

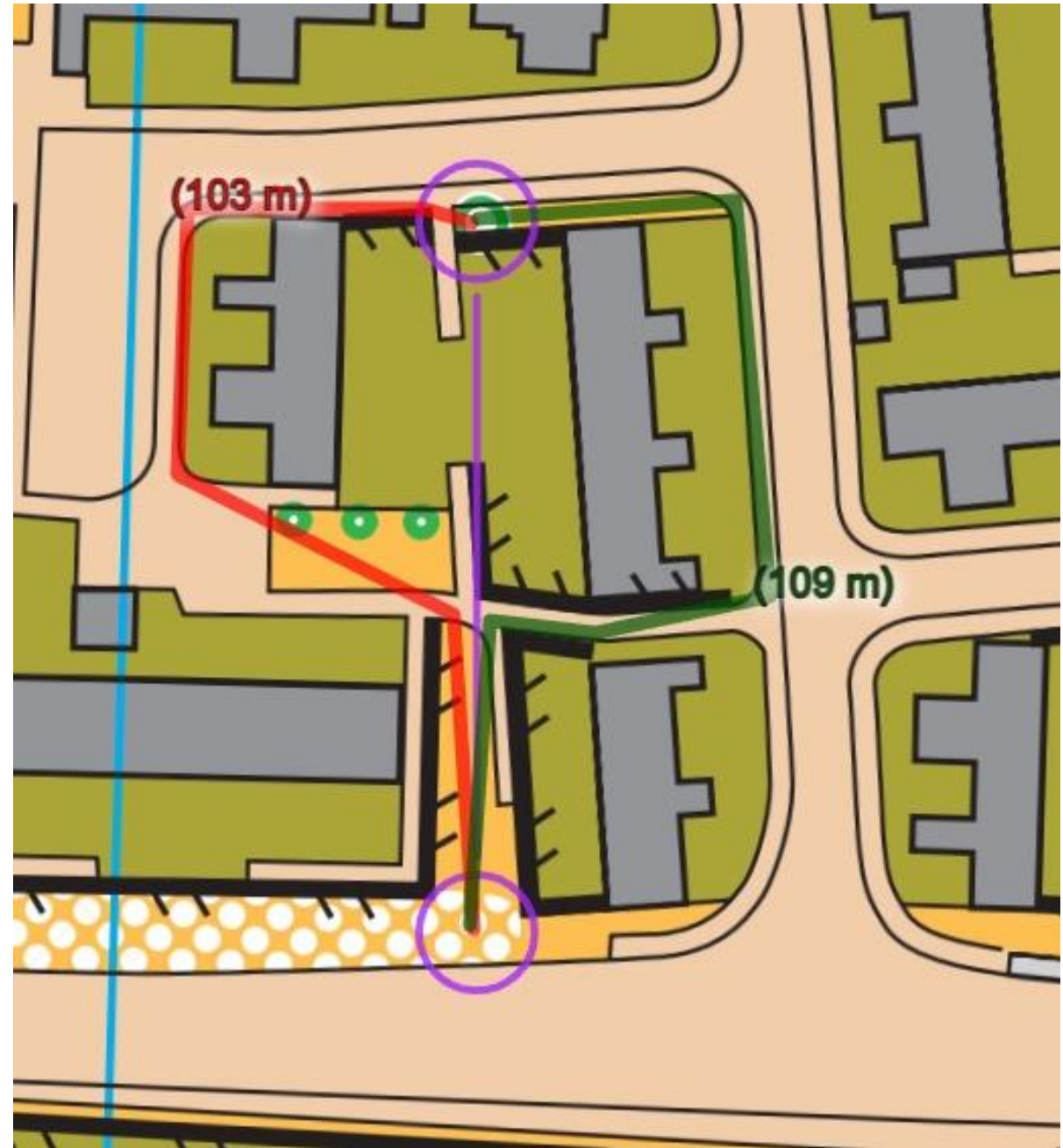


South Queensferry WRE men
routechoice analysis

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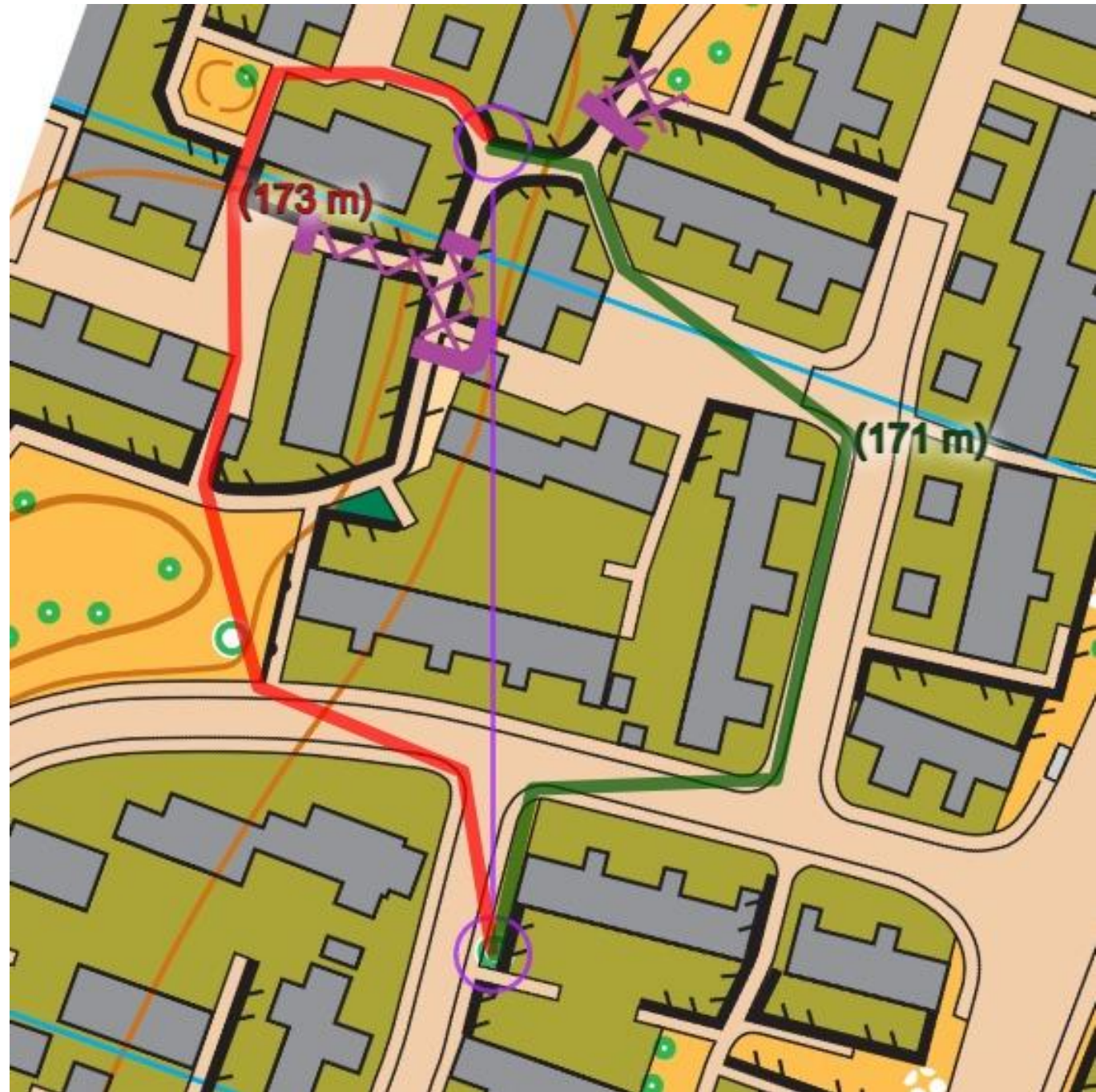
Leg 1

