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Executive Summary

Overview

This Draft Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy sets out a long-term, ambitious framework for transport and connectivity across the whole of Greater Cambridge and on the priority routes that connect it to the wider region and country – local towns and cities, regional hubs, and major port and airport gateways to the rest of the world.

It has been prepared to support the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan, while also providing the broader strategic platform for growth, investment and delivery in line with the Mayor's Local Growth Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and government's growth agenda for Greater Cambridge being spearheaded through the Cambridge Growth Company in partnership with the Combined Authority and local partners.

The Strategy responds to a clear need for change. Greater Cambridge is a globally significant location for research, innovation, education, healthcare and business, yet its future growth and success is at risk of being constrained by more traffic and poor connectivity. Rural areas and more disadvantaged communities would continue to experience challenges accessing services and amenities and not benefiting from growth and opportunities. Greenhouse gas emissions, air pollutants and noise levels would increase, and our local environment and nature recovery goals would not be met.

The Strategy articulates how a multi-modal transport network – particularly through building out a comprehensive, integrated network of high-quality public transport corridors, fed by local buses and walking and cycling corridors, and planned and delivered with a view to full integration into a future mass rapid transit network – can enable and support planned development and longer-term transformational levels of growth and opportunity. Through delivery of the Strategy, we will also tackle and address the impacts of congestion by improving connectivity, widening access to all communities to share the benefits of growth, while reducing emissions and enhancing the local environment. Any future mass rapid transit proposals are subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case.

While the Strategy has a focus on delivering a step-change in active travel and public transport, it recognises that car use will likely remain an important component of the local transport mix. Targeted highway capacity improvements may therefore be required in some locations, particularly to support key growth sites, and this will be kept under review as the Strategy evolves. Congestion charging is not proposed as part of this Strategy.

In short, the Strategy is not simply about moving more traffic. It is about creating a transport system that connects Greater Cambridge. This will be achieved through supporting and enabling development; providing fast, reliable, safe, attractive travel choices within, to and from Greater Cambridge, supported by seamless high-quality interchanges, simple and affordable ticketing, and clear up-to-date information.

Vision and objectives

The Strategy's vision, as approved by the Transport Committee in November 2025, is:

A transport system for Greater Cambridge that will give people a real choice about how they travel. The area will have efficient, safe, accessible, sustainable, integrated networks that reduce congestion, improve connectivity, and boost growth.

The vision is underpinned by five objectives for transport and travel. By meeting these objectives, we will realise our vision.

- **Establishing practical, phased solutions to congestion in and around Cambridge:** improving the day-to-day functioning of Cambridge and its key corridors by tackling the causes and effects of today's congestion challenges and transforming connectivity. *Outcome:* A better-functioning, more reliable, safer, and connected network that supports high levels of economic growth, quality of place, and global competitiveness.
- **Supporting businesses and our priority economic sectors, including the research campuses and science parks:** supporting Greater Cambridge's key economic functions, including research campuses and science parks, centres and the wider business base. *Outcome:* Stronger labour market access, business connectivity and major international gateway links that support productivity and competitiveness.
- **Enabling new development and homes, including the sites in the emerging Local Plan:** ensuring new homes and developments are planned in locations and in ways that can be served by a choice of modes, with transport infrastructure aligned to growth from the outset. *Outcome:* Timely, integrated transport infrastructure that supports sustainable travel patterns from first occupation.
- **Connecting homes, disadvantaged areas and the wider region to the economic opportunities of Cambridge:** broadening access to jobs, education, healthcare, services and amenities across Greater Cambridge and beyond. *Outcome:* More communities can reach opportunity more reliably, affordably and sustainably.
- **Reducing emissions and enhancing the local environment:** reducing emissions from transport and travel, including air and noise pollutants, while protecting and enhancing Greater Cambridge's local and historic environment and access to it. *Outcome:* Lower emissions, a more resilient network, and better environmental quality and biodiversity.

Together, the vision and objectives provide a clear framework for a transport system that serves all of Greater Cambridge and its wider connections, supporting a globally competitive, celebrated place to live, work, visit and do business.

Overarching strategy narrative

The Strategy is built around a phased, cumulative programme that changes how the transport system works over time.

In the short term (2026-2030), practical measures to improve conditions quickly:

- investment in active travel including continued delivery of the Greenways programme and expand wider facilities such as cycle parking and micromobility hire schemes;
- franchising our buses to better manage the network, timetables and fares, supported by targeted bus priority measures such as junction priority using smart signals – making buses work for everyone, improving journey times and reliability considerably, and building confidence in the system;
- extending operating hours and improving facilities and information at our travel hubs to make interchange more seamless;
- the imminent opening of Cambridge South Station in June 2026 to open up the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and access to Addenbrooke's hospital;
- delivery of high quality public transport corridors (transport mode and technology to be determined) on the Cambourne to Cambridge corridor and the A11 to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus corridor;
- better co-ordinated kerbsides, particularly for better managing deliveries and servicing, ensuring our bus lanes are not blocked;
- improved digital connectivity to support virtual and online access; for planning journeys, and providing information before travelling and on route; and for better managing our transport networks with smart junctions, signals, lights and messaging;
- land will be safeguarded for infrastructure that takes longer to plan, fund and deliver; and
- planning and delivery will be informed by a Movement & Place Framework that tailors solutions for different functions of hubs, corridors, roads and streets, and the places they connect and pass through.

These interventions improve bus/public transport reliability, widen travel choice, and make more efficient use of constrained networks.

