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# Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) Phase 2

**Project Update  
January 2021**



# Agenda

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Response to EIA consultation

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Route alignment around Babraham

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Survey progress

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Archaeology trial trenching update

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Next steps

# Consultation Feedback Summary

- The CSET Phase 2 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) consultation ran from 19 October to 14 December 2020
- 19,000 consultation leaflets delivered within scheme area, supported by advertising and social media
- Total of over 430 responses to the consultation
  - 304 responses to the consultation survey
  - Over 130 other written responses, including email and social media

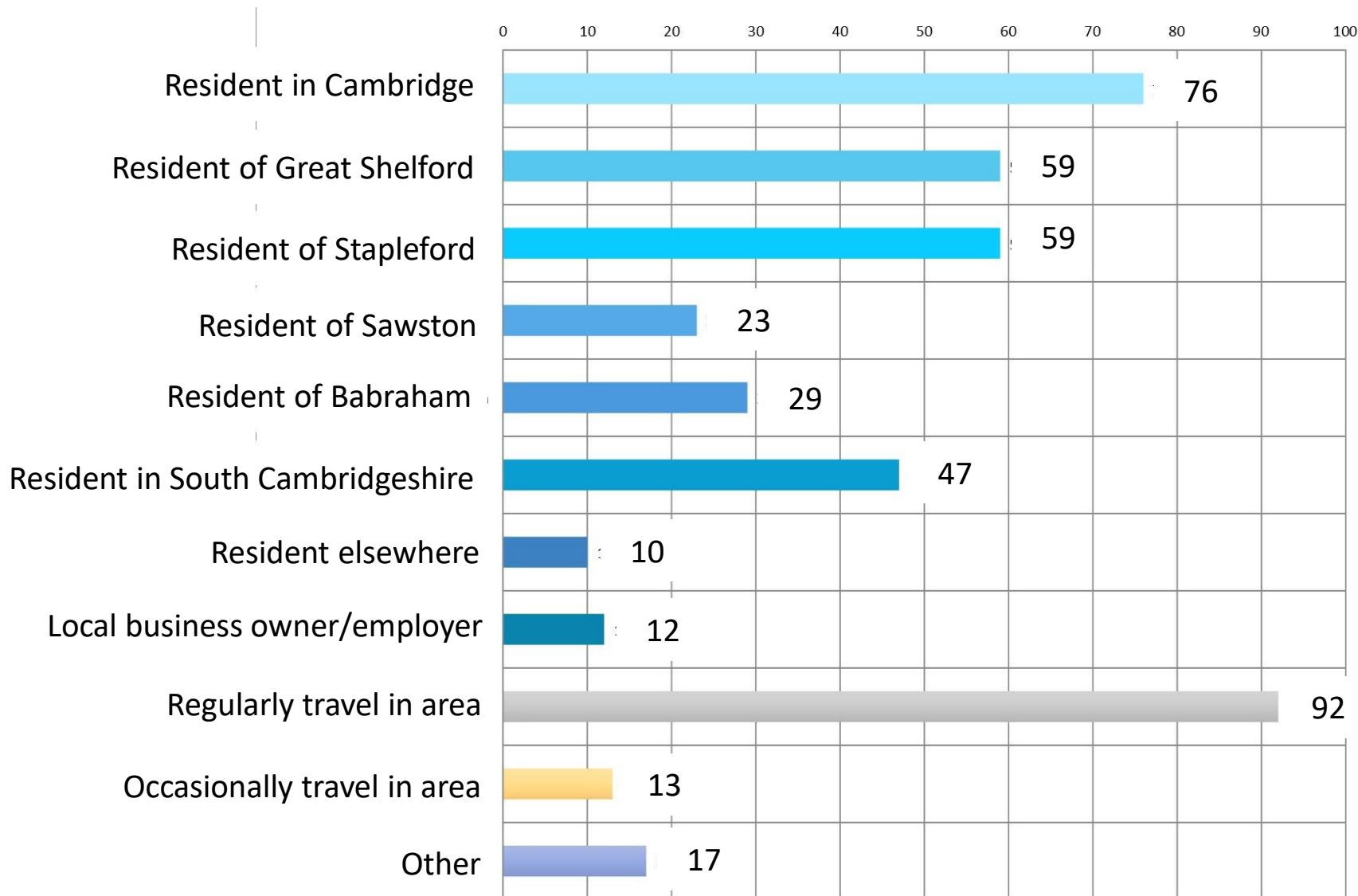
## Virtual Exhibition Analytics

- 1,412 unique visitors to the virtual exhibition during the 'live' consultation period
- 21% of these unique users provided responses to the online survey
- 2,920 pageviews across the site during the consultation period



# Interest and Location of Respondents

Online survey responses: "Please indicate your interest in the project. (Tick all that apply.)"



