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Waterbeach



# Waterbeach to Cambridge

## Better Public Transport and Active Travel

Have your say on better  
public transport, walking  
and cycling journeys



Cambridge



## HAVE YOUR SAY

Complete the survey  
online at:  
[www.greatercambridge.org.uk/  
W2C-Consultation](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/W2C-Consultation)

The consultation  
closes at midday on  
Monday 14 December 2020





## The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is working on an infrastructure programme to improve connectivity and quality of life for thousands of people.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is the local delivery body for a City Deal with central Government, bringing powers and over £500m of investment to make vital improvements in infrastructure, supporting the creation of 44,000 new jobs, 33,500 new homes and over 400 additional apprenticeships.

The partnership of councils, business and academia works together with partners and local communities to grow and share prosperity and improve quality of life for the people of Greater Cambridge, now and in the future.

The Waterbeach to Cambridge corridor is one of the key routes into Cambridge. The major transport link is the A10 road, which suffers from significant congestion during peak times, particularly at the Cambridge end.

There are also sites of planned or potential large developments in the area, such as Waterbeach New Town and the Science Park/North East Cambridge expansion, which will place considerable additional pressure on the network. Waterbeach New Town is planned to deliver 9,000 new homes.

The Ely to Cambridge A10 Transport Study identified that existing congestion problems experienced on the A10 will be made worse by the extra trips from planned developments, particularly the area between Waterbeach New Town and Cambridge.

### What is Waterbeach to Cambridge Better Public Transport and Active Travel?

We are proposing a new dedicated off-road public transport and active travel route between Waterbeach and Cambridge. It will be one of four new routes around the city linking Cambridge with the surrounding area. All have similar aims: to avoid congestion and make more reliable journeys, into and out of Cambridge, by public transport, walking and cycling.

### What's happened so far?

Pre-consultation engagement took place from autumn 2019 to summer 2020. We held a workshop with stakeholders in November 2019 to start to get a feel for people's views on the project.

In the summer of 2020 we launched a four-week online engagement period for the public and stakeholders to share their thoughts on the project at this early stage. The Covid-19 pandemic meant that, to comply with the Government guidelines

on social distancing that were in place at the time, we were unable to hold public meetings and all our engagement had to be conducted digitally. The online engagement was supported by a social media campaign on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Information, including the engagement feedback report can be found on our website at [www.gretercambridge.org.uk/public-transport-schemes/waterbeach-to-cambridge](http://www.gretercambridge.org.uk/public-transport-schemes/waterbeach-to-cambridge)

### The scheme aims to:

<p><b>Provide better public transport links</b></p> 	<p><b>Provide better walking, cycling, and other active travel links</b></p> 	<p><b>Connect homes with places for work or study</b></p> 
<p><b>Reduce congestion and improve air quality</b></p> 	<p><b>Secure future economic growth and quality of life</b></p> 	<p><b>Support the area's recovery from the impacts of Covid-19</b></p> 

### Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM)

The Waterbeach to Cambridge public transport corridor is one of four areas identified by the GCP Executive Board as being in need of a high quality public transport route into Cambridge.

The GCP's four corridor projects are providing better public transport and active travel routes for walking and cycling, offering better connectivity and alternatives to car use for growing communities to the north, south east, east and west of the city.

The schemes form an integral part of delivery of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's (CPCA) Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM) scheme, part of a network of routes including tunnels under the city of Cambridge.

New routes will be served by modern, electric vehicles to limit air pollution and noise and complemented by travel hubs to encourage park and ride journeys and end-to-end space for active travel options such as walking and cycling.

### Active Travel

Active travel includes all forms of transport that require active use of the human body. This includes traditional forms of transport such as walking, cycling and equestrian as well as newer innovations.

