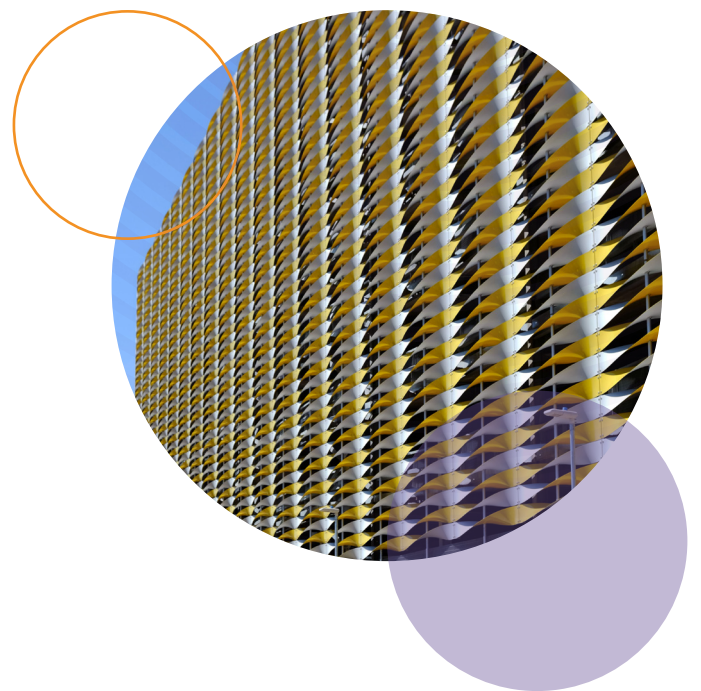




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Section 1

**About the
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About the Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) project

The Cambourne to Cambridge Better Public Transport and Active Travel (C2C) project is one of four corridor schemes, promoted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), which, together with measures to free up the congested city centre and a network of cycling and walking Greenways, along with other infrastructure improvements, aim to create more sustainable, accessible and reliable ways to travel into and around Cambridge.



Proposed route



The route would for much of the way be a single carriageway road with no access for private cars. Traffic signals would ensure safety at junctions with roads. At some locations the scheme will run on existing road, where public transport priority can be assured.

An emergency access and maintenance track would run alongside the route, which would also provide an active travel path for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The active travel path would connect with new and existing routes, such as the planned Comberton Greenway, to complement the growing rural walking and cycling network. To find out more about Greenways go to <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/greenways>

Following three public consultations and extensive technical work to determine a preferred C2C public transport route, (all of which can be viewed online at the C2C web pages) the GCP Executive Board agreed in July 2021 to continue to the next stage of scheme development – to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

We are now seeking your views on how we can best manage and mitigate impacts on the landscape and environment. Please review the emerging design and indicative response to potential environmental impacts, presented in section 3 Design and Environmental Elements, and share your feedback through the Have Your Say: Public Consultation Questionnaire.

Connecting communities

Local Plans propose significant new housing to the west of the city by 2031, with thousands of new homes in and around the Cambourne to Cambridge area. A new public transport link running regular, reliable services will give growing communities access to jobs, services and other opportunities.

Cleaner, greener transport

An increasingly congested network, dominated by private cars, contributes to harmful emission locally, and the climate crisis at large. With thousands of new homes being built and planned for the area, Greater Cambridge needs reliable and sustainable travel options. The C2C scheme is part of the GCP's sustainable transport programme, investing City Deal funding in a modern and reliable transport network for a cleaner, greener future.

Tackling congestion

Parts of the road network between Cambourne and Cambridge, in particular the A1303/Madingley Road, suffer congestion at peak times. Traffic monitoring shows that while the COVID-19 pandemic has influenced travel patterns, traffic and congestion is returning to pre-pandemic levels, and planned development to the west of Cambridge will only exacerbate this in coming years. The C2C route offers a public transport alternative for those travelling to and from the city centre and surrounding major employment sites, reducing dependence on cars by encouraging public transport use and so reducing congestion.

Biodiversity net gain

There is a commitment to deliver a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain for the scheme overall, with the goal of achieving 20%.