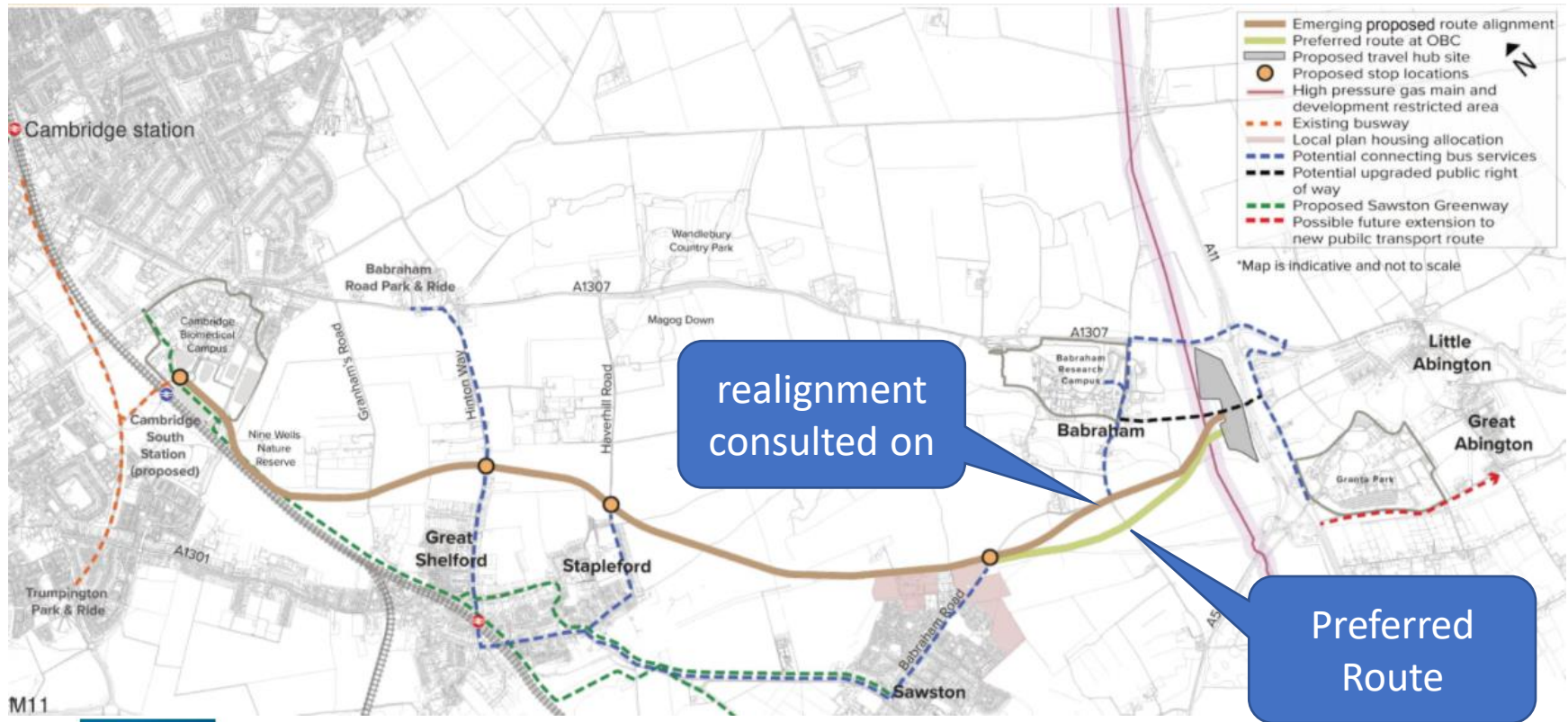
# Key Feedback Themes

- **Route alignment** - Many comments were related to specific sections including the Babraham to Sawston section. Some commented the route was too far from villages along the route
- **Landscaping and green belt** - Requests for additional planting to be undertaken to enhance the landscaping and reduce the negative impact of the scheme on the environment. Some concerns around development on green belt land and the loss of green space
- **Parking** - Comments on the parking provision along the route. Some believed more stops should be provided to deliver more capacity for commuters and recreational users of the network
- **Active travel** - Some respondents noted the active travel benefits of the scheme or asked for the active travel path to be widened generally





Following further assessment work and taking into account the preference of Cheveley Park Farms, Parish Council and local residents for the original Brown Route we have concluded that the revised route at Babraham should be taken no further