Easy first leg mostly constrained by the placement of the start. Left a little bit shorter and less sharp 90 degree turns.



Leg 2

Pretty much a 50/50, think left might be a bit slower going over the grassy hill and through some tighter alleyways. No significant time loss though.



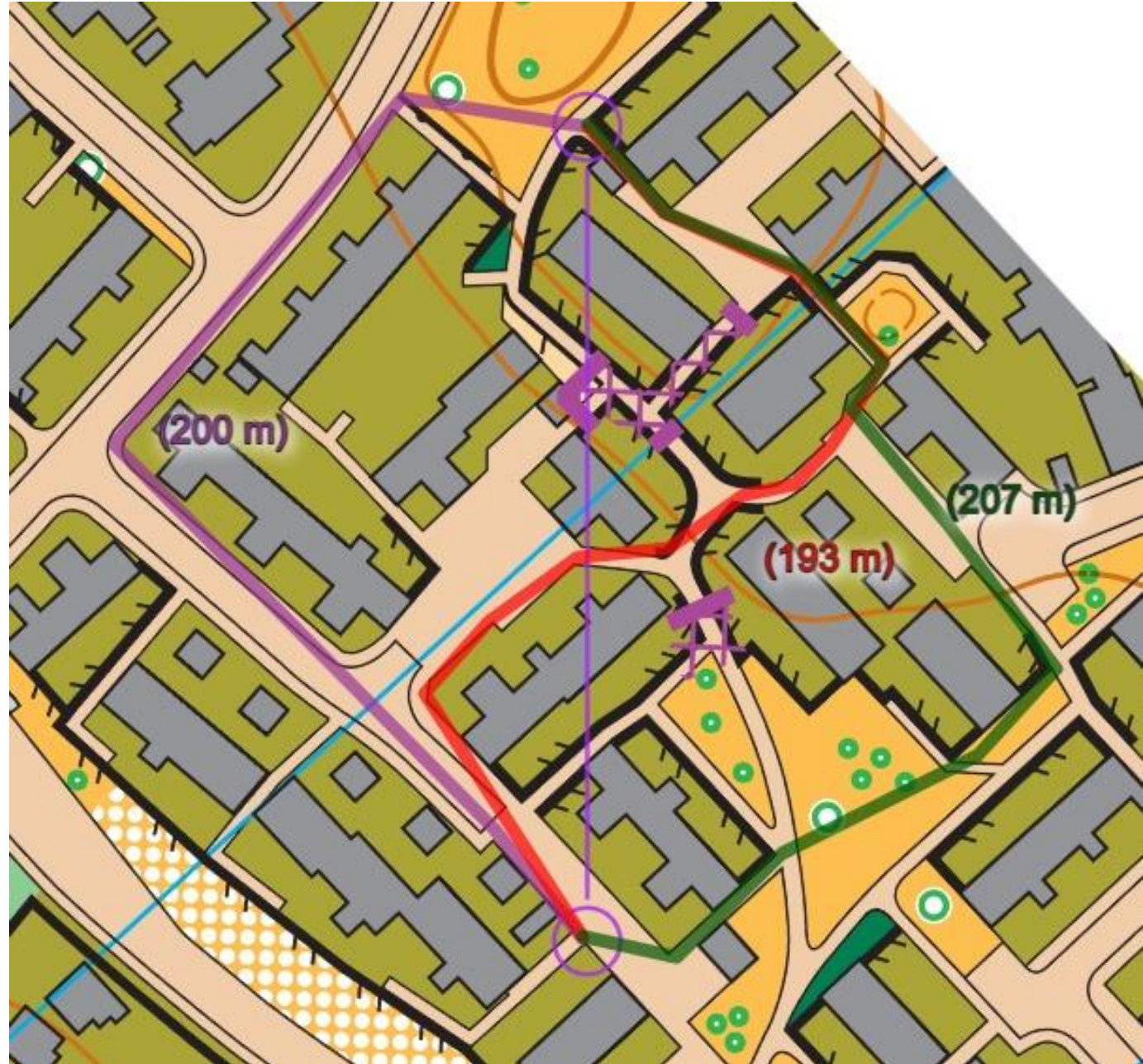
Leg 3

Left significantly shorter here. Had to compromise on #3 and #4 to try to make the course look legible in this section (hope it ended up okay for most people!), hence them being slightly weaker legs.



Leg 5

Quite an interesting leg with 3 choices. Middle is slightly shorter but does go through some tighter alleyways. Left gives the opportunity to get fully up to speed, but the grassy hill is slow. Right option quite a bit slower than both I think.