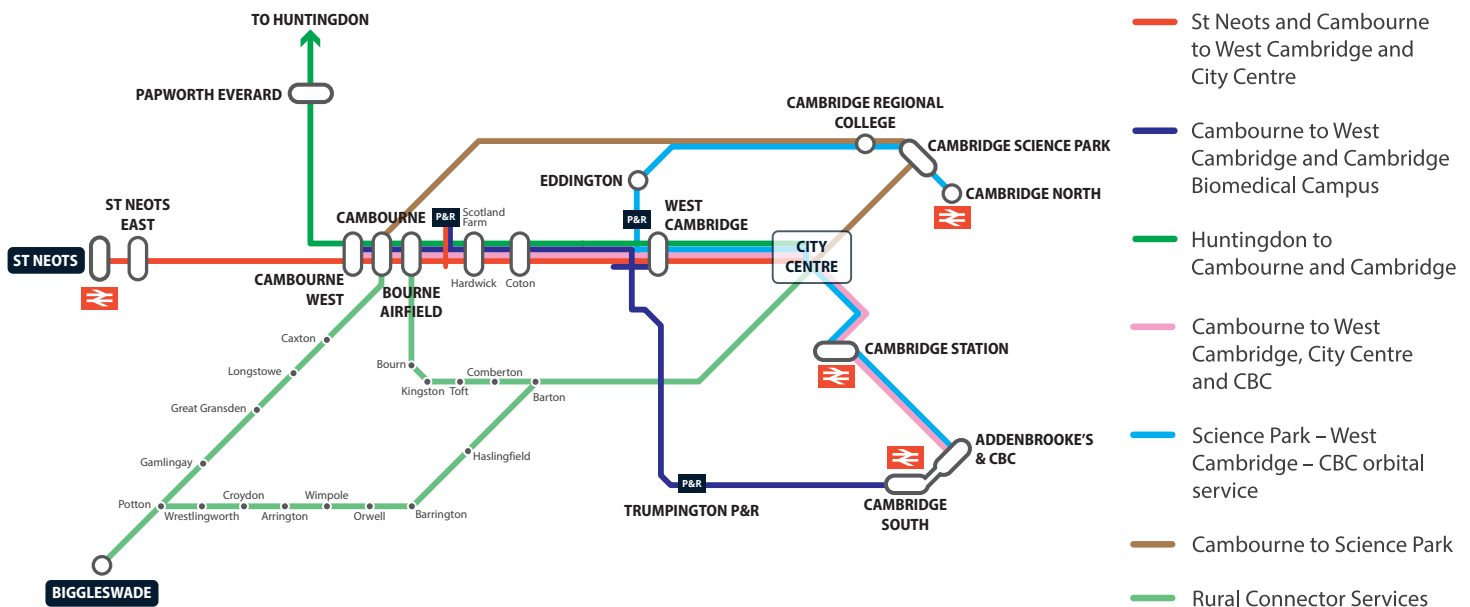
Future bus network

The new route would offer more reliable journey times, travelling on a largely dedicated route to avoid delays. C2C bus services will be confirmed as the scheme develops following further work with bus operators. However, an initial proposal for a new bus network proposes up to eight buses per hour each way, with direct express services to key employment centres:

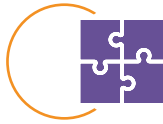
- Cambourne to Cambridge city centre at 10-minute interval service (six buses per hour).
- Cambourne to Cambridge Biomedical Campus at 30-minute interval service (two buses per hour).

GCP's corridor schemes form part of the wider proposed Future Bus Network which envisages a bus every 10 minutes between 5am and midnight.

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Integration with other infrastructure schemes



Plans for the C2C scheme aim to tackle congestion problems and meet the needs of growing communities to the west of Cambridge, as identified in the adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018.

Integration with other transport projects serving wider communities and with broader objectives, like East West Rail, has always been integral to planning. Should East West Rail be confirmed as a funded project, East West Rail's Cambourne station location will influence design of the route to include and connect with an additional C2C travel hub, to serve 'last mile' journeys for rail users. See the Cambourne information in section 3 for more.

GCP's Making Connections scheme is working to introduce measures to free up congested city centre roads and allow better public transport provision and flow through the city. Read more about the Making Connections proposals online at <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/making-connections-2021>

We also continue to work closely with the Mayor and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to reflect plans to improve public transport across the region.

The C2C route connects with the planned Comberton Greenway and, along with improved cycling provision being planned for Madingley Road, complements a growing rural walking and cycling network. Find out more online at <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/madingley-road>

Find out more about C2C



Information relating to the scheme is regularly published on the project webpages at <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambourne-to-cambridge>

Find ways to reach us by email, phone and social media at <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/contact-us>

GCP runs many community events to share updates and gather views, particularly during consultations. GCP Joint Assembly and Executive Board meetings are also open to the public and for public questions. Find out about consultations and other events on the online Events Calendar at <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/events>

