

This leaflet provides an update on the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Public Transport Project. Public consultation covering the section of the route from Cambourne to the Madingley Mulch roundabout ran between 4 February and 31 March 2019.

# CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECT UPDATE

**JUNE 2019** 

The Cambourne to Cambridge **Better Public Transport Project will** introduce a reliable and sustainable public transport link connecting Cambourne - where more than 8,000 new homes are planned to be built by 2031 - and the city region, where more than 44,000 new jobs are expected to be created.

The project is made up of three key elements:

- 1. A public transport link between Cambourne and Cambridge.
- 2. A new Park & Ride facility off the A428/ A1303 to supplement the existing Madingley Road Park & Ride.
- 3. New cycling and walking facilities.

The project is divided into two phases, with a new Park & Ride facility along the A428 being developed in parallel.

Proposals for Phase 1 of the proposed route (from Madingley Mulch roundabout into the city) were consulted on in winter 2016/17. Proposals for Phase 2 (Madingley Mulch to Cambourne) were consulted upon in earlier this year and almost 1000 people responded.

Consultation results can be viewed online at the Cambourne to Cambridge webpages.

## Phase 2 consultation - Key findings

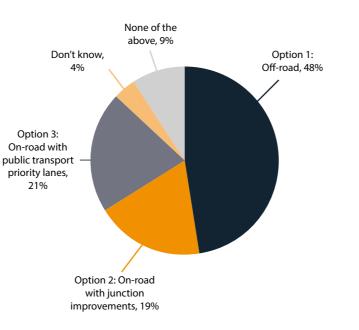
#### Public transport route

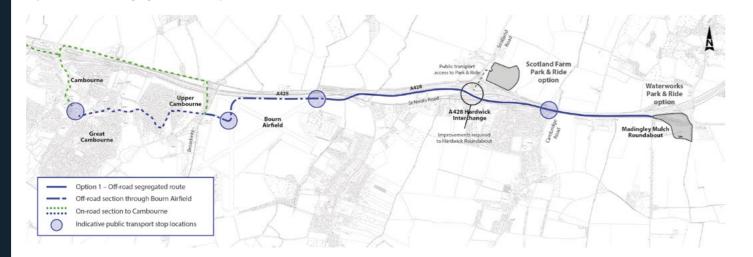
Just under half of respondents (48%) indicated 'Option 1: off-road' would be their preferred choice for the link between Madingley Mulch roundabout and Bourn Airfield.

- 20% preferred 'Option 3: on-road with public transport priority lanes'
- 19% preferred 'Option 2: on-road with junction improvements'
- 9% indicated that they didn't want any of the options.

Common themes for those who preferred 'Option 1: off-road' included fastest journey times, future-proofing and reliability for future developments such as CAM, and avoiding key areas of congestion (particularly Madingley Mulch roundabout).

Option 1 - Off-road segregated route map



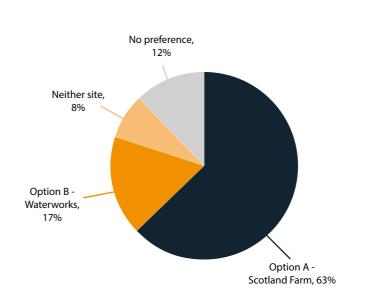


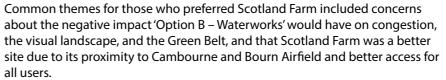
all users.

63% of respondents preferred 'Option A - Scotland Farm'.