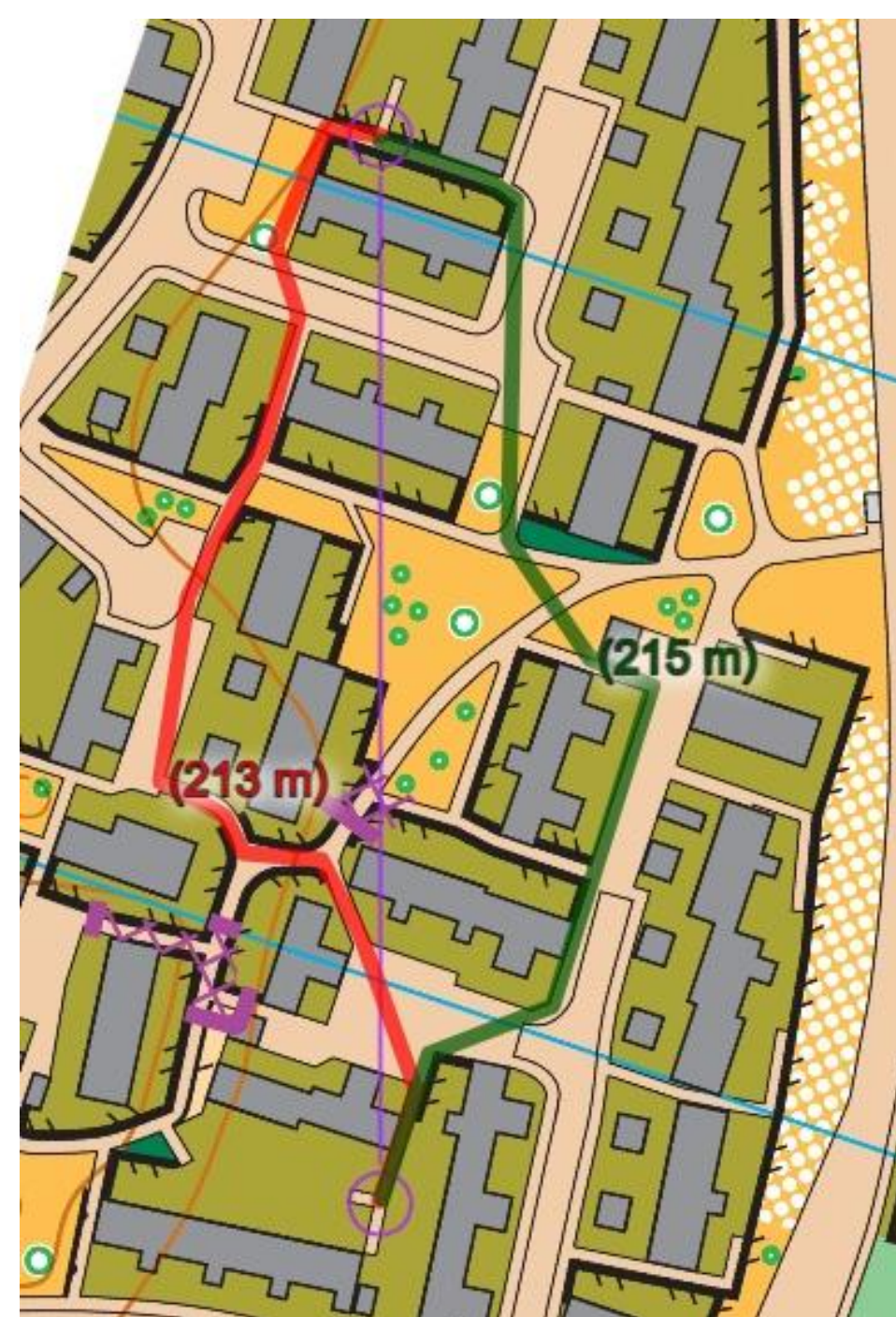
Leg 6

One of my favourite legs on the course. At first glance I think right looks quite appealing, but it's actually 35m longer. Left probably significantly quicker as a result.



