HISTON ROAD
Have your say on better public transport, cycling and walking journeys

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www.greatercambridge.org.uk/HistonRoadConsultation
**INTRODUCTION**

Cambridge is the fastest growing city in the UK - bringing many benefits to those who live and work in the area. But its success has also led to an increase in traffic on routes into the city - including Histon Road, leading to peak-time traffic congestion, delays for commuters and affecting the quality of life for residents. With the population of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire expected to rise by up to 28% over the next decade, many thousands of extra journeys into and out of the city - to places of work, study and leisure can be expected. The Histon Road scheme will help to accommodate these extra trips whilst upgrading the road to a safe, pleasant and connected community for local residents and businesses. To achieve this, the scheme aims to improve public transport journey times, as well as cycling and walking facilities, to encourage people to use sustainable modes of transport as an alternative to the car.

**BACKGROUND**

The Histon Road scheme includes:

- **What are we consulting on?**
  - Bus priority measures including a bus lane and new floating bus stops
  - Improved pedestrian and cycle facilities with cycle lanes segregated from vehicular traffic by height and the use of the Cambridge kerb where possible
  - The removal of some on-street parking to allow more road space for buses and cyclists
  - Landscaping to areas where more greenery can be included

- **The scheme aims to**
  - Allow faster and more reliable public transport journeys
  - Provide better cycling and walking links
  - Enhance the streetscape with improved and additional landscaping
  - Reduce peak-time congestion and limit growth in traffic
  - Aid future economic growth
  - Reduce air pollution and improve public health

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The scheme also aims to provide a 1.8m footpath throughout the length of Histon Road with a 1.4m minimum at pinch points. Raised cycle lanes will be up to 2m wide, and advisory cycle lanes up to 1.5m wide. It is envisaged that the construction cost of Histon Road will be £6m.

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An initial consultation was held in the winter of 2015/16 which considered bus priority, cycling and walking measures along Histon Road. The results of this, plus further engagement work with the local community has helped the Project Team develop the Histon Road proposals which are now being put forward for consultation.

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**Techical Details**

Please refer to the map on the previous page for exact locations of all these elements.

1. **Histon Road / Victoria Road / Huntington Road junction redesign**
   - The general layout of the junction will be retained.
   - Taking the cycleway off the carriageway and offering a fully segregated crossing at the junction of Histon and Victoria Road will remove existing conflict between vehicles and cyclists.
   - The central cycle lane at the junction of Castle Street / Victoria Road / Huntington Road will create designated space for cyclists turning right at this junction, improving safety.

2. **New signalised pedestrian crossing near Cranwell Court**
   - A proposal for a new crossing in this location which will improve access between Huntington Road and Victoria Road.

3. **Bus stops removed near Linden Close**
   - A proposal to remove the bus stops near Linden Close given the proximity of the stops near Alkenam Street.

4. **Relocated Pay & Display parking in Linden Close**
   - A proposal to create a number of Pay & Display parking bays in Linden Close to replace those being lost on Histon Road.
   - This is aimed at ensuring the customers of businesses in the local area have a place to park.

5. **New signalised pedestrian crossing near Alkenam Street**
   - A proposal for a new signalised pedestrian crossing which will improve access from the residential areas on the eastern side of Histon Road to the shopping areas on the western side.

6. **Pay & Display parking area removed**
   - A proposal to remove the Pay & Display parking bays at Histon Road along with the resident parking bays.
   - This would enable additional space for advisory cycle lanes along the central section of the road improving safety and general traffic flow.
   - It is proposed to move the Pay & Display parking bays to Linden Close.

7. **Bus stops removed near Cranwell Court**
   - A proposal to remove the bus stops near Cranwell Court and conversion to floating bus stop.
   - Convert the existing parking layby into a floating bus stop to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians, and to improve priority for outbound buses.

8. **Removal of Pay & Display parking layby at Cranwell Court and conversion to floating bus stop**
   - Convert the existing parking layby into a floating bus stop to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians, and to improve priority for outbound buses.

9. **Gilbert Road / Warwick Road junction redesign**
   - A traffic signal controlled junction, with pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities on all arms of the junction.
   - On-road cycle provision and advanced stop lines for cyclists will be improved on Histon Road to facilitate the flow of commuter cyclists at peak-time.

10. **Footway improvements at Gilbert Road / Warwick Road junction**
    - A proposal to signalise the recently installed crossing point which is currently un-signalised and located adjacent to the Borrowdale access to Histon Road.

11. **Possible alternative location for pedestrian crossing near Carisbrooke Road**
    - As an alternative location to 22, a new signalised crossing near to Carisbrooke Road is proposed, whilst retaining the un-signalised crossing point adjacent to Borrowdale. This option would provide an important access to the new Darwin Green Development.

12. **Inbound bus lane between Blackhall Road and Carisbrooke Road**
    - A new inbound bus lane of approximately 550 metres which will shorten journey times for inbound buses along Histon Road by up to 2.5 minutes at peak times.

13. **Widen on-road cycle lane from A14 to Kings Hedges junction**
    - Widening of the cycle lane to approximately 2m.

14. **Time Limited loading**
    - As part of the proposals, we are also exploring the option of time-limited loading and unloading during off-peak hours.

What is a floating bus stop?

A floating bus stop is an arrangement that involves a cycleway running behind a passenger boarding area at a bus stop, between an island and the footway. The advantage of a floating bus stop is that people cycling do not have to negotiate out and around stopped buses. This reduces conflict between bus and cycle traffic.
Have your say by Monday 2 July 2018.

There are a number of ways to respond to the consultation:

- Fill out the online version of the questionnaire at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/HistonRoadConsultation](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/HistonRoadConsultation)
- Complete the paper questionnaire and return by Freepost or at a public event consultations@greatercambridge.org.uk
- Call 01223 699906
- Greater Cambridge Partnership, SH1317, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP
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