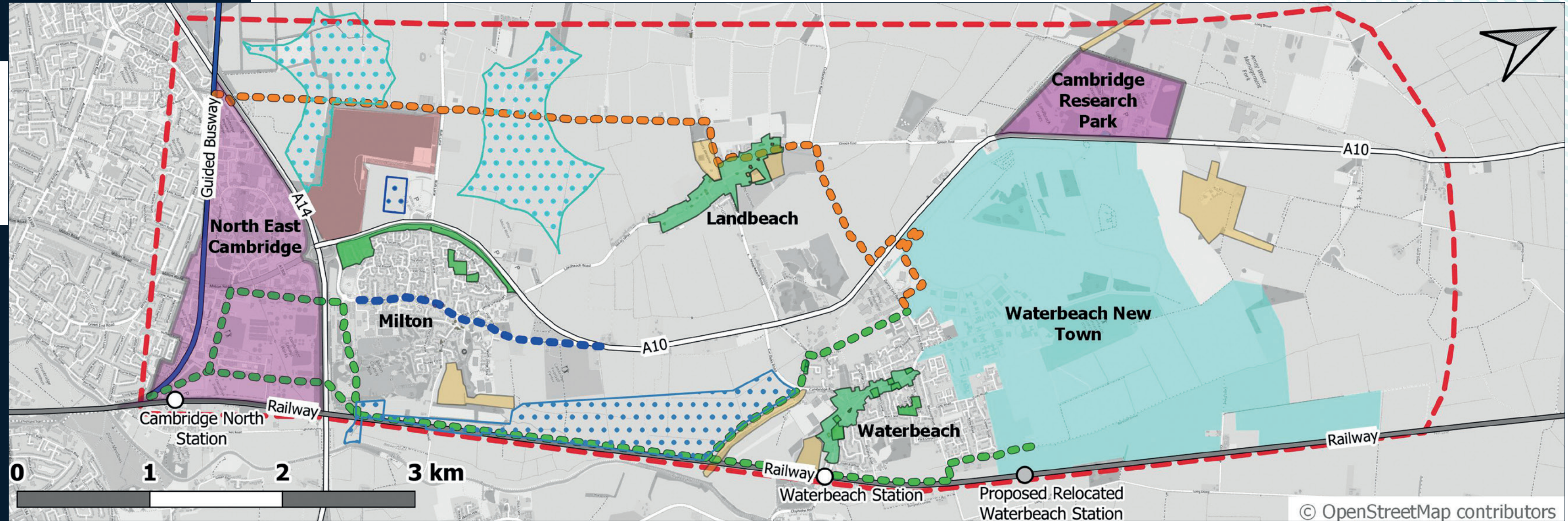


## Waterbeach to Cambridge Better Public Transport Study area

This map shows the study area for the Waterbeach to Cambridge Better Public Transport and Active Travel project.

The map shows the planned developments such as the new town at Waterbeach and other developments that are under active consideration such as the new police station in Milton, and other transport schemes such as the Waterbeach Greenway.

Maps of the four individual areas of interest can be found on pages 8 and 9.



### Proposed Development

- Possible Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Sites
- Possible Sport Lakes Development
- Possible Police Station

### Constraints

- Heritage Constraints
- Conservation Area
- Milton Landfill

### Greenways and Cycle Improvements

- Mere Way Upgrades
- Waterbeach Greenway
- Milton Cycle Upgrades

### Development

- Major Employment Areas
- Waterbeach New Town
- Study area

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### What is the consultation about?

At this stage we are not considering detailed route proposals. What we are doing is gathering views on the best broad option for a new dedicated public transport link and associated active travel route between the new town at Waterbeach and Cambridge.

Working with our transport consultant, Atkins, we have identified four areas of interest, each of which could accommodate a new dedicated public transport and active travel route linking Waterbeach and Cambridge.

Some of our identified route options would serve the villages of Waterbeach and Milton better than others and some would service the Cambridge Science and Business Parks more directly. It could be that the best option is a hybrid of, or slightly different to, the options that we have suggested.

We are interested in your views on the options put forward. One particular question that we have is whether or not such a new dedicated public transport link should pass through Waterbeach Village. While there are clear benefits for Waterbeach in terms of improved public transport service, the identified route option would bring it very close to residential property boundaries and potentially impact on the allotments.

Please fill out our survey online to let us know what your views are. Further consultation would take place on preferred options in the future and is subject to our Executive Board's approval to proceed.

Improved journey times of up to 15 mins in peak times



Improved reliability



Improved frequency of service



#### West area of interest:-

This option would leave Waterbeach New Town to the west, crossing the A10 before turning south. Passing to the west of Landbeach village it would connect to the guided busway north of the A14 bridge.

#### Central area of interest:-

This option would leave Waterbeach New Town to the south, crossing Denny End Road before continuing south. The route, passing to the east of Landbeach village, would connect to the guided busway north of the A14 Bridge.

#### A10 area of interest:-

This option would leave Waterbeach New Town to the south, crossing Denny End Road before continuing south. The route would stay close to the A10. Crossing the A14 near to the Milton Interchange and joining the guided busway at the junction with Milton Road.