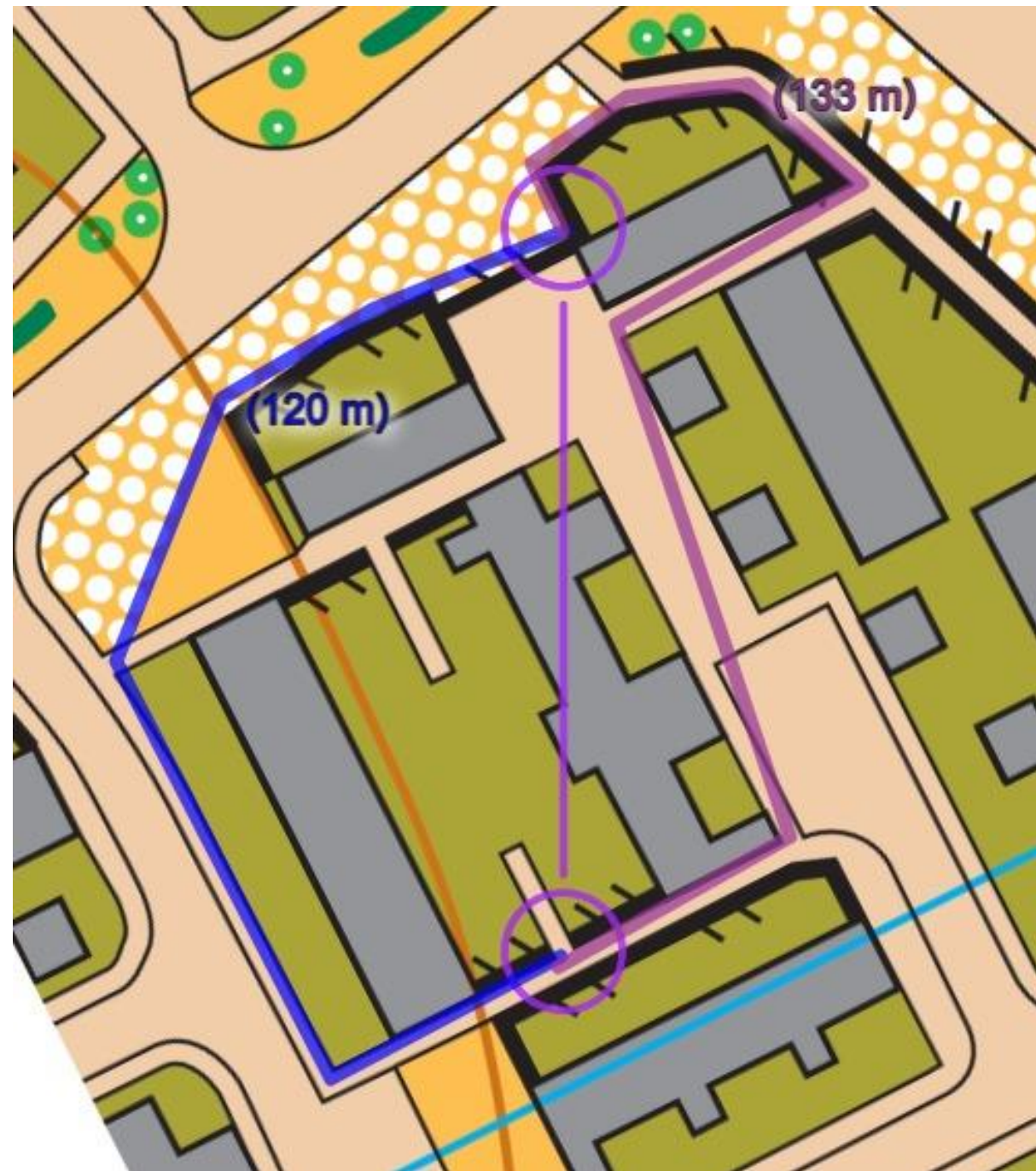
Leg 7

Similar to #2, pretty much a 50/50, no time gained picking either route.



Leg 8

Left is surprisingly a fair bit shorter here, having to go round the back of the control on the right route seems to add a lot of distance. Probably a few seconds gained going left.



Leg 11

The long leg. I decided to have two short, simple legs #9 and #10 before this to not give you much time to plan #11. If you invested some time into the leg then you hopefully should've found one of the middle routes, they are pretty significantly shorter than left or right.



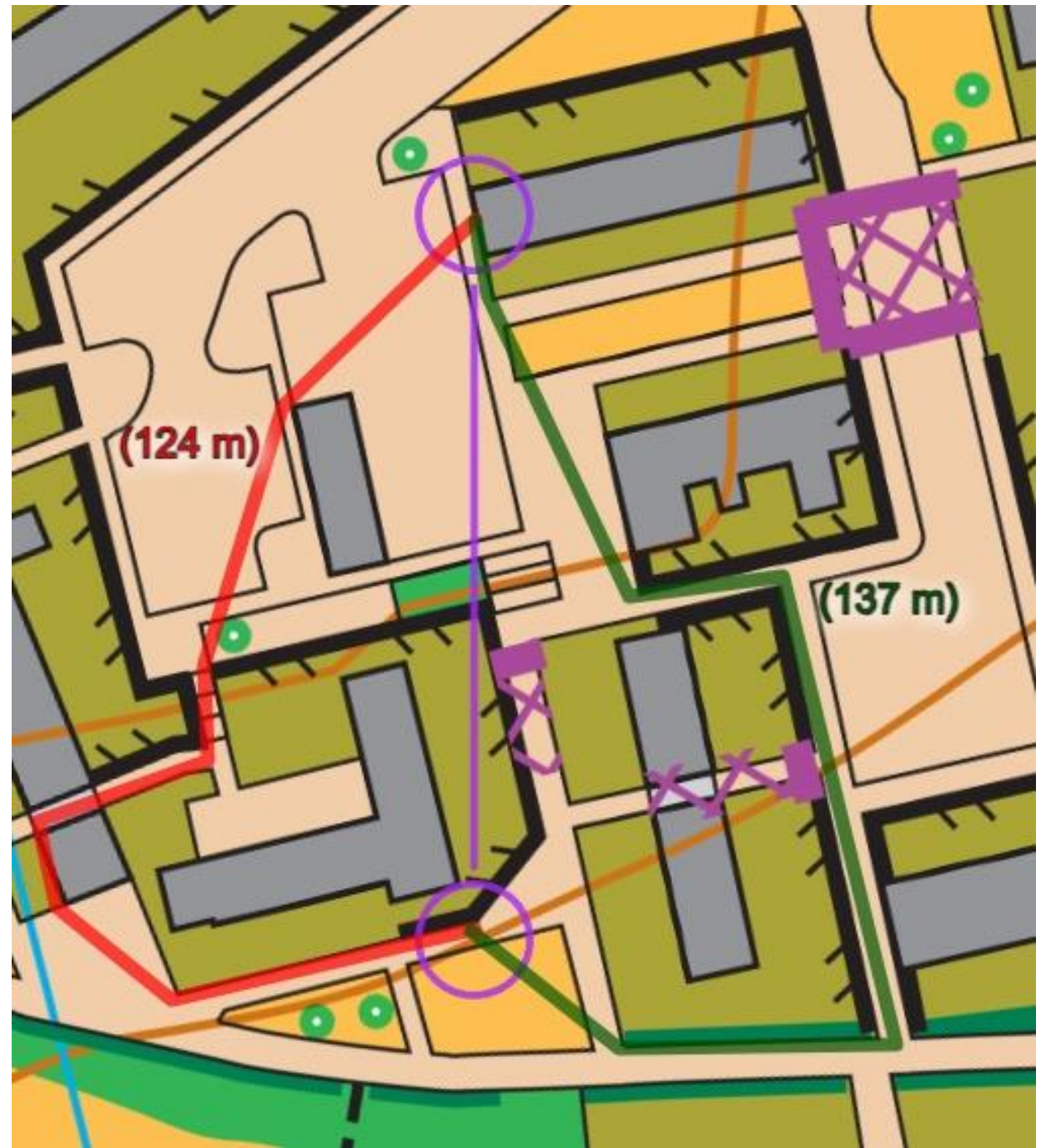
Leg 14

An interesting route choice leg that shouldn't have been too hard to evaluate after two longer length simple legs before this. Right, while offering less turns and tight alleyways, is quite significantly longer. Left and middle roughly the same.