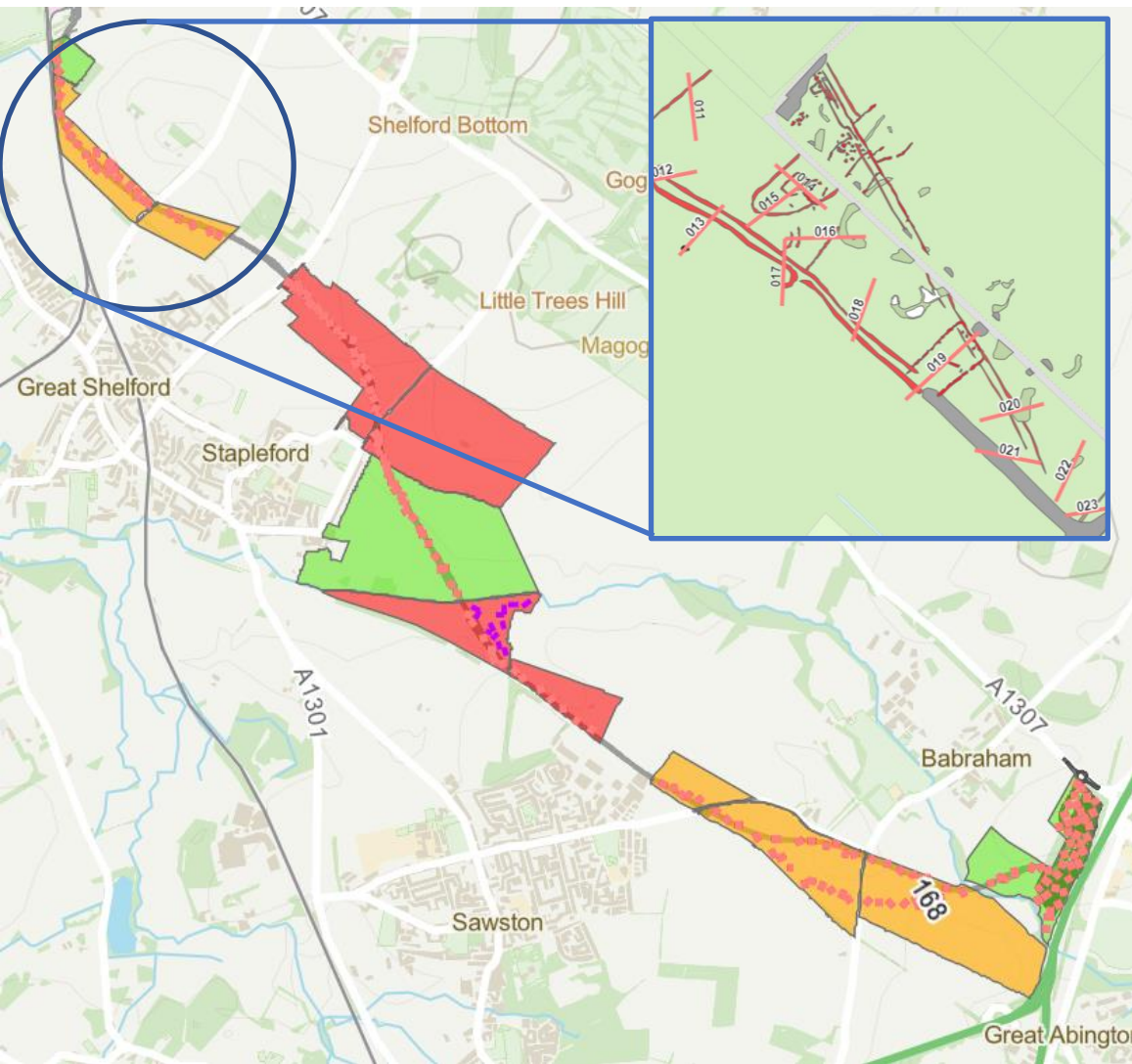


# Survey Progress

- Ecology surveys mostly complete. Bat surveys ongoing
- Archaeology trial trenching ongoing
- Ground Investigation starting soon – running until end of June
- Lighting baseline surveys February/March



