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# **Cambridge East place-based meeting 03 June 2021**



# Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Cambridge Eastern Access: update and consultation feedback
3. Greater Cambridge Greenways
4. East Barnwell regeneration
5. Questions
6. Next steps and close

# Cambridge Eastern Access

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# Project aims and objectives

- Identify a range of options to improve the reliability, safety, capacity and speed of sustainable transport, such as public transport, walking and cycling, to improve access to Cambridge from the east.
- Improve connections between existing settlements; and identify measures to ensure connections are in place when new developments open to reduce the need for trips by private car.

# Why do we need to act?

- Key routes into the city from the east suffer significant congestion.
- Local Plan growth likely to worsen congestion unless sustainable travel provision is improved.
- Considerable development in the area.
- One of four areas identified by GCP Executive Board for high quality public transport routes



# Location



# The story so far

- Stakeholder workshops held 1 and 2 July 2020.
- Public engagement ran from 6 July to 3 August 2020 (online due to Covid-19).
- Executive Board gave approval to consult at its meeting on 1 October 2020.
- Consultation ran from 26 October to 18 December 2020.
- Reports published for 10 June 2021 Joint Assembly:
  - Strategic Outline Business Case
  - Consultation Report

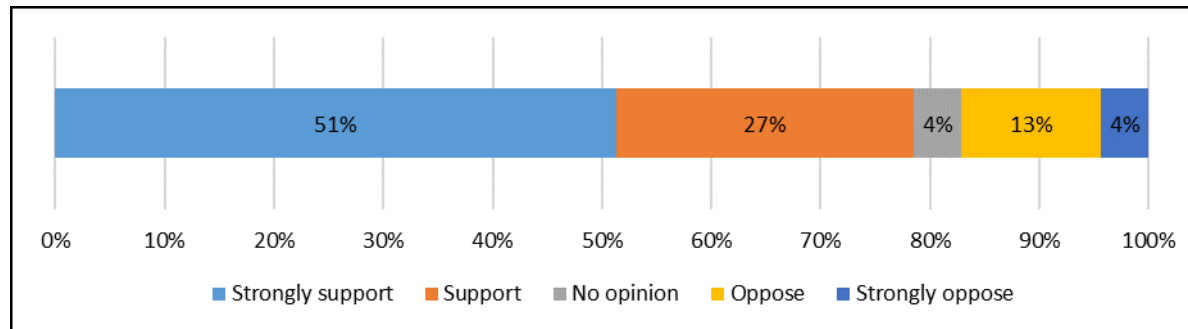
# Consultation

- A public consultation ran from 26 October to 18 December 2020.
- Sought views on five options which included public transport and active travel measures.
- Shorter term and longer term measures.
- A decision on how to proceed is due to be taken by the GCP Executive Board on 1 July 2021.

