

# ST IVES GREENWAY

**Spurs to Oakington, Westwick and Cottenham**

Have your say on a new walking, cycling and horse riding route connecting St Ives, Oakington, Westwick, Cottenham and Cambridge.



# Timeline

We are consulting the public on a number of enhancements to the existing St Ives Greenway. These enhancements will improve connectivity between settlements adjacent to the Greenway such as Oakington, Cottenham, Over and Fen Drayton.



**GCP Executive Board approval**



**Obtain planning consent**



**Develop designs**



**Construct & build**

On-going consultation with key stakeholders, land owners and the wider public.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

We want to continue to understand the views of local communities and other interested parties on our proposals and use this feedback to help produce the design for this scheme.

The consultation period will be for eight weeks from midday 6<sup>th</sup> February to midday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.



Fill out the online questionnaire and find design drawings at: <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/gcp-st-ives-greenway-2>



Download or request a paper questionnaire and return to: **Greater Cambridge Partnership, PO Box 1493, Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB1 0YR**



We will be holding one virtual event on Microsoft Teams.

### Virtual Teams Event

**Date:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Time:** 18:30-19:15

Please register details online at: <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/gcp-st-ives-greenway-2>

## NEXT STEPS

Your feedback will be analysed once the consultation period ends. The findings will then be compiled into a summary report and made available on our website. Your views alongside the Equality Impact Assessment will be considered by the GCP Executive Board.

## GET IN TOUCH



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# WHAT IS A GREENWAY?

Greenways will be new or improved walking, cycling and, where appropriate, horse riding routes. They will follow off-road paths, along quiet streets or with improved facilities on busier roads. They will help more people reach more of Greater Cambridge with safer, easier and more direct journeys.

## The Challenge

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is investing to secure sustainable economic growth and improve the quality of life for everyone in our area.

However, Greater Cambridge faces a range of issues as a result of how we travel, including:

**Slow journey times due to the continued growth of traffic and congestion**

**Limited public transport choice and a lack of attractive walking and cycling routes**

**Toxic air pollution and high carbon emissions due to limited viable alternatives to the car**

## Meeting the challenge

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) was awarded £500million to improve our transport network, aimed at making journeys quicker, cheaper and greener. Some of this money will be used to develop the Greenways, which will provide better walking, cycling and, where appropriate, horse riding routes and enhance public spaces where possible. This will help to:

**Reduce the impact of traffic congestion and growing traffic levels**

**Help people access jobs, education and opportunity**

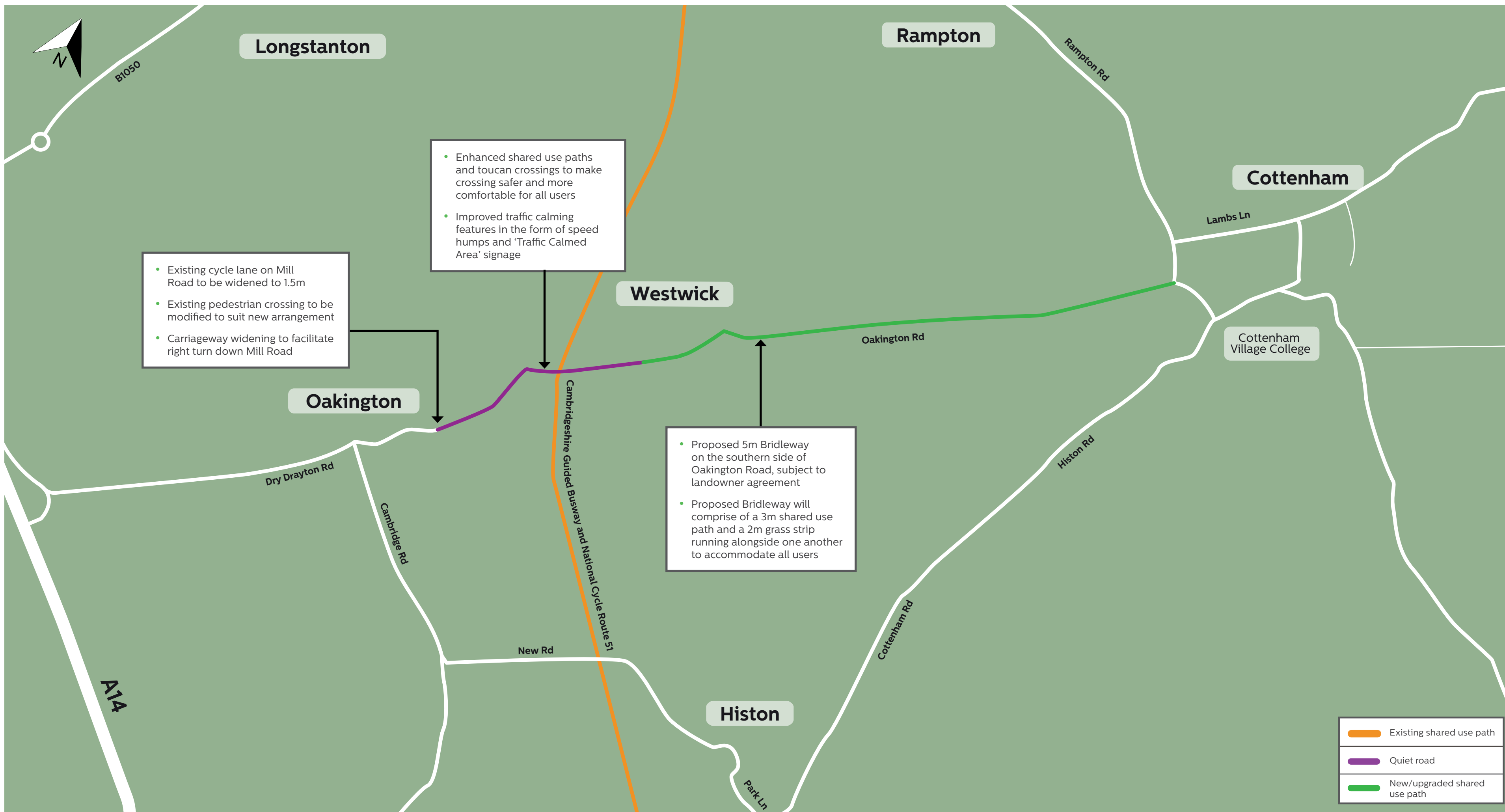
**Reduce air pollution and improve our health**