In the medium term (2030-2035), we will continue rolling out our integrated network of high-quality public transport and active travel corridors:

- completion of the network of Greenways and new orbital active travel corridors;
- expanded and improved and new travel hubs to connect people to the fast, reliable network and support last-mile deliveries;
- new segregated high-quality public transport corridors, providing arterial cross-city and orbital connections, supported by lane and junction priority to improve movement to and across the city, connect existing communities and support new development from first occupation where feasible; and
- these high-quality public transport corridors will be planned and delivered with a view to full integration into a future mass rapid transit network, with any future mass rapid transit proposals subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case.

These packages are designed to connect homes, jobs, major employment and research centres, and growth locations more effectively across Greater Cambridge and beyond.

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In the longer term (2035-2045), the Strategy supports a transformed city-region network:

- completion of the core mass rapid transit network and potential extensions to towns and larger villages across Greater Cambridge and neighbouring large towns, again subject to the Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case; and
- enhanced rail connectivity including East West Rail, a new station serving East Cambridge, and proposed onward connections to Ipswich and Norwich, as well as advocated delivery of Ely and Haughley Junction rail schemes to enhance passenger and freight connectivity to the north and east.

This is, therefore, a strategy for all of Greater Cambridge — urban and rural, local and strategic, people and freight — and for the wider connections that sustain its global role.

Delivery of the plan

Delivery will require sustained partnership working, clear governance and a phased programme that aligns infrastructure, policy and funding over time. The Strategy is supported by a draft capital delivery programme that brings together major corridor schemes, local access improvements, rail and travel hub investments, and supporting measures such as parking, servicing, digital connectivity and asset management.

The delivery approach has five core features:

- **Phased implementation:** interventions are sequenced across the short, medium and long term to support growth, respond to evidence, and build towards larger network change.
- **Joined-up governance:** delivery depends on coordinated action by the Combined Authority, local highway and planning authorities, Greater Cambridge Partnership, operators, infrastructure providers, developers and Government.
- **Infrastructure aligned to growth:** transport provision must be planned alongside development, with clear triggers, safeguarding and responsibilities.
- **Flexible funding:** schemes will draw on a mix of public funding, partner investment and developer contributions, with priorities refined as business cases mature.
- **Monitoring and evaluation:** the programme will be reviewed regularly, using performance, delivery and accessibility evidence to update priorities and maintain momentum.

This is not a fixed end-state programme. It is a live implementation framework that provides direction, confidence and structure for delivery, setting out a clear pipeline of interventions across the short, medium and long term. Its purpose is to translate a strong long-term strategy into practical change on the ground, guiding investment, prioritisation and phasing, and helping Greater Cambridge function better today while supporting its transformation into a more connected, productive and sustainable city region over the decades ahead.

Next steps

Further technical refinement will be undertaken as the Greater Cambridge Local Plan progresses to its next stages, including to Regulation 19. Additional work will also be required to:

- Refine corridor strategies, including continued close working with the Cambridge Growth Company on delivery of Mass Rapid Transit proposals for the city region.
- Further transport modelling to understand travel patterns, the number of trips by different modes and journey purposes, congestion and delay, and tailpipe carbon emissions.
- Prepare material for Local Plan Examination and future transport funding decisions and thus prepare a platform for the delivery of Local Growth Plan growth aspirations as well as those of the Cambridge Growth Company.

The Strategy is planned for finalisation by November 2026.

1 Introduction

The Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy

Overview

- 1.1 This Draft Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy sets out a long-term, vision-led approach to transport and connectivity across Greater Cambridge. It has been prepared to support the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan and to provide a clear framework for how transport can help deliver sustainable growth, healthier places, improved access to opportunity and a lower-carbon future, including providing a platform for longer term growth proposed in the Local Growth Plan and via the Government's Cambridge Growth Company. The Strategy responds to the area's distinctive challenges: severe congestion in and around Cambridge, unequal access to jobs and services, accommodating transformational levels of future growth, and the need to improve environmental quality while maintaining the competitiveness of Greater Cambridge's internationally recognised economy and industrial sectoral strengths.
- 1.2 The Strategy is grounded in the National Planning Policy Framework, the Department for Transport's Better Connected: A Strategy for Integrated Transport (April 2026), the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (November 2023), and supporting local transport and planning evidence. It applies these policies through a coherent programme of thematic strategies, interventions and policies.
- 1.3 In doing so, it helps demonstrate how the Strategy supports a positively prepared, justified, effective emerging Local Plan consistent with national policy. It also provides the transport context, strategy and policy direction to support the aspirations set out in the Local Growth Plan and framework aligned to government's aspirations through the Cambridge Growth Company.

Scope and purpose of this document

- 1.4 This document sets out the Draft Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy. Its purpose is to provide a clear, long-term framework for transport investment, policy and delivery across Greater Cambridge, and to explain how transport can support sustainable growth, healthier places, improved accessibility and environmental improvement. The Strategy has been prepared to inform and support the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan, but it also has a wider strategic role as a transport and connectivity framework for Greater Cambridge over the medium to long term.
- 1.5 It is also recognised that over the next few years, local authorities within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will undergo 'Local Government Reorganisation' which will see the formation of unitary authorities which may or may not be contiguous with existing local authority boundaries, and removal Cambridgeshire County Council. At the same time, government is consulting on a proposal for a Development Corporation for Greater Cambridge, which would be granted additional planning powers. The Strategy will need to remain live to changing landscapes of governance, roles and responsibilities and funding.