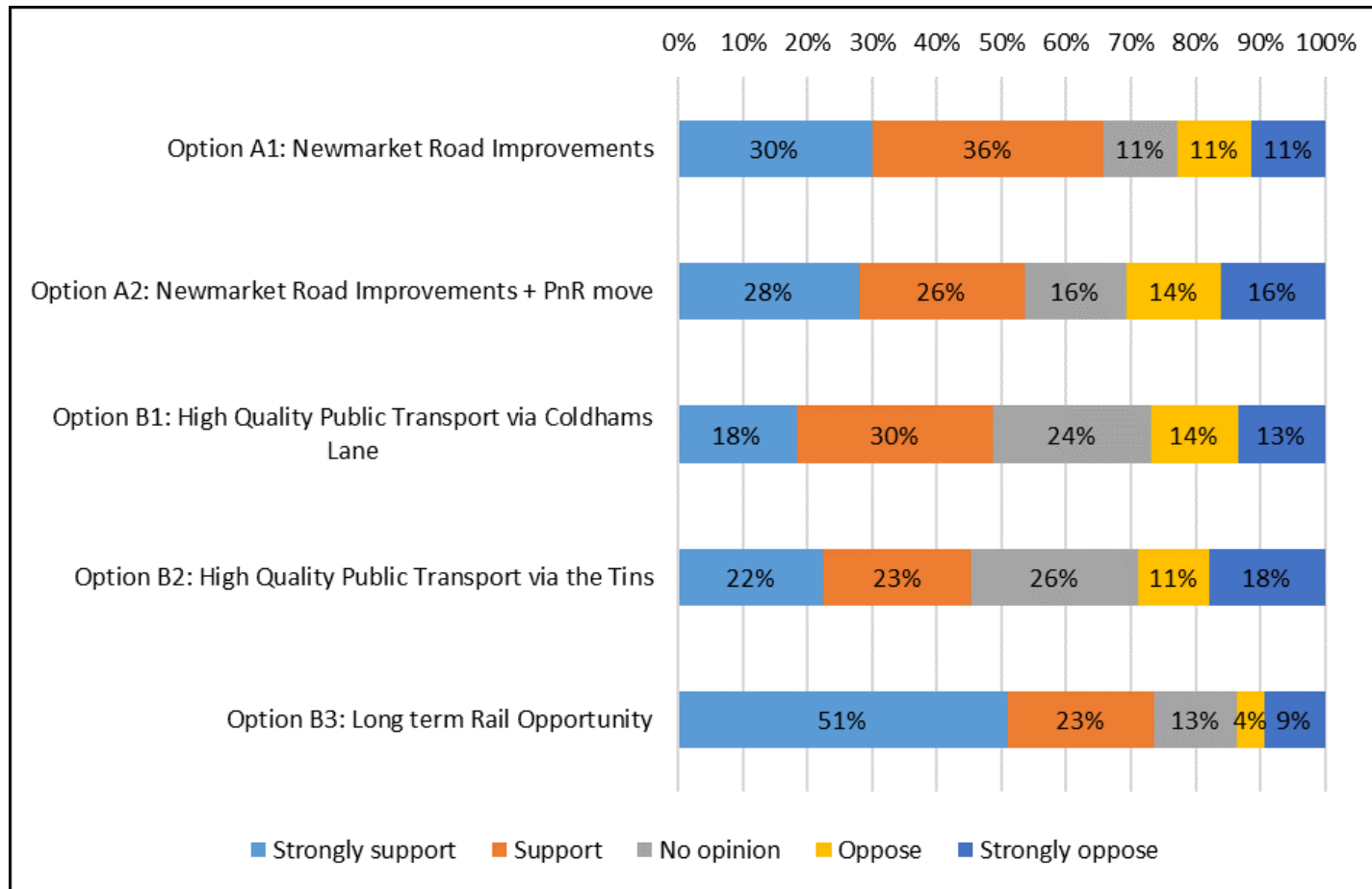




The majority of respondents (79%) supported the proposal to improve public transport and associated active travel routes into Cambridge from the east of the city