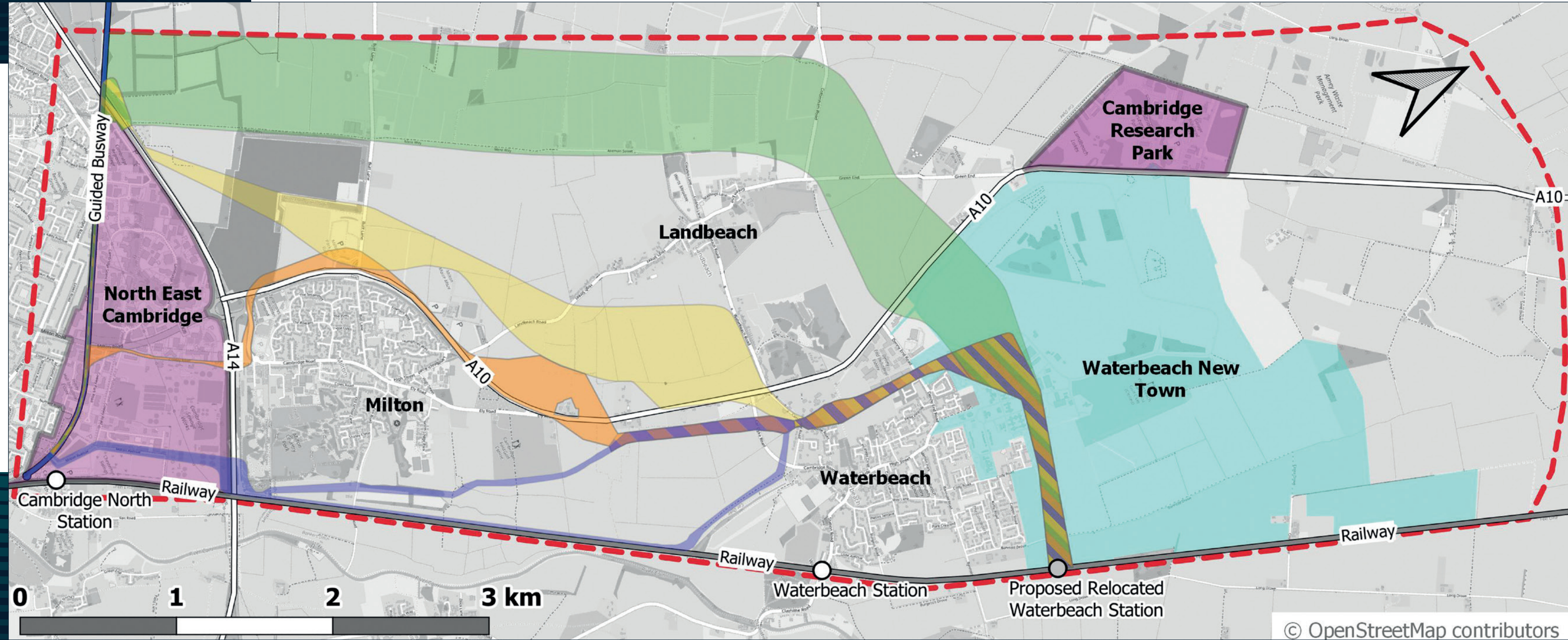
#### East area of interest:-

This option would leave Waterbeach New Town to the south, crossing Denny End Road before continuing south. Following a route to the west of the Cambridge to Ely railway line, avoiding the area of the proposed sports lake development. Crossing the A14 near to the railway bridge and continuing south to join the guided busway at Cambridge North station.



### Waterbeach to Cambridge Better Public Transport Study area

- Areas of Interest**
- Hatched where areas overlap
  - East area of interest
  - Central area of interest
  - A10 area of interest
  - West area of interest
- Development**
- Waterbeach New Town
  - Major Employment Areas
  - Study area







## Part of a wider network

A range of GCP schemes are underway to contribute to the development of a better, greener transport network for our busy region. The transport network map to the right shows how schemes currently in progress link with existing infrastructure.

### GCP corridor schemes

Four new public transport routes connecting key areas of growth with the city, complemented by travel hubs to encourage park and ride journeys and walking and cycling, which form an integral part of CAM.

Find out more at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/public-transport-schemes](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/public-transport-schemes)

### City Access

The City Access project is working on solutions to ease congestion in the city centre and prioritise sustainable and active travel, making it easier for people to travel in and out of the city by bus, rail, bike or on foot.

Find out more at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/city-access](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/city-access)

### Greater Cambridge Greenways

The Cambridge Greenways project aims to create a walking, cycling and equestrian travel network made up of 12 routes that will link local villages to Cambridge.

Find out more at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/greenways](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/greenways)

### A10

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is currently looking at improvements to the A10 between Waterbeach and Cambridge. Although there is a clear relationship between the two projects, we will consider a proposed route from Waterbeach to Cambridge independently of plans for dualling the A10.

Find out more at <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/a10/>



## Project timeline

- 1 Presentation of Outline Business Case 2021
- 2 Consultation on preferred route autumn/winter 2021/22
- 3 Potential approval of outline business case summer 2022
- 4 Consultation on Environmental Impact Assessment 2023
- 5 Construction starts 2025
- 6 Completion 2027

All timescales are indicative and are subject to change

## Your views and next steps

Continuing Government restrictions on social gatherings due to the Covid-19 pandemic mean that we are not holding public exhibitions for this consultation. However, there are a range of ways in which people can share their views with us or contact us for more information:

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We will also be holding live online  
events which will be advertised via  
our website, Facebook page and  
Twitter feed

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If you would prefer a copy of the consultation leaflet in large print, Braille, audio  
tape or in another language please email [consultations@greatercambridge.org.uk](mailto:consultations@greatercambridge.org.uk)