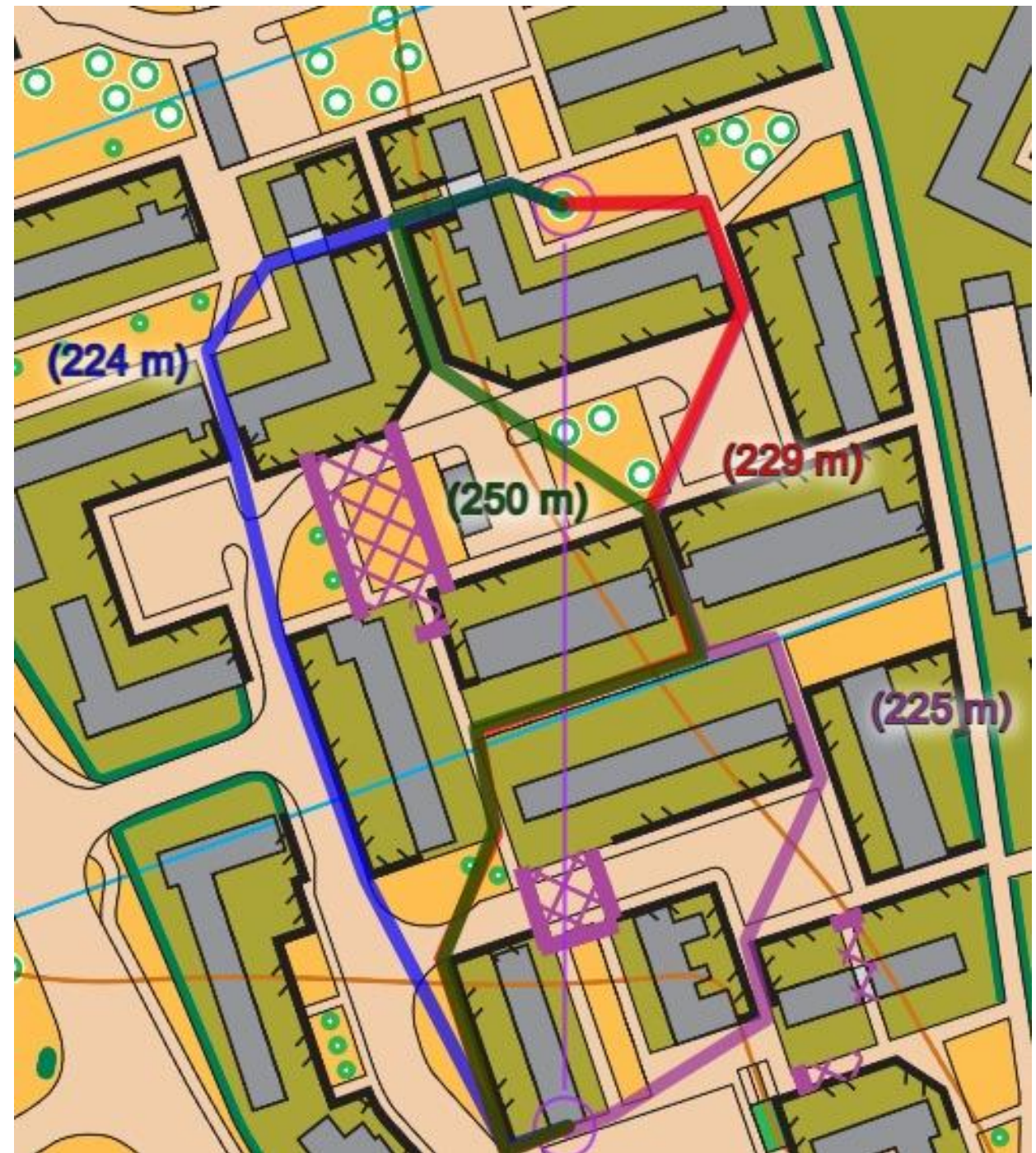
Leg 16

An interesting leg. Left is shorter but goes through some very twisty alleys and up some tight steps so the two routes are probably comparable in time. Apologies for #15 being slightly in the wrong place, I only found out that the fence had fallen down on Thursday, hope it didn't affect anyone's race!