# All options considered were supported by a majority of respondents expressing an opinion on that option



# Emerging conclusions 1

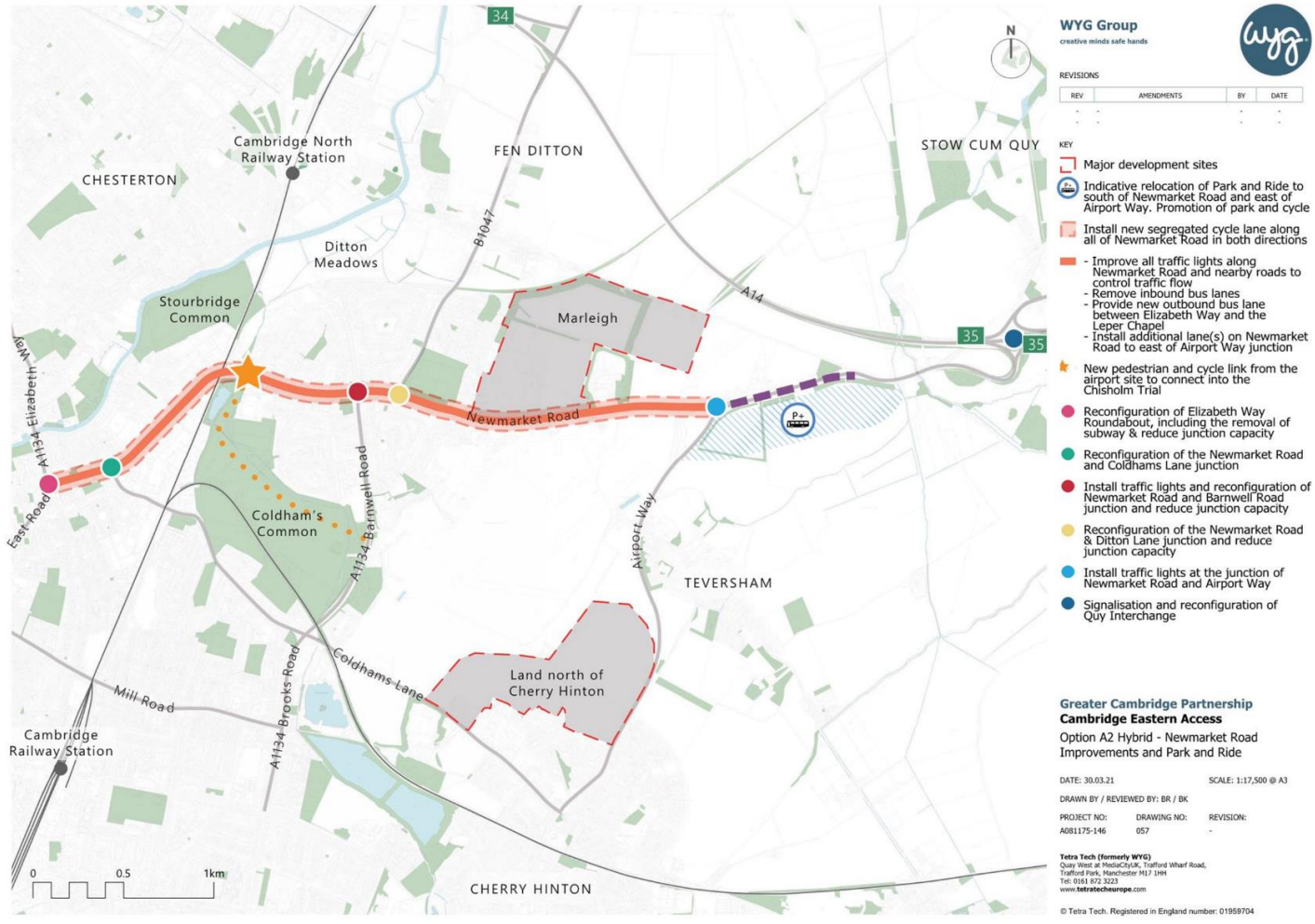
- strong support (79%) for the need for intervention, and a strong supporting strategic case for intervention.
- recommendation that Phase A improvements to Newmarket Road should be taken forward as they are complementary to other GCP projects.

