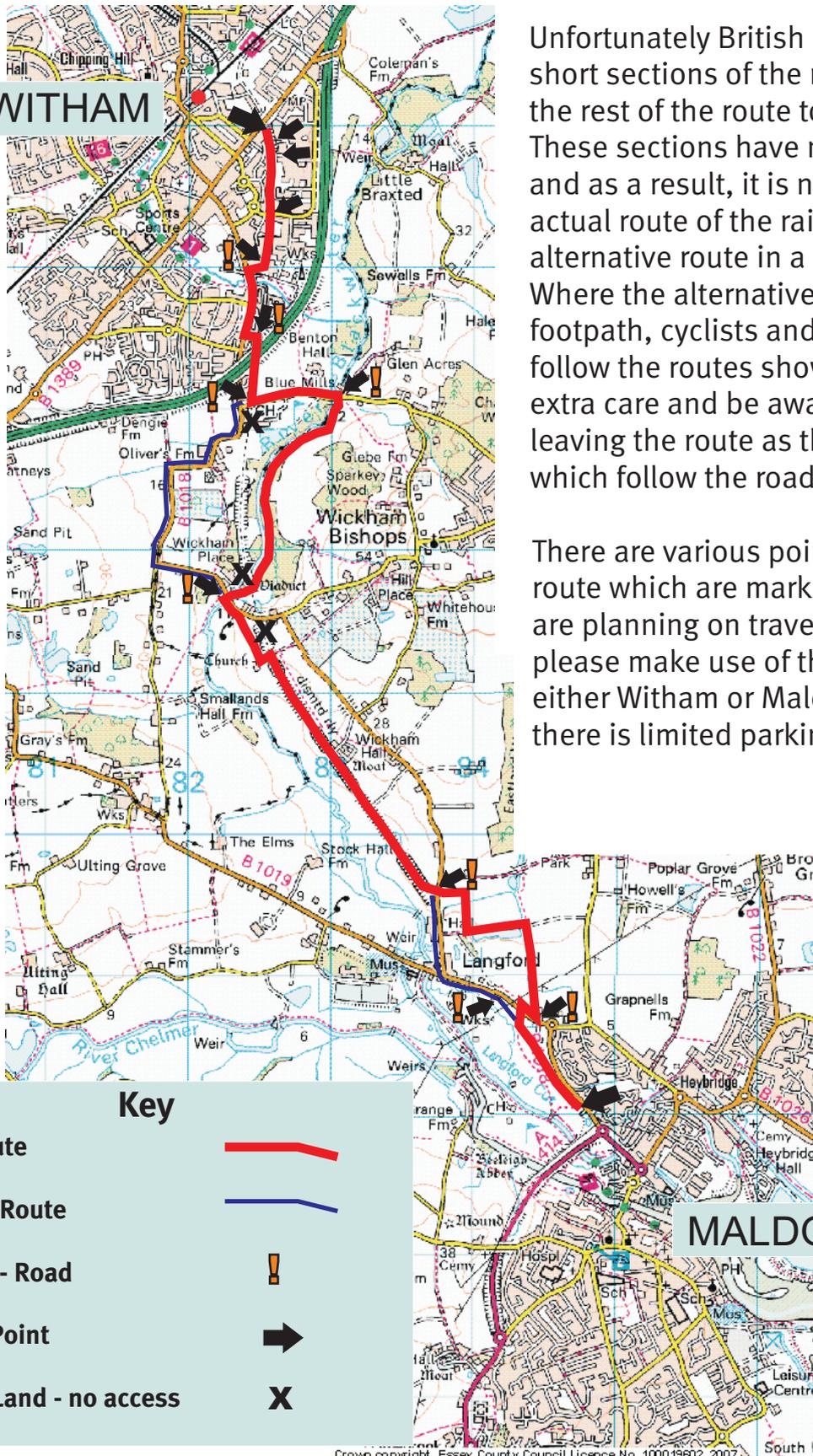


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Unfortunately British Rail sold off several short sections of the railway before selling the rest of the route to Essex County Council. These sections have no public right of way and as a result, it is necessary to leave the actual route of the railway and follow an alternative route in a couple of places. Where the alternative route follows a footpath, cyclists and horseriders should follow the routes shown in blue. Please take extra care and be aware of traffic when leaving the route as there are some sections which follow the road.

There are various points of access to the route which are marked on the map. If you are planning on travelling to the site by car please make use of the public car parks at either Witham or Maldon town centres, there is limited parking along the route.

This map is designed as a guide to the route only and it is recommended that you use it in conjunction with an Ordnance Survey map of Colchester and the Blackwater area (Landranger 168).

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The route is maintained by a team of Rangers who also manage Great Notley Country Park and the Fitch Way, which is the former route of the Braintree to Bishops Stortford Railway. Please contact them if you require any further information:

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