# Archaeology - Nine Wells Area

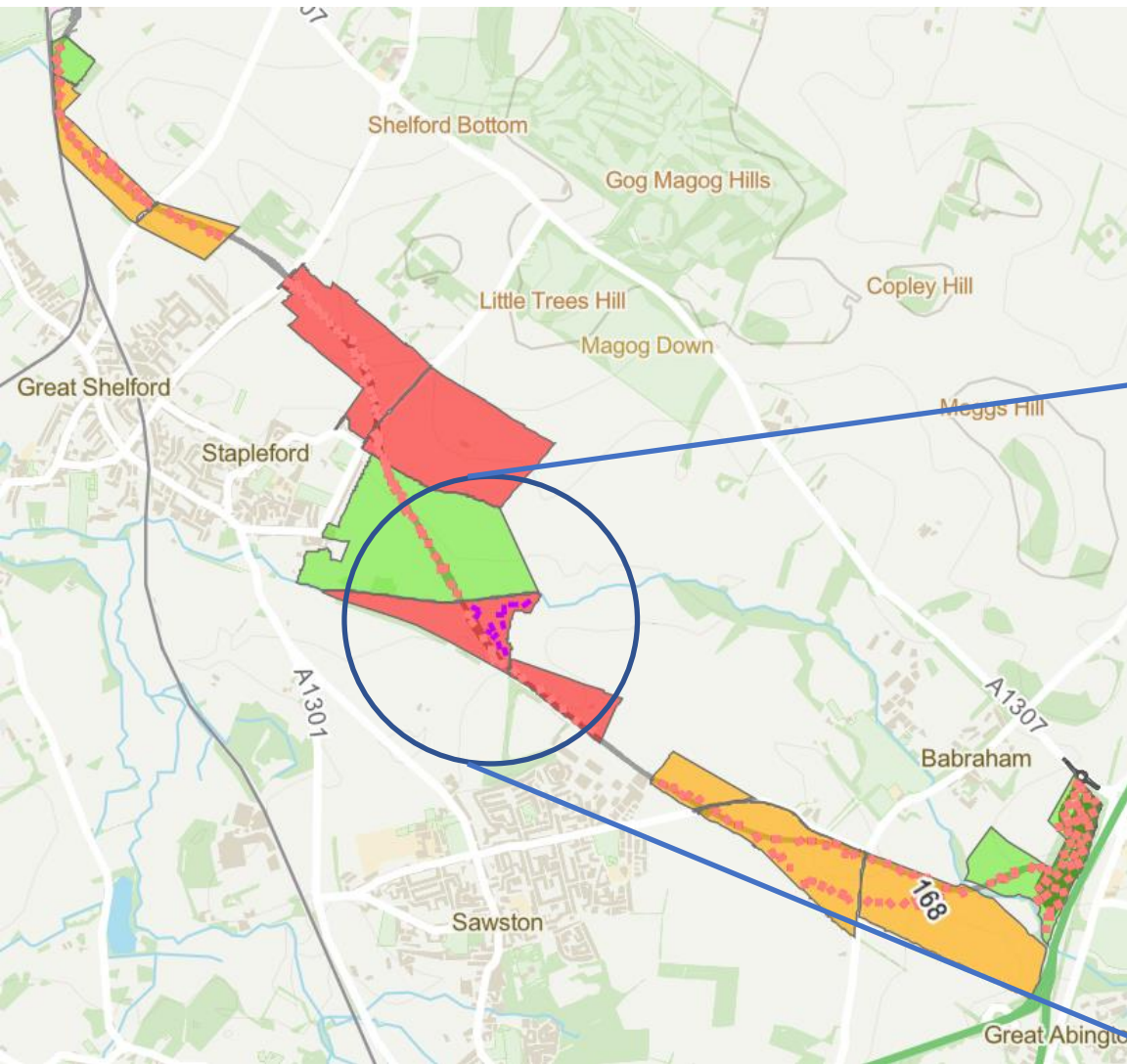


## Prehistoric / Roman –

- Scheduled Monument (Iron Age/Roman settlement) to the northwest. Connected trackway with periphery settlement activity (enclosures, etc.).
- Dates uncertain, but more work to be done still.