# Emerging conclusions 2

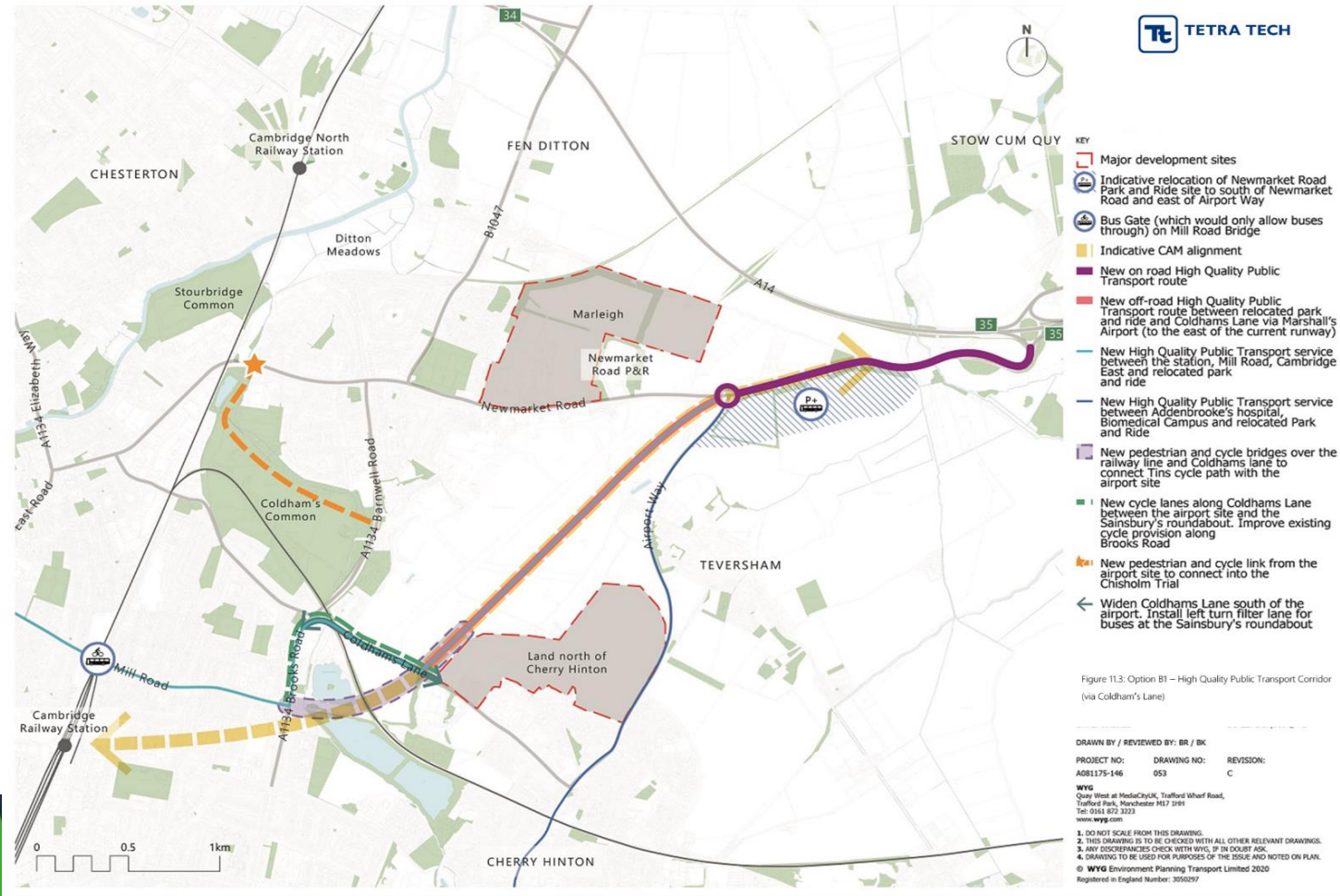
- recommendation of longer term Phase B high quality public transport route via Coldhams Lane to relocated Park & Ride site. Possibly improvements to Coldhams Lane roundabout. This is dependent on whether the Marshall's site is allocated for redevelopment in the draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan.
- reallocation of road space on Newmarket Road and Coldhams Lane.
- potential to improve the Cambridge to Newmarket railway line in the longer term. GCP would work with East West Rail and Network Rail.



