



Waterbeach Greenway Public Consultation

In-Person Event 07/11/2023

1. General Attendee Comments

1.1 Cambridge Road

East arm towards Milton Country Park has problems with illegal parking on DYLS that reduce visibility. This has a negative impact on safety, specifically for cyclists who may not slow down on the approach to the crossing.

1.2 Car Dyke Road

Some Waterbeach residents were pleased the revised Greenway did not follow the Roman dyke alignment, due to sensitivity of the site, as well as positioning of the proposed path behind the tree line to reduce ecological impact.

1.3 High Street

Strong concern regarding potential conflict between cyclists and pedestrians using proposed shared use path, especially through the High Street section. A few residents also expressed concern from an accessibility point of view, highlighting particular risks to residents with disabilities, carers, and small children.

Shops located on high street need to receive deliveries, they usually arrived in large HGVs, e.g. deliveries to the off-licence or the florist. Delivery vehicles will block proposed shared use path making it unsafe and unusable.

Concern that shops will lose business if parking is removed, as many builders stop off there for lunch.

1.4 Ely Road

A few residents expressed concerns over vehicle access arrangements if the Ely Road slip lane is closed. One resident noted that farm vehicles would need to wait across the cycle path to turn right straight onto the A10, which could be a dangerous manoeuvre.

2. Design Suggestions

2.1 Cambridge Road

Is it possible to provide a connection into Tesco, currently the SUP is shown to end before the access.

One attendee noted of several near collisions at the existing crossing north of Jane Coston Bridge, is there further traffic calming we can consider here to slow cyclists in both directions. Also noted an issue with a lack of enforcement along Cambridge Road (E) as well as throughout the village.

2.2 Coles Road

Currently the majority of residents walk along the eastern side of Coles Road.

Please can we add in double yellow lines and/or a raised table at the junction with Old School Lane as this is currently the busiest junction along this stretch and visibility is sometimes restricted if vehicles are parked close to the mouth of the junction. A raised table would help slow cars down on approach to this junction.

Parking bay opposite the shops at the northern end of Coles Road (eastern side) is privately owned, not on the public highway, with parking dedicated for the shops only. This should not be for public on-street parking.

Objections to parking restrictions on Coles Road, specifically near the post office. Residents concerned that reduced parking may result in post office closure.

2.3 High Street

Is it possible to add in a shelter for northbound bus services? Currently there is a shelter for southbound services on the eastern side of the high street, but this service no longer exists in the village, so is in effect pointless.

An attendee mentioned that 3 pieces of art had been installed in the bus shelters throughout the village following a competition in 2021 (Milton Bus Shelter Art Competition 2021 – Milton Parish Council (miltonvillage.org.uk)) and the scheme should consider these if they are to be relocated.

At the new crossing at Butt Lane, can we look at providing a safer waiting space on the eastern side to reduce conflict with users of the shared use path. On the western side can we better consider how cyclists would join the carriageway along Butt Lane (and include this on the plans).

2.4 Fen Road

Many attendees expressed support for Fen Road junction tightening as at present it offers a long crossing distance.

At least one attendee expressed concern about making this junction cyclist priority as it would exacerbate issues of cyclists “flying” around the corner, related to limited visibility on Fen Road near the junction with Cambridge Road.

2.5 Ely Road

Can we consider extending the street lighting along Ely Road further north? In particular to at least the junction with North Lodge Park. If we are implementing a village wide speed limit of 20mph here, lighting should also consider covering this extent.

2.6 Off-Road

Several residents on the A10 noted concern about security of their back gardens once a route is introduced alongside, specifically residents of Cosy Nook caravan accommodation.

Residents of Cosy Nook noted there are existing flooding issues in the field behind.