Development of the Strategy

- 1.6 The Strategy has been developed through a staged process of evidence review, option development and stakeholder engagement. It is supported by and underpinning Need for Intervention Report, Connectivity Impact Assessment (under development), and Equalities Impact Assessment (under development). It is also supported by:
- national policy and guidance;
 - overarching regional strategies, studies and regional evidence base;
 - CPCA's Local Growth Plan and statutory Local Transport & Connectivity Plan (and Greater Cambridge annex);
 - the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan's Transport Evidence Report (which is in the process of being updated as part of documents for Regulation 19 consultation) and
 - broader local plan evidence; and
 - existing and emerging policies, strategies and plans including, among others:
 - CPCA's Active Travel Strategy (under development); Cambridgeshire County Council's Active Travel Strategy, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, and Rights of Way Improvement Plan; Greater Cambridge Partnership's Greenways and other active travel corridor programmes.
 - CPCA's Bus Service Improvement Plan and bus franchising proposals; Cambridge Growth Company's Mass Rapid Transit Study and Strategic Outline Case (under development); the Greater Cambridge Partnership's programme of mass rapid transit projects including corridor and travel hub schemes; and CPCA's Mobility Hub Strategy (under development).
 - CPCA's Rail Strategy and Freight Strategy (scope and to be commenced), and Network Rail's studies and investment programmes.
 - National Highways' studies and investment programmes; highways schemes promoted by CPCA and Cambridgeshire County Council; as well as the traffic and asset management policies of Cambridgeshire County Council.
 - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Road Safety Partnerships evidence and plans Vision
 - Aligned policy areas such as digital connectivity, public health, emissions and climate change resilience and adaptation and nature recovery of the CPCA and other key delivery partners.
- 1.7 The approach is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework's requirement for transport issues to be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making using a vision-led approach, and with the Department for Transport's latest Local Transport Plans guidance, which emphasises integrated, holistic and place-based transport planning. It also reflects the principles of Department for Transport appraisal guidance and wider good practice by aligning transport, land use, infrastructure and environmental objectives, and by recognising the importance of engagement with local authorities, infrastructure providers, communities and other stakeholders as the Strategy is refined and implemented.
- 1.8 The Strategy will be complemented by further transport modelling to understand travel patterns, the number of trips by different modes and journey purposes, congestion and delay, and tailpipe carbon emissions. This will inform the next iteration of the Strategy and further support the tests of soundness for the emerging Local Plan.

Stakeholder engagement and next steps

Stakeholder engagement to date

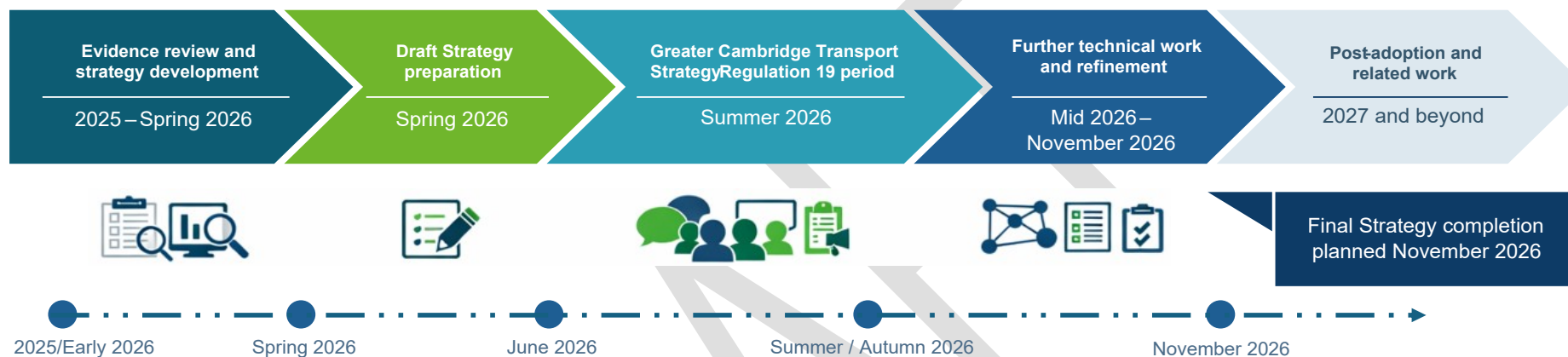
- 1.9 Engagement to date has included officer engagement across the partner authorities and wider stakeholders, together with targeted roundtables and workshops to test strategic issues, evidence, options and emerging priorities. These discussions have helped refine the Strategy's vision, objectives, thematic priorities and intervention packages, and will continue to inform subsequent iterations of the Local Plan evidence base and transport programme which in turn also support delivery of the Local Growth Plan.

Next steps

- 1.10 Further technical refinement will be undertaken as the Greater Cambridge Local Plan progresses to its next stages, including Regulation 19. Additional work will also be required to refine corridor strategies, undertake further transport modelling to understand travel patterns, the number of trips by different modes and journey purposes, congestion and delay, and tailpipe carbon emissions, and prepare material for Local Plan Examination and future transport funding decisions, thereby helping provide a platform for delivery of the growth ambitions of the Local Growth Plan and the Cambridge Growth Company.
- 1.11 Figure 1.1 provides the timeline for developing the draft Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy in line with the emerging Local Plan, the Regulation 19 period, and parallel and forthcoming work through to November 2026 when the plan will be completed and alignment with ongoing Mass Rapid Transit workstreams that will stretch into 2027 and beyond led by the Cambridge Growth Company and in support of the ambitions articulated in the Local Growth Plan.

Figure 1.1: Timeline for strategy development, consultation, further technical work

Aligned with Local Plan development (including Regulation 19) and Mass Transport study and business case programme for the Cambridge Growth Company



Supporting the Greater Cambridge Joint Local Plan

Introduction

- 1.12 The Strategy has been prepared in part to support the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan and its examination. In particular, it provides part of the transport evidence and strategic narrative needed to demonstrate that the plan's spatial strategy, transport policies and proposed development pattern are positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. This chapter explains that relationship and signposts where the Strategy and supporting evidence contribute to each test of soundness.

