



**GREATER
CAMBRIDGE
PARTNERSHIP**

Section 2

**About this
consultation:
Environmental
Impact Assessment**



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An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required as part of a scheme planning process where significant effects are likely. Key information emerging from the EIA will be set out in the Environmental Statement - part of a portfolio of evidence to be submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) in the application to build the scheme - the Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) application. EIA findings will be used to inform the design of the scheme, and the decision as to whether the scheme should be built.

The EIA looks in more detail at the scheme's effects on the environment and local communities, considering ways to limit impacts, both temporarily during construction and in the long term. It includes information from a host of separate assessments looking at, for example, ecology, landscape, noise, cultural heritage, land and air quality. The EIA relies

Public consultation to inform the EIA

Public consultation on the preferred route and its potential environmental impact is essential to inform the EIA. Public consultations allow local people and organisations, as well as statutory bodies, to share their views about the scheme, as well as identifying issues and opportunities which are, wherever possible, fed into plans for the scheme.

There has already been extensive consultation throughout the development of the scheme, leading to changes to the design which are noted in Section 3 Design and Environmental Elements.

We are now seeking your views on more detailed scheme proposals and possible impacts, as well as the ways we propose to manage and mitigate those impacts.

Details of environmental impacts, both positive and negative, can be found in the 'Design and Environmental Elements', **section 3** of this consultation. Please review and share your feedback through **section 4**, the Have Your Say: Public Consultation Questionnaire.

Consultation closes at midday on **Monday 11 July 2022**.

on information from consultations, surveys and models, and feedback from stakeholders, including residents and landowners, as well as organisations, such as Natural England and the Environment Agency. Incorporation of measures to mitigate adverse effects, particularly those considered significant, is an important part of the process. These include measures for landscaping and replanting; protection of wildlife, along with measures to enhance biodiversity; and prevention of pollution.

The overall approach to the environmental assessment has now been agreed with the DfT and key environmental regulators, who have provided us with an EIA scoping opinion. We have undertaken various ecological and landscape surveys already, and other environmental studies are planned over coming months.

Next steps

Results of the consultation will be presented to the GCP Joint Assembly and GCP Executive Board later this year and will be published online at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/cambourne-to-cambridge along with other documentation and consultation reports.

Should the Executive Board approve the scheme to be taken forward to the next step, an Environmental Statement would form part of the submission of a Transport and Works Act Order application to the Department for Transport, expected in late 2022.

If planning is approved, construction is planned to start in 2024, with the scheme expected to open in 2026.



Have your say



Ways to respond:



You can view information, complete the survey and download consultation information online at:
www.greatercambridge.org.uk/c2c-eia



Call us on:
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Email your response to:
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Consultation events & webinars

Come along to one of our drop-in events or join a webinar, to hear/view more on the proposals and have your questions answered by a member of the project team.

Webinars



**Thursday
26 May,
5.30pm**

Registration is required to access webinars and would be appreciated for drop-in events, to help with planning.



**Monday
20 June,
6.30pm**

Find registration details at
www.greatercambridge.org.uk/c2c-eia

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining webinars.

Drop-in events



**Tuesday
14 June,
5 - 8pm**

Main Hall, Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, CB23 6FR

Find registration details at
www.greatercambridge.org.uk/c2c-eia



**Thursday
30 June,
4 - 7.30pm**

Diamond Room, Selwyn College, Grange Road, CB3 9DQ

Find registration details at
www.greatercambridge.org.uk/c2c-eia

Registration at the drop-in sessions is not required but would help with event planning.

If you have any issues accessing any of these events, please get in touch via **01223 699906**.