## THE ROUTE AND PROPOSALS

The St Ives Greenway will follow the guided busway path and connects St Ives with Cambridge and the Science Park. The route runs past several settlements, including Oakington and Westwick, and is popular with people walking, cycling and riding horses. The proposals involve upgrades to the existing footpaths and roads which connect the communities of Cottenham, Oakington and Westwick to the existing guided busway.

The proposals will improve provision for people walking, cycling and, where appropriate, horse-riding. It will create a new bridleway and an upgrade of the existing bridleway to provide improved connectivity between Cottenham and Westwick. This section of the route will typically create a five-metre-wide bridleway, comprising of a three-metre-wide shared use path and two-metre-wide grass strip. In addition to this, further on carriageway facilities will also be provided between Westwick, the Busway and Oakington to improve safety and user experience.

**We want to hear what local people, organisations, and businesses think about these proposals.**



- Existing cycle lane on Mill Road to be widened to 1.5m
- Existing pedestrian crossing to be modified to suit new arrangement
- Carriageway widening to facilitate right turn down Mill Road

- Enhanced shared use paths and toucan crossings to make crossing safer and more comfortable for all users
- Improved traffic calming features in the form of speed humps and 'Traffic Calmed Area' signage

- Proposed 5m Bridleway on the southern side of Oakington Road, subject to landowner agreement
- Proposed Bridleway will comprise of a 3m shared use path and a 2m grass strip running alongside one another to accommodate all users

## Greenway improvement types

The St Ives Greenway will include the following types of route sections:

### A. QUIET ROAD

On sections of the route using quieter roads where vehicle speeds are reduced, white painted signage would be added to the carriageway where appropriate. Where there is no existing footpath, signage may be used to warn motorists that this is a multi-use route.

### B. NEW/UPGRADED SHARED USE PATH

A shared use path would typically include a three-metre-wide hard track with a two to three-metre-wide grass verge for soft surface users (including horse riders) running parallel. Where the path runs beside the carriageway, a verge will separate the path from the road, where possible.

### C. EXISTING SHARED USE PATH

Existing shared use path for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians that follows the route of the guided busway, opened in 2011, owned and operated by Cambridge County Council. The Busway connects St Ives to Cambridge and provides facilities for walking and cycling throughout.

### Find out more online

The map illustrates the scheme alignment and key proposals. Technical drawings for the St Ives Greenway can be viewed at: <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/gcp-st-ives-Greenway-2>

	Existing shared use path
	Quiet road
	New/upgraded shared use path