Tests of soundness

- 1.13 Under the National Planning Policy Framework, local plans are examined to assess whether they have been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements and whether they are sound. The four tests of soundness are that plans should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.
- 1.14 In transport terms, this means the emerging Local Plan should be supported by a strategy and evidence base that demonstrate not only what transport outcomes are sought, but how the proposed spatial pattern of growth, site allocations and supporting infrastructure can be delivered in a coordinated, realistic and policy-compliant way across Greater Cambridge. In this case, the Strategy already translates the current evidence base into a clear set of objectives, policy principles, thematic strategies, supporting policies and a draft delivery programme, while further work including transport modelling to understand travel patterns, the number of trips by different modes and journey purposes, congestion and delay, and tailpipe carbon emissions, consultation-led refinement and subsequent business case development will continue to strengthen that position as the Local Plan progresses.

Positively prepared

- 1.15 The Strategy helps show that the Local Plan is positively prepared by providing a transport framework for meeting identified development needs in a way that remains aligned with sustainable development. It explains how the proposed scale and distribution of growth can be supported through integrated transport investment, traffic management, active travel, public transport, rail, travel hubs and place-based interventions, rather than through unsustainable increases in car travel. This is reflected throughout the current document, including the vision and objectives, the case for change, the thematic strategies, the supporting policies and the Movement and Place Framework.
- 1.16 Together, these elements show how planned growth can be served more sustainably, how access to jobs, services and opportunity can be widened across Greater Cambridge, and how the transport implications of the Local Plan's development strategy can be addressed in a coordinated way. In examination terms, this helps demonstrate that the Local Plan is supported by a transport strategy with a clear structure and programme logic for accommodating the proposed scale and distribution of growth, while continuing to be refined through consultation and further technical work.

Justified

- 1.17 The Strategy helps show that the Local Plan is justified because it is grounded in proportionate transport evidence, policy alignment, and quantitative assessment, and because it explains why the proposed transport approach is the most appropriate in light of the alternatives, local constraints and the wider objectives of the plan. In particular, the Connectivity Baseline Report establishes the current transport context and patterns of access, while the Need for Intervention Report identifies the key problems, pressures and opportunities to which the Strategy responds. These are then carried through into the Strategy's objectives, policy principles, thematic strategies and supporting policies, including the Movement and Place Framework.
- 1.18 Together, they help show why the proposed combination of site allocations, growth corridors, travel hubs, active travel, public transport, rail and network management measures represents an appropriate and evidence-based strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives, local constraints and the wider objectives of the plan, and why transport considerations have been embedded in plan-making rather than deferred to later stages. Further transport modelling of the Strategy and its interventions will provide additional testing and refinement by improving understanding of travel patterns, the number of trips by different modes and journey purposes, congestion and delay, and tailpipe carbon emissions, and will be available in September 2026.

Effective

- 1.19 The Strategy helps show that the Local Plan is effective by identifying a phased and deliverable package of transport interventions, the need for continued joint working between partner authorities, infrastructure providers and developers, and the governance, funding and monitoring arrangements that will be needed to support implementation over time. This is reflected not only in the thematic strategies and supporting policies, but also in the draft capital delivery programme, including the sections on governance and assurance, delivery programme structure, funding and monitoring and evaluation.
- 1.20 It therefore helps demonstrate not only what infrastructure and policy responses are needed, but also how they may be sequenced alongside growth, coordinated across organisations, and refined through future consultation responses, modelling, business cases and delivery planning. This is particularly important for strategic site allocations and corridor-based growth, where the soundness of the Local Plan will depend in part on whether transport requirements, safeguarding, infrastructure triggers and delivery responsibilities are clear enough to support implementation in practice.

Consistent with national policy

- 1.21 The Strategy helps show that the Local Plan is consistent with national policy because it reflects the National Planning Policy Framework's approach to sustainable transport, healthy places, emissions and climate change resilience and adaptation, and plan-making, and aligns with current Department for Transport guidance on local transport planning and integrated transport. In particular, it applies a vision-led and place-based approach, links transport with land use and infrastructure delivery, and supports the wider policy direction on accessibility, decarbonisation, resilience and inclusive growth.

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- 1.22 The ‘golden thread’ from national to local policy is particularly relevant here, helping to show how national, regional and local policy requirements have been carried through into the Strategy’s current structure, including the case for change, the policy principles, the Movement and Place Framework, the thematic strategies and the supporting policies. It also helps demonstrate that transport issues have been considered from the earliest stages of plan-making, that sustainable transport has been embedded into the proposed development pattern, and that the Local Plan will continue to be supported by an evolving transport strategy as consultation, modelling and further technical work are completed.
- 1.23 It is also important to note that the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy is one, albeit critical, element of a three-part Local Plan transport evidence base. These are:
- individual strategic site transport requirements (‘pro-formas’, Local Plan evidence);
 - the modelled cumulative impact of all the Plan (the ‘Transport Evidence Review’, developed by Cambridgeshire County Council) – this shows that the Local Plan ‘works’ in transport terms if there is a strategic connectivity solution for Cambridge; and
 - the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy which will identify, at a strategic level, how best to manage this wider connectivity challenge.
- 1.24 Finally, although the GCTS has a key role in supporting the Local Plan, it also has a wider function in terms of supporting further growth ambitions. It thus provides a platform for exploring, at a high level, potential additional growth scenarios aligned with CPCA’s Local Growth Plan (which has a forward-look to 2050), and proposals from the Cambridge Growth Company.