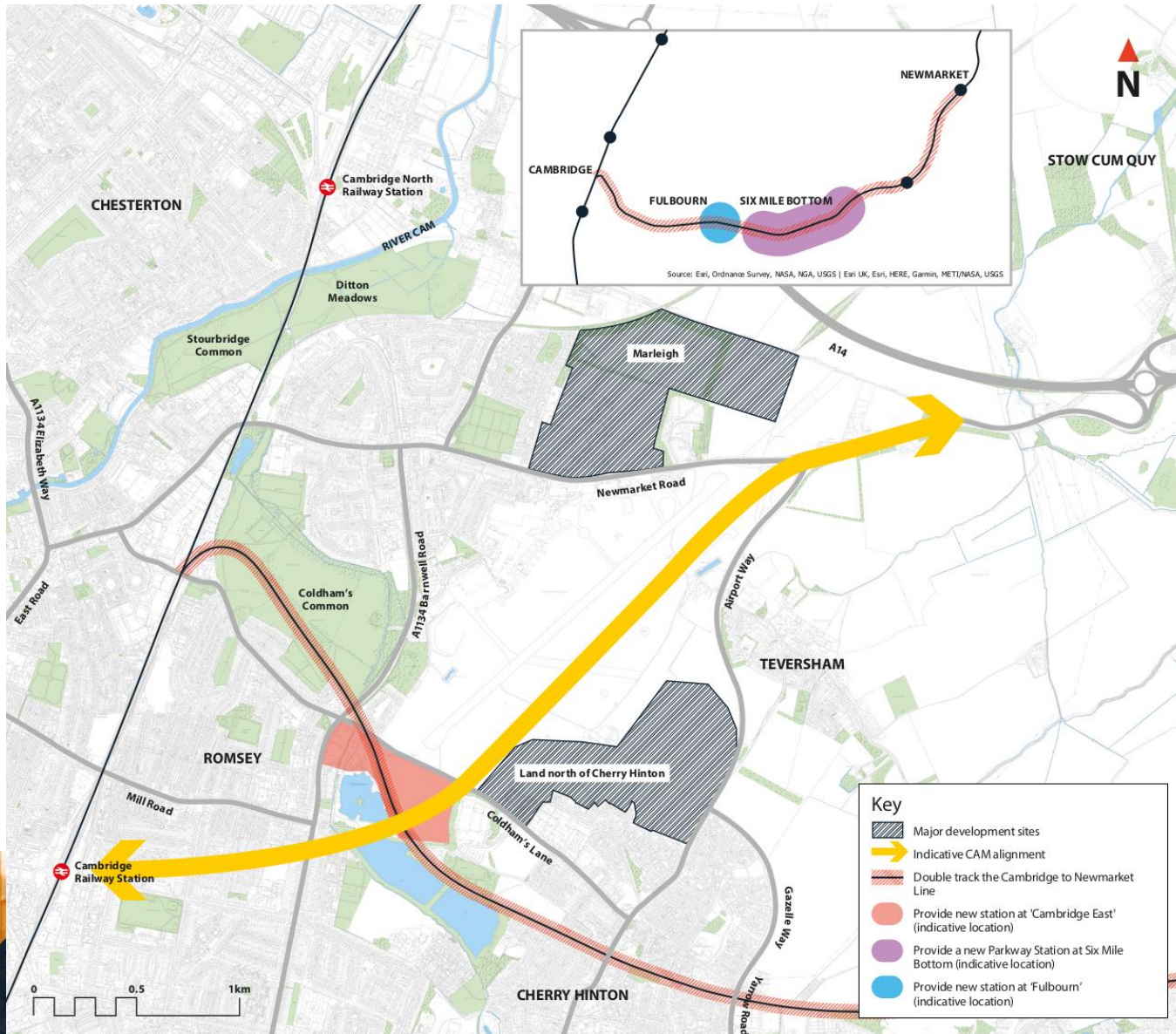
# Phase A improvements (including relocated Park & Ride)