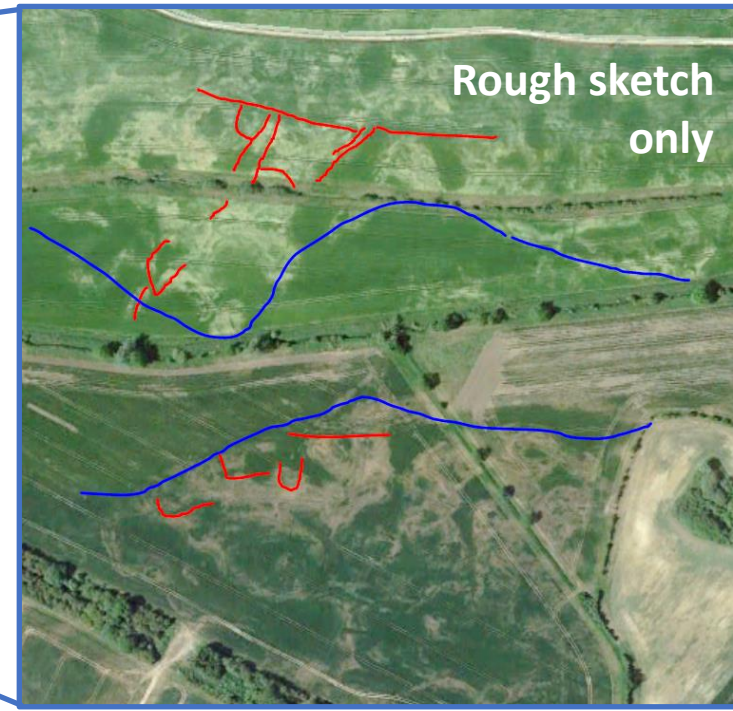


# Archaeology – Area around River Granta, Stapleford

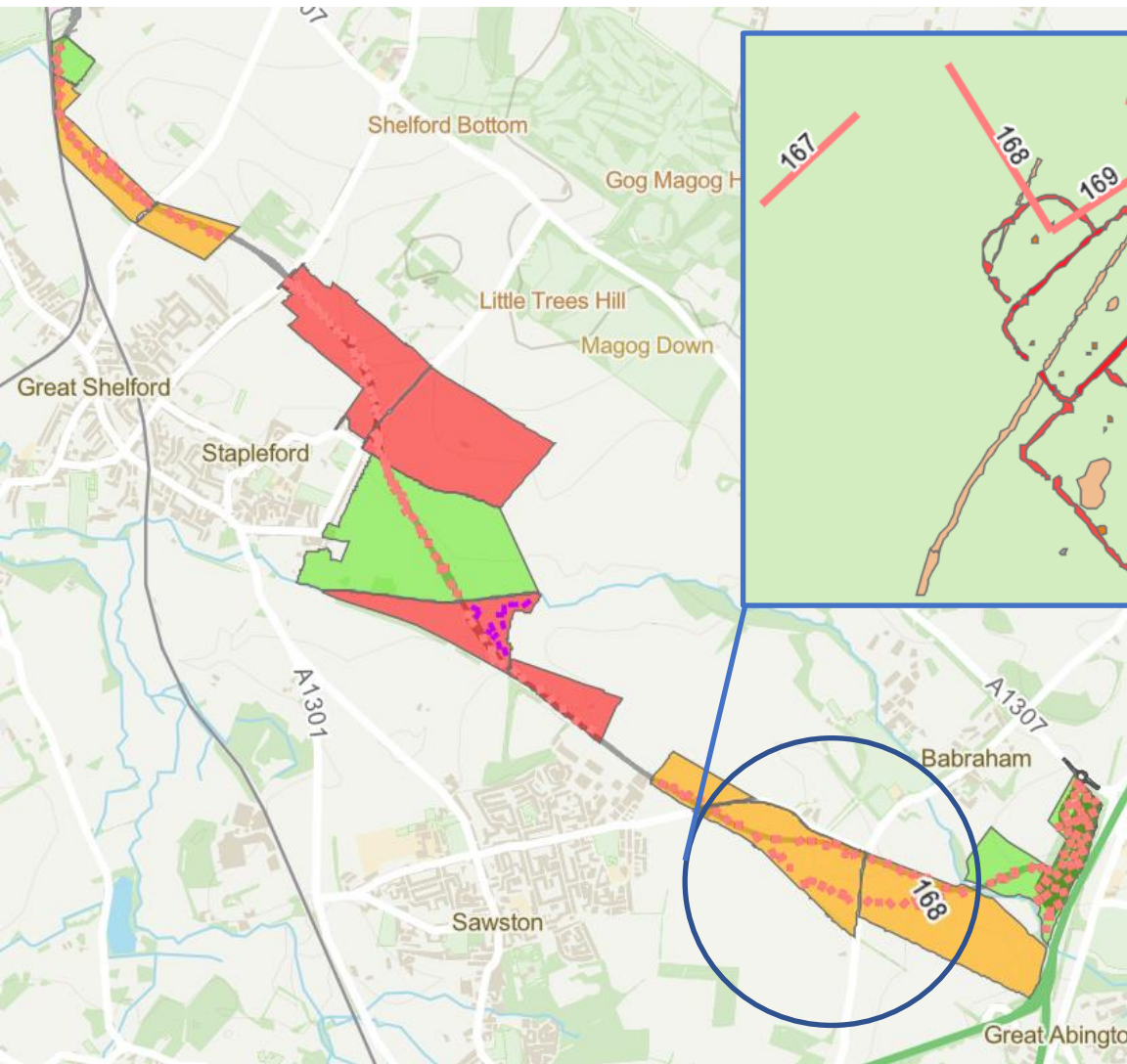


## Prehistoric / Roman –

- River Granta – various occupation sites on well draining gravel terraces.
- Dates uncertain, but more work to be done still.
- Typical river corridor character – as expected



