

Better Public Transport - Waterbeach to Cambridge

Project Update

Dear Resident,

I am writing to update you on the Waterbeach to Cambridge project that we previously consulted on between October and December of last year and which included an option for a new public transport route to pass over the allotments and very close to your home.

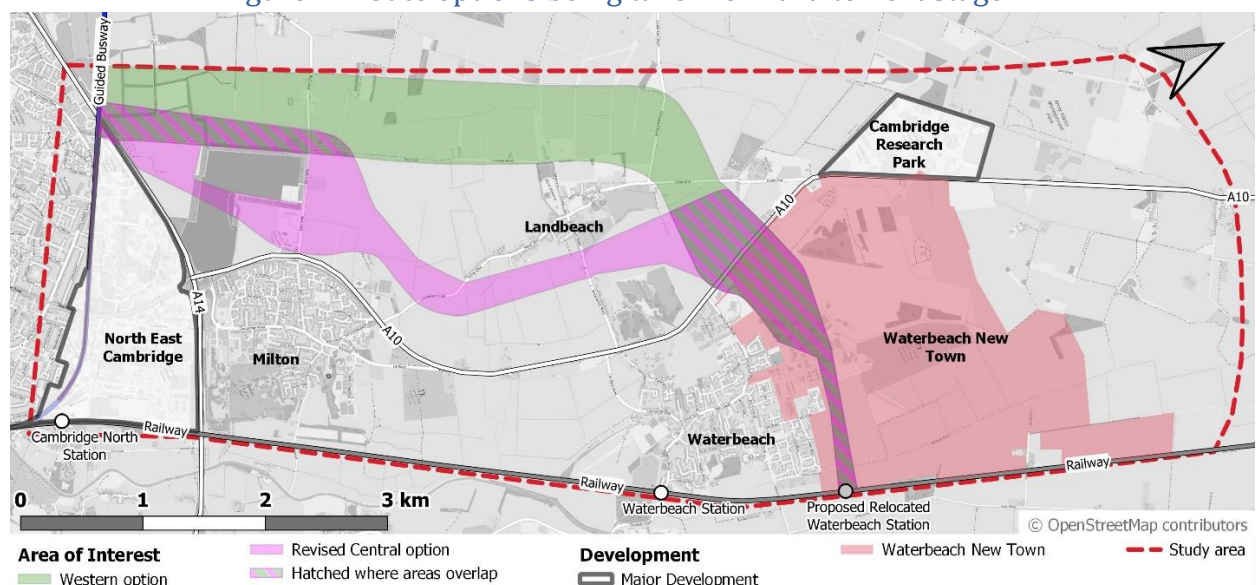
Today we have published the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) along with the officer report that sets out recommendations to the Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly. This document sets out which of the routes officers are recommending to take forward to the next stage of development.

I can confirm that the recommended routes completely avoid the creation of a new segregated route through Waterbeach village – this means that no houses or allotments will be required for demolition to allow for any future route. Instead we will be recommending taking forward two options for further analysis which include: -

- The Western Route option
- A revised Central Route option

Figure 1 shows the two routes that we are proposing to take forward for more detailed analysis in the next stage of the project.

Figure 1: Route options being taken forward to next stage



These two route options have been chosen because:

- both provide a direct link between the new town at Waterbeach and the whole of the North East Cambridge site (both Cambridge Science Park and the proposed development to the east of Milton Road).
- both do not require any routing through Waterbeach village and make use of the existing Guided Busway underpass to cross the A14.
- the revised Central Option better serves both Milton village and the current Park & Ride site. It also provides better opportunities for the provision of on-road bus services which could pass through Waterbeach or Milton village before joining the segregated route.

The SOBC has established that there is a strong case for a new high-quality, segregated public transport route between Waterbeach new town and Cambridge.

Such a route would: -

- deliver a significantly better service than just enhancing on-road bus service provision.
- provide faster and more reliable journeys by public transport
- link with or provide new infrastructure to support active travel in this corridor.

The proposals set out in the SOBC will be considered at the meeting of the GCP Joint Assembly on 10th June 2021 and then by the Executive Board on July 1st 2021, where a decision will be made on the way forward for this project.

Further information about the Waterbeach to Cambridge project can be found on our website at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/public-transport-schemes/waterbeach-to-cambridge or by email us at contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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