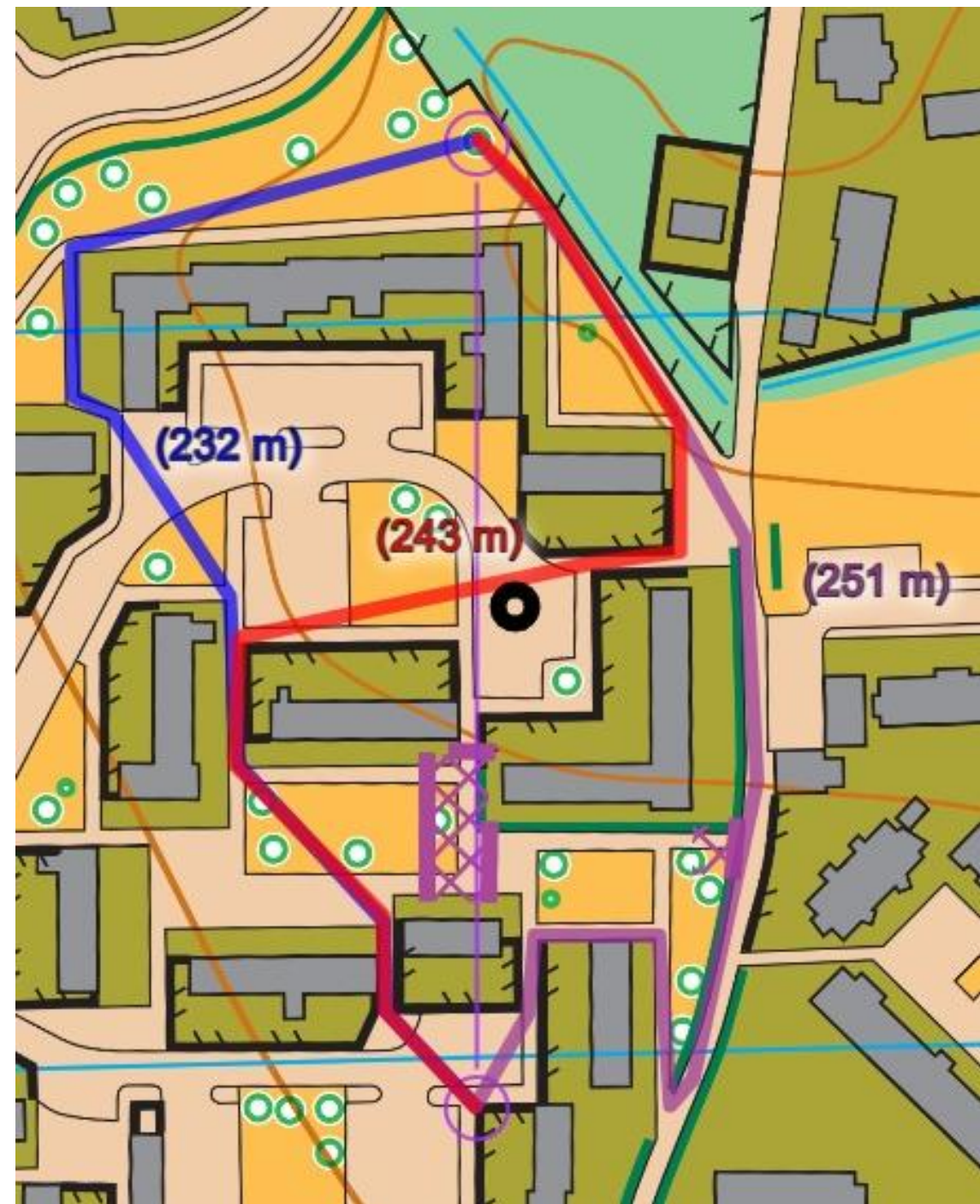
Leg 17

An interesting leg with many routes. The shortest and simplest is definitely left. Right and middle are okay (except green), but harder to execute.



Leg 21

My favourite leg of the course. It comes after a few transitional execution style legs so you hopefully had enough time to evaluate the route choices. Having a barrier on the hedge next to #27 creates a really interesting feature that makes the right route much longer than it otherwise would've been. A few seconds gained for going left I would say.



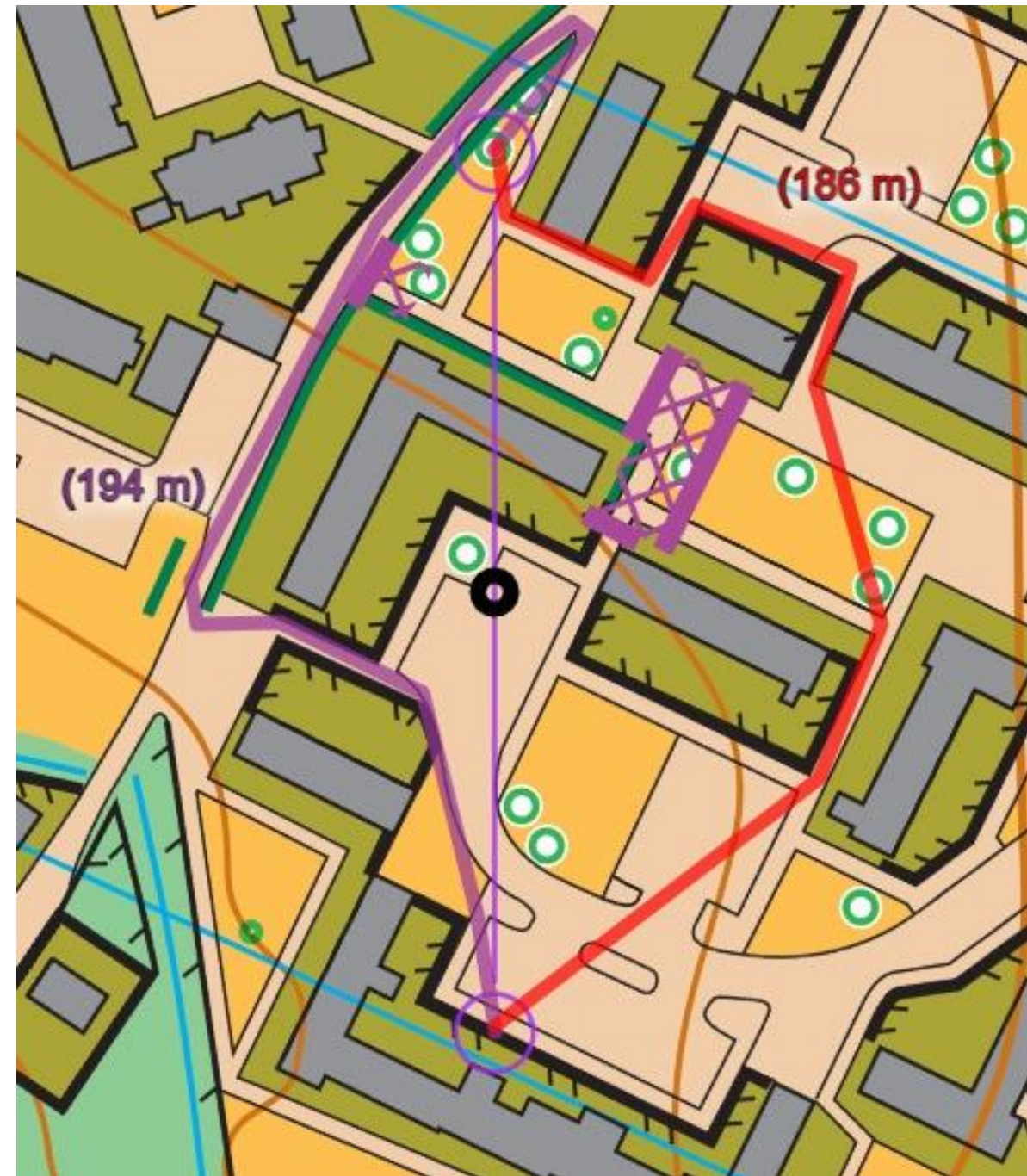
Leg 22

Just a 50/50.
Potentially
quicker to go left
due to the grass
being slippery on
the right option.