# Archaeology - Sawston to Babraham Area



## **Bronze Age –**

- Ditched enclosure (flint, pottery, bone)

## **Prehistoric –**

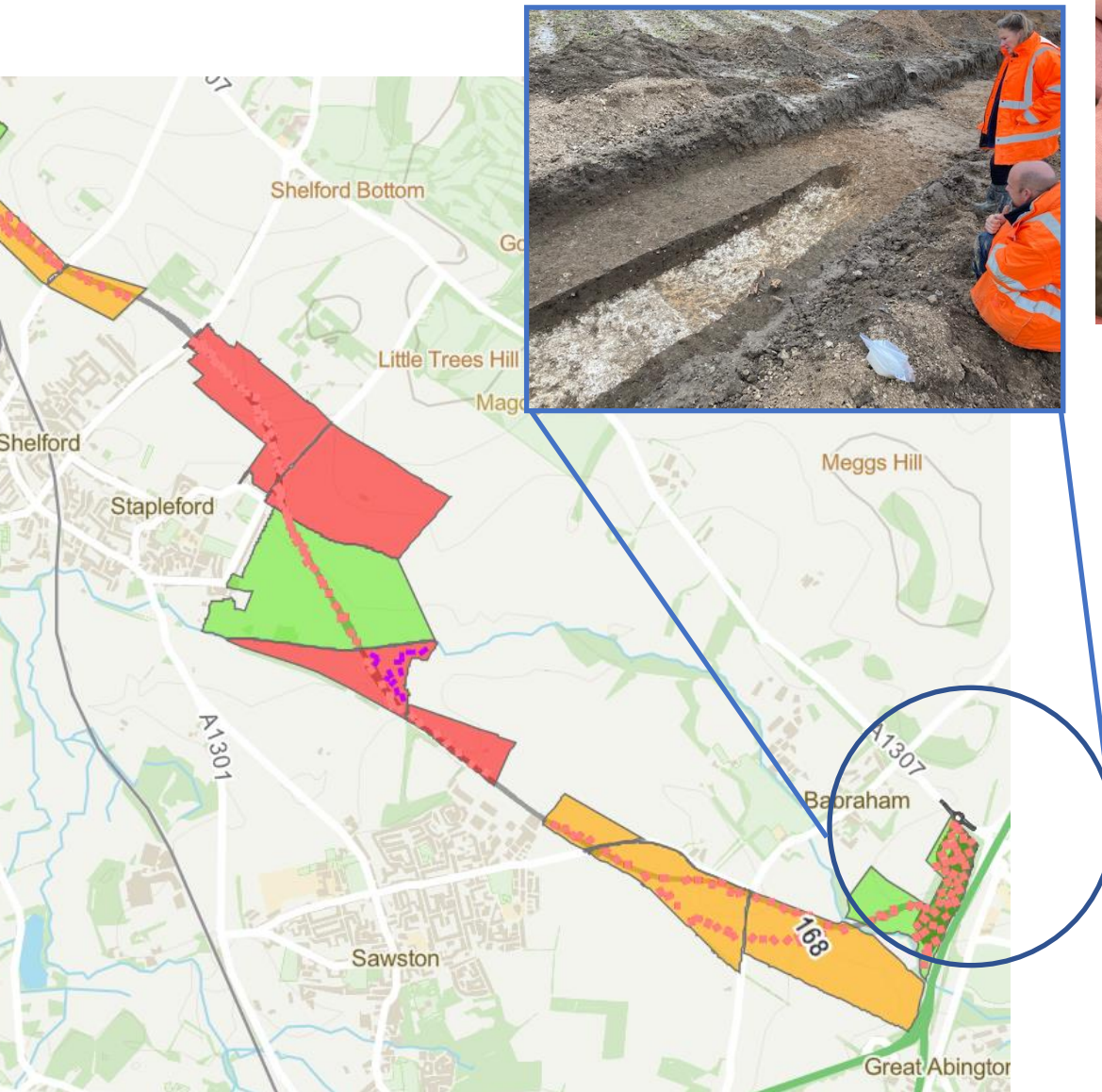
- Enclosure (date uncertain)