2 Our vision, objectives and outcomes - the case for change

Introduction

- 2.1 This chapter sets out the vision, objectives and intended outcomes of the Draft Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy, together with the case for change that underpins them. It explains why a long-term transport strategy is needed, what the Strategy is seeking to achieve, and how the proposed interventions and policy principles respond to the challenges and opportunities facing Greater Cambridge. The draft Vision and Objectives were first considered by the CPCA Transport Committee in September 2025. Following that meeting, they were revised to reflect the feedback received and to ensure alignment with the recently approved Local Growth Plan, and were approved in revised form by the CPCA Transport Committee in November 2025.

Vision

- 2.2 Our vision for transport and travel across Greater Cambridge was also approved in November 2025 by the Transport Committee. It's ambition is:

A transport system for Greater Cambridge that will give people a real choice about how they travel. The area will have efficient, safe, accessible, sustainable, integrated networks that reduce congestion, improve connectivity, and boost growth.

Objectives

The vision is underpinned by five objectives for transport and travel. By meeting these objectives, we will realise our vision.

1. Establishing practical, phased solutions to congestion in and around Cambridge

- 2.3 Improving the day-to-day functioning of Cambridge and its key corridors by tackling the causes and effects of congestion in a way that supports wider economic, social, environmental and development goals.
- 2.4 While its impacts are most acute within the city, the evidence shows that congestion in Cambridge is driven by travel patterns for people, as well as construction, goods and servicing across Greater Cambridge and more widely. This is a result of the city's national and regional significance as a centre for economic activity; education, skills and research; healthcare; and retail, leisure and hospitality; as well as the high levels of recent growth. As a result, congestion in the city has wide-ranging and structural consequences for how Cambridge functions, affecting not only productivity, labour market access, bus reliability and freight efficiency but also the quality of place (i.e. streets and public spaces) in Cambridge's historic core, local centres and key corridors.
- 2.5 This requires a coordinated package across the short-, medium- and long-term of including localised priority for buses and more substantial priority support for future mass rapid transit, high-quality active travel routes connecting surrounding settlements to and around the city, improved interchange with rail, Park & Ride and other travel hubs, and more efficient management of servicing and essential traffic. In key locations, there may be a need to targeted highway improvements to better manage general traffic and address key pinch-points where there is a clear case for investment. Together, these measures are intended to make better use of a constrained urban network, improve streets and public spaces, and ensure that Cambridge can function effectively as the heart of a growing Greater Cambridge city region.

2. Supporting businesses and our priority economic sectors, including the research campuses and science parks

- 2.6 Ensuring that transport supports Greater Cambridge's key economic functions, including its research campuses and science parks, city and town centres, visitor economy and wider business base. Evidence shows that the area's economic success depends on the effective movement of people and goods across a large and increasingly polycentric travel-to-work area, with employment and growth distributed between central Cambridge, major campuses and settlements across South Cambridgeshire and beyond.
- 2.7 As a result, this objective is closely linked to productivity, competitiveness, inward investment, labour market reach and supply-chain efficiency, as well as the quality of place that underpins Greater Cambridge's global reputation as a location to work, invest and visit. In transport terms, it points towards stronger strategic and local connectivity by rail, coach, bus, future mass rapid transit and active travel, together with better interchange, first- and last-mile access and freight arrangements.
- 2.8 These improvements are needed not simply to accommodate growth, but to support economic performance while remaining consistent with place-making, health and environmental objectives across Greater Cambridge. Importantly, these improvements are also required to not only support journeys to and from work, but to also facilitate

travel between sites and hence further support the deep agglomeration economies of Cambridge.

3. Enabling new development and homes, including the sites in the emerging Local Plan

- 2.9 Ensuring new homes and development are planned in locations and forms that can be served by a choice of modes, with transport infrastructure aligned to growth from the outset. It supports delivery of the emerging Local Plan, sound site allocations, mixed and connected communities across Greater Cambridge, and offering a range of travel choices.
- 2.10 In transport terms, this means early, coordinated delivery of active travel and public transport infrastructure, safeguarding key corridors and travel hubs, and phasing infrastructure with development so that there is a genuine choice of mode from first occupation. This reflects the area's growth and travel patterns, helps manage congestion, and supports accessible, inclusive and high-quality places.

4. Connecting homes, disadvantaged areas and the wider region to the economic opportunity of Cambridge

- 2.11 Broadening access to the benefits of Greater Cambridge's economy to the wider region is an imperative. Inclusive growth involves reducing transport related social exclusion, recognising that access to jobs, education, healthcare, services and amenities varies significantly across Greater Cambridge.
- 2.12 It points to better inter-urban, urban and rural public transport, improved affordability, information and reliability, stronger interchange with rail stations and travel hubs, and safer, more direct active travel routes. It also recognises the role of shared and demand-responsive transport and local solutions, especially in lower-density and rural areas. This objective is not just about longer-distance travel to Cambridge, but about improving everyday access to opportunity while supporting quality-of-place in neighbourhood centres, market towns and villages. By improving connectivity and improving conditions for walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport, healthier, safer and more resilient places can that share in Greater Cambridge's economic success.

5. Reducing emissions and enhancing the local environment

- 2.13 Reducing emissions from transport and travel, while protecting and enhancing the local environment across Greater Cambridge. It responds to both the area's declared climate emergency and the wider environmental impacts of transport, including air quality, noise, severance and pressure on sensitive habitats, landscapes, and historic environments. It recognises that technology alone will not be enough, and that a broader approach is needed to cut emissions and environmental harm, support nature recovery, while continuing to support sustainable growth.
- 2.14 Achieving this objective requires giving people more alternatives to private car travel so that they have a choice of modes and are not car-dependent. This includes better integration of transport and land use, clearer priority between modes to manage congestion and improve connectivity, more efficient freight and servicing, stronger travel hubs and interchanges, and support for lower-emission vehicles where car travel remains necessary. Together, these measures help cut carbon emissions, improve air quality and noise, and make the transport system more resilient to climate risks such

as extreme heat, flooding and disruption. It also requires active consideration of the transport network as corridors and places to connect habitats and enhance biodiversity.