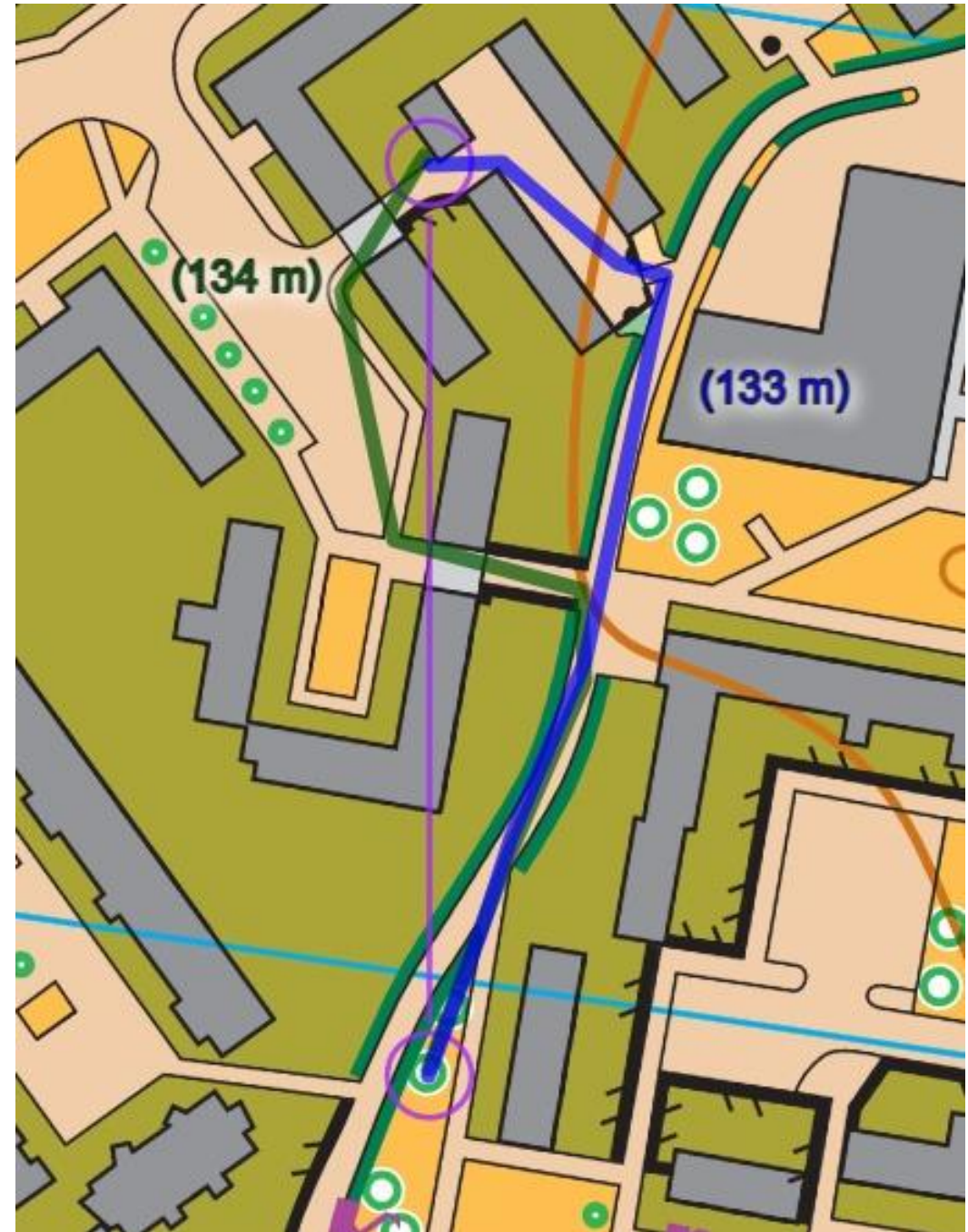
Leg 23

More use of the elongated hedge feature. Right is shorter but not significantly so, and left has less tight turns and the opportunity to get up to speed so the two routes are probably about the same time wise.



Leg 24

A 50/50, the steps down from the retaining wall on the right route choice are quite awkward so left is probably slightly quicker.