## **Anglo Saxon –**

- Cemetery site (not on preferred route)



# Archaeology - A11 Travel Hub Site



## Anglo-Saxon –

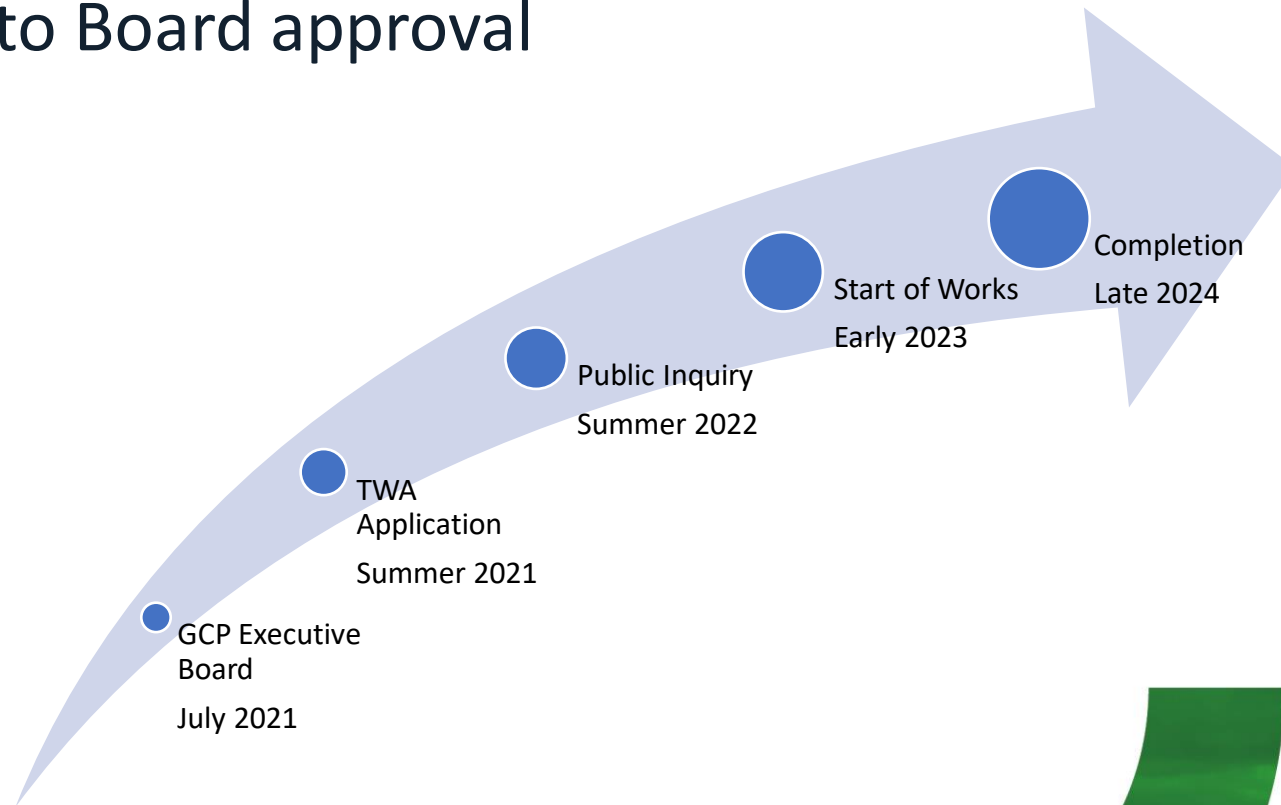
- 'Grubenhaus' (sunken/pit-house)
- Reutilised medallion (coin)
- Brooch

## Modern –

- Former watermeadows (evidence of multiple recutting and alterations)

# Programme/Next Steps

Subject to Board approval



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# Questions



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