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## Portland Road to Harborne (Anticlockwise)

I have excitedly followed in the footsteps or literal path of Ed Brown who was following the route of the Number 11 bus anticlockwise. I have only travelled some parts of the route, an amazing 26 mile bus route that is the longest in Europe, but am yet to complete a full circuit. This route was an opportunity to follow the route, through areas I am familiar with, exploring its route as a path in Lynch's description of The Image of the City.

There are many similarities to the experience of Ed who covered Kings Heath to Yardley with terraces and high streets as well as distinct elements as the path follows contrasting suburbs of north Edgbaston, Harborne and cutting through the western part of the Calthorpe Estate. The section from Hagley Road towards the Moor Pool Estate has the distinct Lordswood Road lined with horse chestnut trees.

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