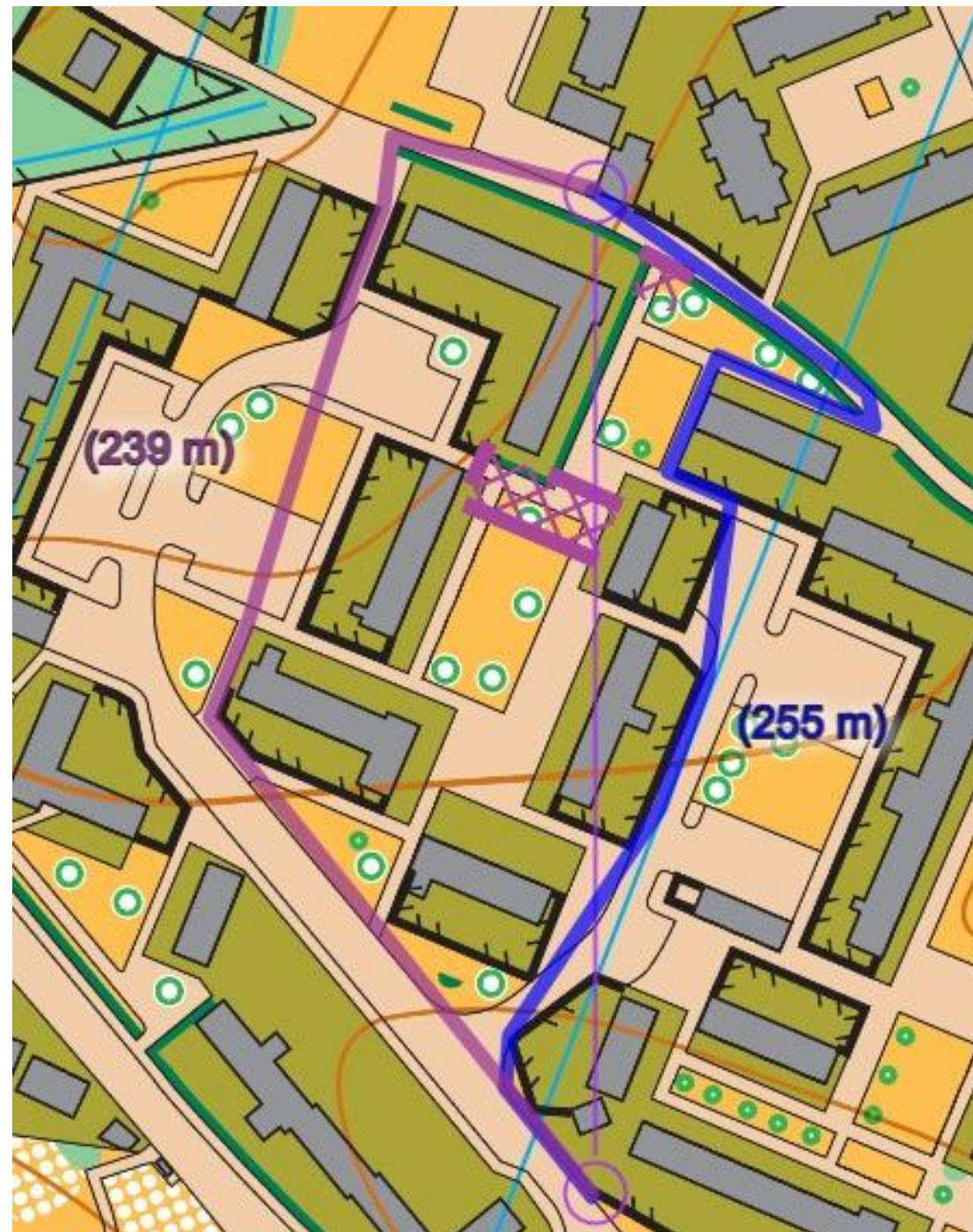
Leg 26

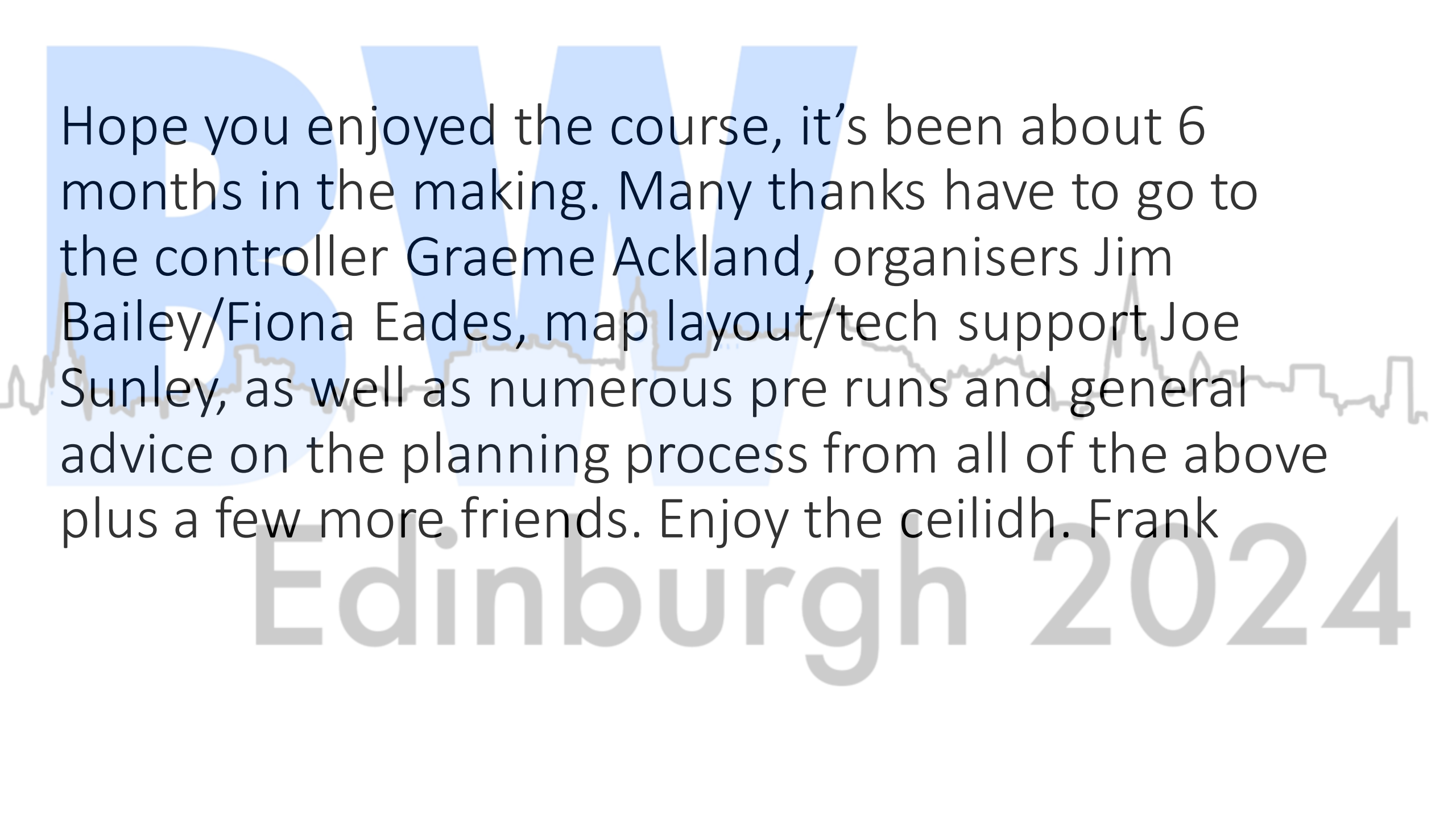
Not a very significant leg, middle looks shortest, and is shortest, but right isn't a bad option.



Leg 27

One last use of this hedge. It adds too much distance on the right route choice and means that left is pretty significantly shorter.



The background features the letters 'BWW' in a large, light blue, sans-serif font. A thin, brown line drawing of the Edinburgh skyline is overlaid on the letters. At the bottom, the text 'Edinburgh 2024' is written in a large, light grey, sans-serif font.

Hope you enjoyed the course, it's been about 6 months in the making. Many thanks have to go to the controller Graeme Ackland, organisers Jim Bailey/Fiona Eades, map layout/tech support Joe Sunley, as well as numerous pre runs and general advice on the planning process from all of the above plus a few more friends. Enjoy the ceilidh. Frank

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