# Phase B showing potential alignment for High Quality Public Transport scheme



# Phase B: Long term rail opportunity



# Issues to resolve

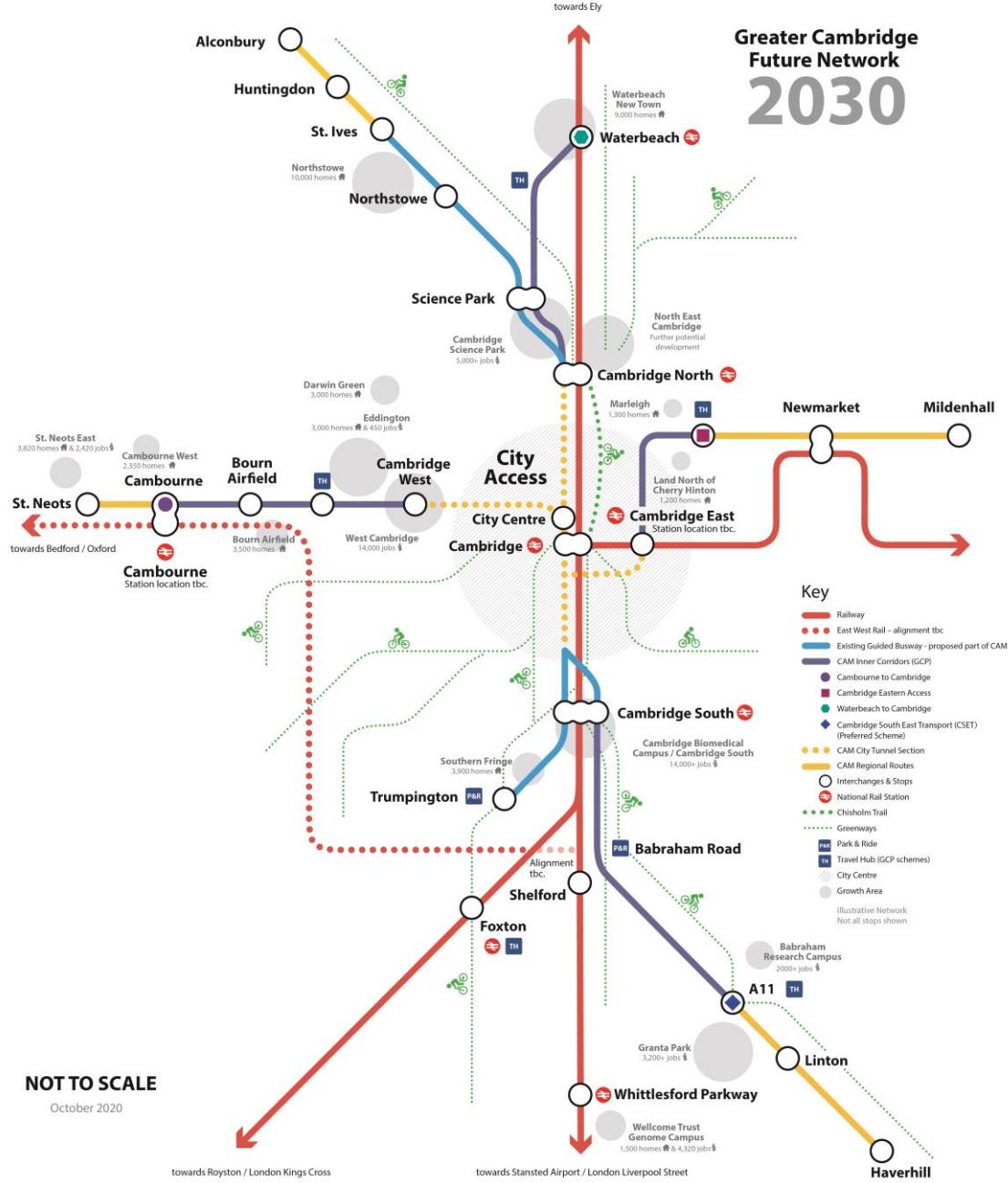
- Emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan
- Timing of Park & Ride scheme
- Refinement of Newmarket Road proposals
- EWR Consortium plans for Cambridge to Newmarket railway line
- CPCA plans for alternatives to CAM



# Links to other projects

- Greater Cambridge Greenways
- City Access
- Chisholm Trail
- East West Rail
- Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM)
- Bus Franchising

# Greater Cambridge Future Network 2030



**NOT TO SCALE**  
October 2020



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# Next steps

- Joint Assembly 10 June 2021
  - Public Question deadline 10:00am 07 June 2021
- Executive Board 01 July 2021
  - Public Question deadline 10:00am 28 June 2021

# Greater Cambridge Greenways

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# Greater Cambridge Greenways

- Twelve Greenways will provide active travel for cyclists, walkers and horse-riders into and around Cambridge
- Links with railway stations, planned travel hubs, science and business parks, employment areas, schools, colleges and leisure facilities and to the Chisholm Trail in Cambridge (orange on the map)
- Final Board approval for the Greenways was granted December 2020
- Consultants appointed on 1<sup>st</sup> June:
  - North & South routes = Atkins > St Ives, Waterbeach, Sawston and Melbourn
  - West & East routes = WSP > Fulbourn, Horningsea, Swaffhams, Bottisham, Haslingfield, Barton and Comberton

(Linton Greenway is part of the CSET project.)