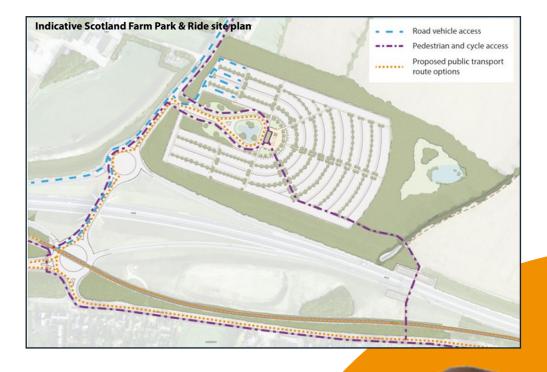
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### Park & Ride site





Concerns about the visibility and environmental impacts of the Waterworks site were reflected in updated proposals presented during Phase 2 consultation. The project team is aware of concerns regarding the Scotland Farm site, in particular from Dry Drayton residents, regarding access and levels of traffic, which would also be considered as proposals develop.



Developing the Cambourne to Cambridge scheme will give people the option to leave their cars either at home or at a new Park and Ride outside the city and travel in and out of Cambridge more easily on enhanced public transport services, either buses in the short term or the CAM Metro when it links this and five other routes into a single network.

> Councillor Lewis Herbert Chair of the GCP Executive Board

#### Walking and cycling provision

The majority of respondents (80%) felt that the provision of walking, cycling and equestrian routes were an important part of the project. More detailed comments covered points including the need to ensure safety was kept to a high standard by being: well lit, well surfaced, maintained, wide enough for users to pass each other, that crossings were minimised, and that the route was segregated from motorised traffic.

Common proposals for additional measures which could improve the experience for public transport users between Cambourne and Cambridge included:

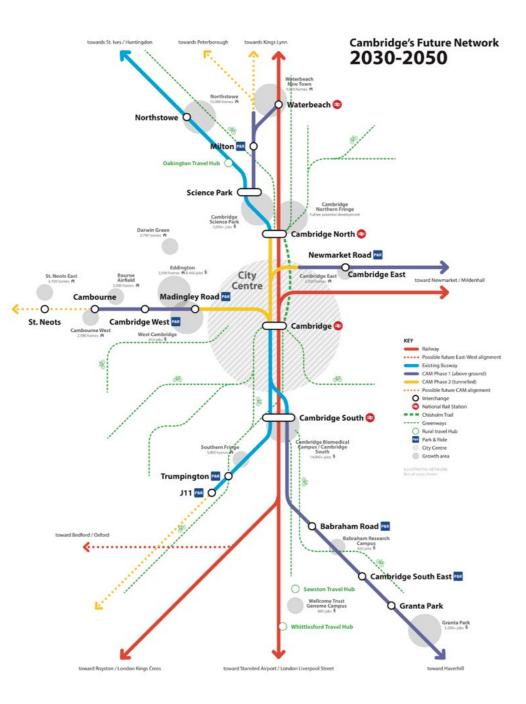
- extending public transport links further west, to other villages along the route, and to other employment sites outside Cambridge city centre,
- the need to consider the implications of the East-West Rail proposals from Network Rail, and
- improving frequency and reducing cost of public transport.

#### 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 city region. The transport network map shows how schemes currently in progress link with existing infrastructure. Find more about other transport schemes at the GCP website www.greatercambridge.org.uk.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has classified the Cambourne to Cambridge project as the first phase of the future Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM).

A CAM network proposes electric, rubber-tyred vehicles that can run on existing roads and, for best performance, use dedicated, offroad routes to bypass congestion. GCP will continue to work closely with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as proposals for the CAM develop.





#### Next steps

The results of all public consultations are used to help inform decisions and shape scheme design. Work is ongoing - particularly around environmental and mitigation issues - to develop an Outline Business Case for a full, end-to-end scheme, which will be presented to the Executive Board in the autumn.

#### Find out more and get in touch

You can find more information on route proposals, ways to hear from the project team - including regular public meetings and events - and get in touch via the GCP website <u>www.greatercambridge.org.uk</u>

We're holding two community drop-in sessions on **Thursday 11th July, 5pm-8pm, and Saturday 13th July from 10.30am-1.30pm, at Hardwick Primary School**, Limes Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge CB23 7RE. This will be an opportunity to see indicative design features developed to protect and potentially enhance biodiversity, ask questions and share views.

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