Policy ‘golden thread’

- 2.15 This Strategy sits within a clear policy hierarchy that links national missions and transport priorities to regional and local growth, connectivity and environmental objectives as shown in Table 2.1.
 - 2.16 At the national level, the Government’s *Plan for Change* focuses on raising living standards, accelerating housing and infrastructure delivery, breaking down barriers to opportunity, and advancing clean energy and net zero. The Department for Transport’s *Better Connected* strategy translates these wider missions into transport priorities centred on accessibility, affordability, dependable journeys, healthier communities, stronger alignment between transport and development, and better local decision-making.
 - 2.17 At the wider regional level, England’s Economic Heartland’s Regional Transport Strategy emphasises connectivity as an enabler of economic transformation, inclusive growth, decarbonisation, and a whole-system approach to movement across the Oxford–Cambridge growth corridor.
 - 2.18 At the CPCA level, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport and Connectivity Plan provides the statutory framework for a better, faster, greener and more accessible network that supports health, fairness, economic growth and environmental protection.
 - 2.19 The Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy translates this hierarchy into a place-specific set of objectives for Greater Cambridge and, in turn, supports the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan’s vision for climate resilience, thriving neighbourhoods, reduced car dependency, sustainable growth and high-quality places.
- It also provides a framework to support the wider vision for the region set out in the Local Growth Plan and the Government’s ‘Case for Cambridge’ being delivered by the Cambridge Growth Company.

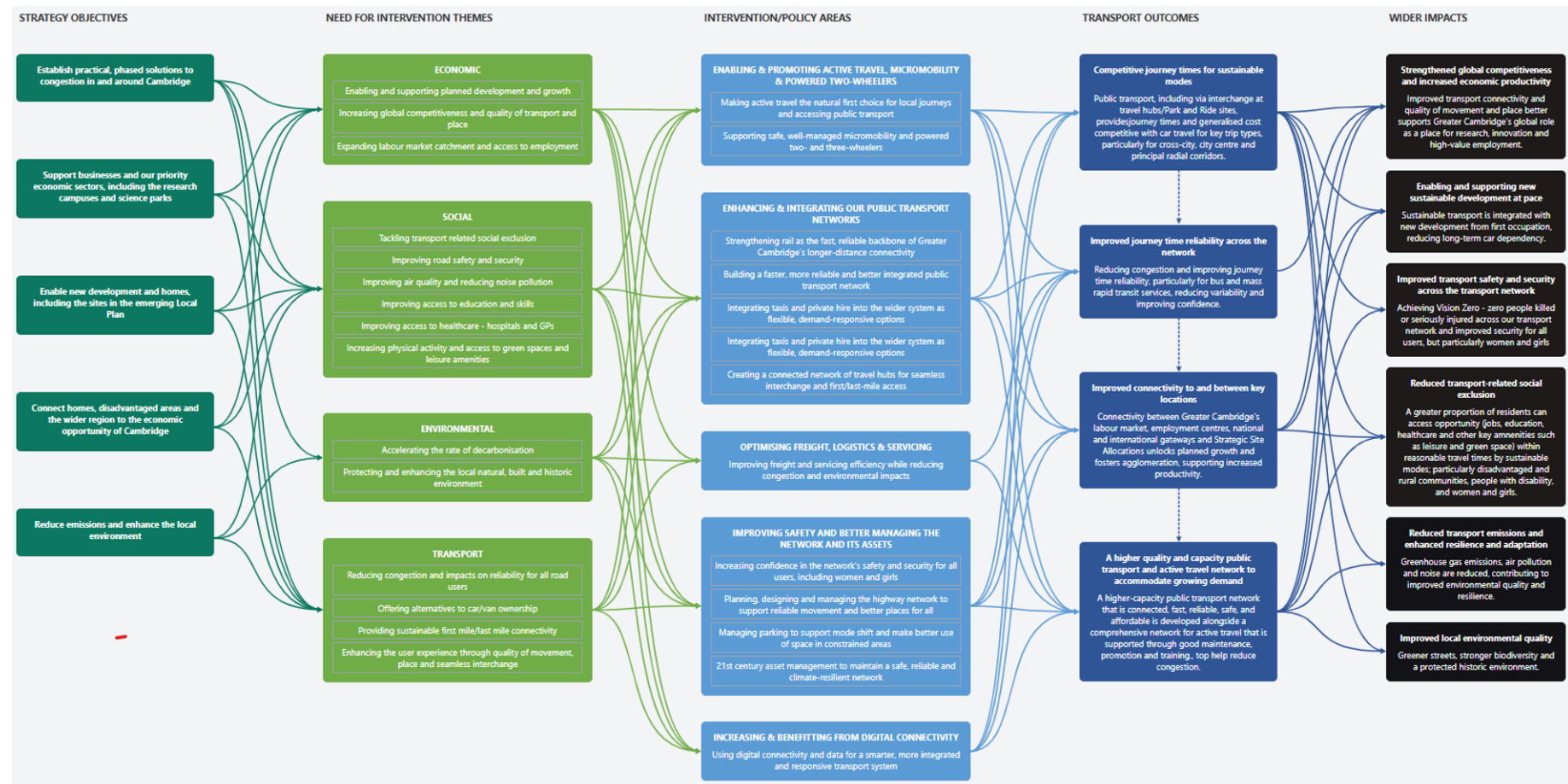
Case for change

- 2.20 The case for change is that Greater Cambridge cannot continue to rely on patterns of travel and investment that increase congestion, car dependency and environmental pressure. A different approach is required: one that begins with the desired future outcomes for people and place, aligns transport and land use, and then identifies the combination of interventions needed to achieve those outcomes. This is the Strategy’s theory of change (shown in Figure 2.1 overleaf). By improving active travel and public transport connectivity and priority, making interchange between modes more seamless, safeguarding future corridors, and coordinating transport with growth including targeted highway interventions where needed, the Strategy aims to produce better connectivity, healthier communities, greater inclusion, improved economic performance and lower environmental impacts over time.