## Greenways Network

Spring 2021



Draft

# Greater Cambridge Greenways

- Construction of Greenways will be 'non-linear' i.e. we will not start at one end and work our way to the other end of a route. They will be programmed by the consultants to ensure an efficient delivery approach.
- Consultants will carry out detailed design work, full costing and programming of delivery. Contractors will be appointed to build each Greenway
- A series of 'quick wins' have improved existing pathways and connected villages and communities
- Community engagement is planned to involve local people in the design and route of their Greenways
- Completion is currently programmed for 2025.



# EAST CAMBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION

## 1: NEW LOCAL CENTRE

Hub for 15 minute neighbourhood – shops & community meeting / eating places.



## 2: CONNECTIONS & TRANSPORT

Permeable developments and new routes allowing safe travel without cars



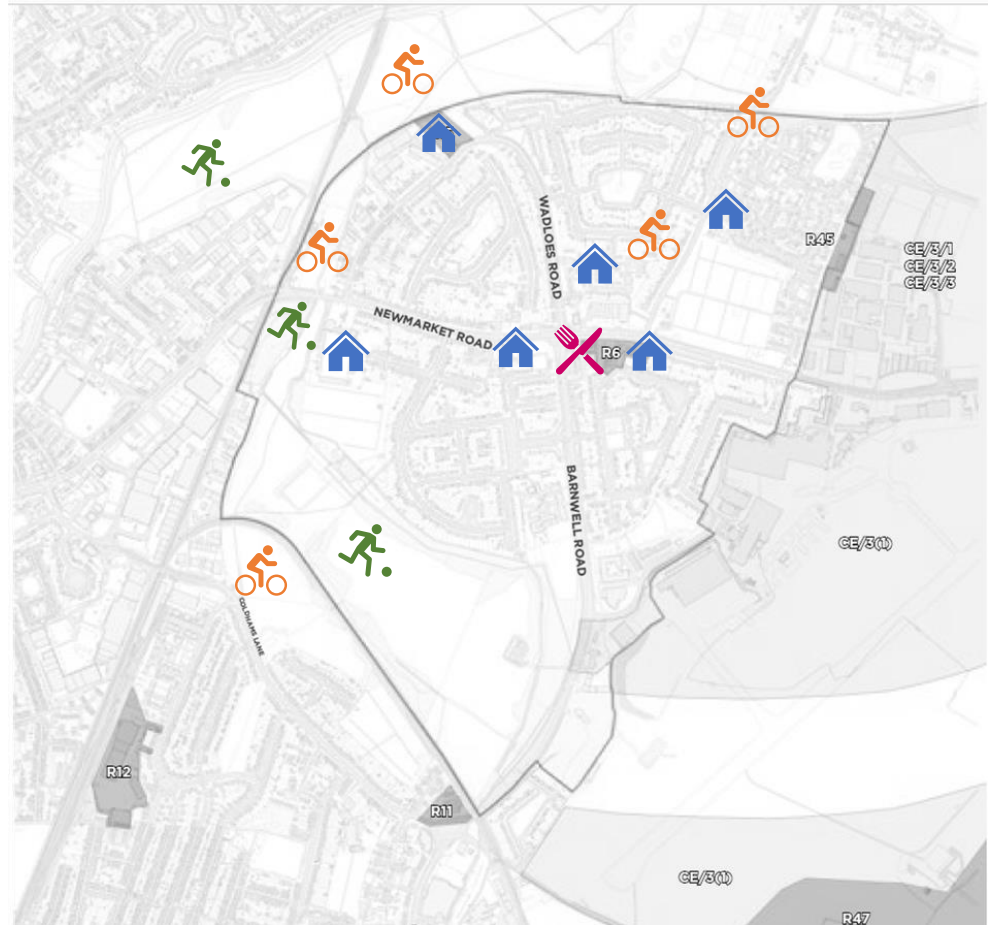
## 3: OPEN SPACE ENHANCEMENTS

Improved leisure facilities and access to Abbey's extensive open spaces



## 4: OPPORTUNITY AREAS

New homes and amenities to support the growth of Abbey ward



# Questions