Table 2.1: Policy ‘Golden Thread’

Draft Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy objectives	Department for Transport’s Integrated National Transport Strategy	England’s Economic Heartland’s Regional Transport Strategy	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Local Growth Plan	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Local Transport & Connectivity Plan	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning’s emerging Local Plan
Establishing practical, phased solutions to congestion in and around Cambridge	Links most strongly to dependable journeys, healthier communities, aligning transport and development, and optimising decision-making and appraisal.	Links to the whole-system approach, managing strategic movements more effectively, and improving east-west and intra-regional connectivity.	Improves transport connectivity everywhere and unlock key infrastructure gaps that hold back growth, especially in Global City Cambridge and the wider regional network.	Supports the LTCP goals for a better, faster, greener and more accessible network, with improved public transport, health outcomes and lower emissions.	Supports the plan’s focus on reducing reliance on the private car, improving quality of life, and enabling sustainable growth in a constrained urban environment.
Supporting businesses and our priority economic sectors, including the research campuses and science parks	Links to aligning transport and development, dependable journeys, championing data and technology, and empowering local leaders to support economic productivity.	Links to the strategy’s emphasis on economic transformation, regional connectivity, gateway access and supporting the Oxford–Cambridge growth corridor.	Directly supports the focus on six high-growth sectors and Opportunity Zones by improving access to research campuses, science parks, labour markets and international gateways.	Supports the LTCP mission for transport to be the backbone of sustainable economic growth in which everyone can prosper.	Supports the plan’s jobs, infrastructure and sustainable growth themes, including access to employment land, innovation clusters and strategic sites.
Enabling new development and homes, including the sites in the emerging Local Plan	Links most strongly to aligning transport and development, empowering local leaders, and optimising decision-making and appraisal.	Supports the strategy’s emphasis on planned growth, strategic connectivity and infrastructure that enables sustainable development across the wider region.	Supports quality placemaking for new homes and communities, aligning transport investment and safeguarding with the delivery of strategic growth locations.	Supports the LTCP objective of ensuring that growth in housing and jobs is accompanied by sustainable, integrated and lower-carbon transport provision.	Directly supports the plan’s development strategy, site allocations, infrastructure theme, thriving neighbourhoods and reduced car dependency.
Connecting homes, disadvantaged areas and the wider region to the economic opportunity of Cambridge	Links most strongly to making travel accessible and affordable, creating healthier communities, simplifying information and payments, and providing dependable journeys.	Supports the inclusive-by-design principle, better regional connectivity, and stronger links between homes, labour markets and key services.	Meets the ambition to spread prosperity across every part of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by improving access to opportunity, jobs, skills and services in Cambridge and other areas.	Directly supports the LTCP’s goals on fairness, accessibility, health, inclusion and bringing cities, market towns and rural areas closer together.	Supports the plan’s wellbeing and social inclusion, infrastructure, accessibility and sustainable transport themes, helping connect communities to jobs and services more fairly.
Reducing emissions and enhancing the local environment	Links most strongly to healthier communities, aligning transport and development, dependable journeys, and supporting lower-carbon and more resilient travel choices.	Supports the strategy’s focus on decarbonisation, environmental stewardship, resilience, and a whole-system approach to sustainable movement across the region.	Supports the priority to address infrastructure constraints in energy, water and transport while enabling cleaner growth, resilient places and better environmental outcomes.	Directly supports the LTCP goals for a greener, healthier and more resilient transport network with lower emissions and better environmental outcomes.	Supports the plan’s climate change, biodiversity, environmental quality, design and healthy place themes, helping reduce emissions and enhance the local environment.

Figure 2.1: Theory of change linking Strategy objectives, intervention packages and intended outcomes



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3 Our overarching strategy

Introduction

- 3.1 This chapter explains how the Strategy will be delivered in practice. Chapter 2 set out the vision, objectives and case for change; this chapter and the thematic strategies that follow set out the policy approach, decision-making principles and intervention priorities that will translate those ambitions into a coherent, deliverable transport programme for Greater Cambridge.

Policy principles

- 3.2 The overarching strategy is grounded in a vision-led approach to transport and land-use planning, consistent with national and local adopted policies, plans and guidance.

Planning for healthy people and thriving places

- 3.3 The Strategy prioritises outcomes for people and place, not simply vehicle movement. In line with the NPPF's requirement for transport issues to be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making using a vision-led approach, the transport network should be planned and managed so that streets, spaces and corridors support healthy, safe, attractive and inclusive places as well as movement. This means applying a movement and place framework to the design and management of streets and corridors, embedding Healthy Streets principles, and using transport policy to reinforce design quality, public realm and the competitiveness of Greater Cambridge as a place to live, work, visit and invest. High-quality place and design standards should therefore be treated as core transport outcomes of the Strategy, alongside accessibility.
- 3.4 Rather than prioritising a particular transport mode in all circumstances, decisions will be informed by route function, the character of the surrounding area, and the needs of residents, businesses and visitors. This recognises that different modes contribute in different ways to network efficiency, economic performance, environmental, accessibility and inclusion outcomes, as well as quality of place. The aim is to apply the right transport solutions to the right locations, supporting people and goods to move more efficiently while fostering communities with a sense of place.
- 3.5 This strengthens alignment with the emerging Local Plan's aim to enable sustainable growth but must be applied in a place-specific context; recognising that on some corridors, for example on the Strategic Road Network (Motorways and 'trunk' A roads managed and maintained by National Highways), motorised vehicles will continue to play an important role.

3.6 When planning and managing streets, corridors and transport interventions, **consideration will generally be given to the following modes** in terms of how they can support key outcomes, quality of place, and the needs of different users:

- **Walking, wheeling and access for all:** Including people with disabilities, older people, children, carers and people using mobility aids and prams – ensuring safe, direct, comfortable and inclusive routes alongside high-quality public realm and wayfinding.
- **Cycling, micromobility and equestrians:** Including conventional cycles, e-bikes, adapted cycles and horse riders – providing coherent, attractive and appropriately designed routes.
- **Public transport:** Bus, coach, mass rapid transit and rail, including to/from park and ride sites, and mobility hubs – supporting improved reliability, journey times, interchange quality and passenger experience, as well as first- and last-mile access.
- **Shared mobility and pooled travel:** Including car clubs, shared taxis, demand responsive transport and emerging shared services – broadening travel choices, particularly where there are opportunities to widen access and make the transport network more inclusive.
- **Essential freight, servicing and access:** Including deliveries, servicing activity, emergency services and access for those who need to drive – managed efficiently and safely, using consolidation, time-window management and appropriate vehicle types.
- **General private motor traffic:** Cars, vans and other private vehicles – balancing safety, accessibility, network efficiency, economic performance, environmental objectives and the needs of other road users, while recognising their continued importance in journeys across different routes and places.

3.7 The Strategy considers the **phasing of interventions** to reflect both the feasibility of short-term delivery and the sequencing required to support planned growth and a **progressive build-up and build-out of the transport network** across and within modes, including across sub-modes such as bus and mass rapid transit, as different elements of the public transport network are delivered and strengthened over time:

- **In the short term,** priority is given to bus-based improvements, including priority, service enhancements and operational measures, to deliver immediate improvements in reliability, journey times and network efficiency. Initial high-quality public transport corridors, such as Cambourne-Cambridge, will also be developed and delivered.
- **In the medium term,** these improvements are complemented by further delivery of high-quality public transport corridors, initially bus-based but also mass rapid transit for cross-city, city centre and potential orbital routes around Cambridge, providing faster, more reliable and higher-capacity connections across Greater Cambridge.
- **In the longer term,** these corridors provide the foundation for a potential Greater Cambridge mass rapid transit network, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case.

Movement and Place Framework for Greater Cambridge

- 3.8 The Strategy applies a Movement and Place Framework to guide how streets, corridors and hubs are planned, designed and managed. It recognises their dual function:
- **Movement:** moving people and goods efficiently and reliably (by all modes).
 - **Place:** supporting local activity, exchange, social interaction, economic vitality, and environmental quality.
- 3.9 The framework classifies streets into ‘**types**’ based on the relative significance of their movement and place roles, with each type associated with **priorities** and a ‘toolbox’ of **typical interventions**. In Greater Cambridge this enables a coherent approach across very different contexts, including the historic core, district and market town centres, science campuses and business parks, growth corridors, station and travel hub locations, towns and villages, and rural locations. A draft **Movement and Place Framework for Greater Cambridge** is presented in Figure 3.1 overleaf. It is based on a three-by-three matrix of movement and place functions from more ‘local’ to ‘strategic’. For each of the nine ‘types’, priorities and typical interventions are shown in Table 3.1.
- 3.10 It guides where and how that priority is expressed - building on a people-centred approach to also be place-centred. It provides a consistent basis for making trade-offs where space is constrained, and for aligning street design and network management decisions with the Strategy’s objectives.
- 3.11 It aligns with the Department for Transport’s *Manual for Streets* that articulates that some streets are not only traffic corridors but also have important public realm functions and will be designed with wider community needs in mind.
- 3.12 It supports the emerging Local Plan:
- **Aligning transport with the Local Plan’s spatial strategy:** The framework recognises that streets and corridors perform both movement and place functions, and that these roles vary across the city, market towns, villages, rural areas, and growth locations. This supports focusing development on sustainable locations.
 - **Operationalising sustainable transport policies:** The framework operationalises the Local Plan’s sustainable transport policies (notably **Policy I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity**) into street and corridor design. This helps the Local Plan’s transport policies to be deliverable and effective.
 - **Supporting high-quality place-making and design:** The framework reinforces the Local Plan’s design-led approach (Policy I/ID: Infrastructure and delivery and Policy I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity) by making quality of place a core transport outcome rather than a secondary consideration. It strengthens the Local Plan’s case that transport infrastructure will enhance quality of places.
 - **Enabling sustainable growth and strategic site delivery:** For strategic site allocations in the emerging Local Plan, the Movement & Place framework helps demonstrate that growth locations should be served sustainably from the outset.
 - **Supporting health and environmental objectives:** By managing trade-offs between movement and place, modal option choice will increase and provides a basis for integrating biodiversity and climate resilience into transport interventions.

- 3.13 The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority will develop operational guidance for use of the framework working with local partners, including mapping the Greater Cambridge transport network to the nine movement and place 'types'.

Applying the framework in practice

- 3.14 The Movement and Place Framework will be applied consistently across Greater Cambridge, but flexed to reflect the function, context and character of different places, including the historic city centre, neighbourhood centres, growth corridors, market towns and rural villages. In practice this means:
- **Street and corridor design:** Using the framework to guide space allocation, junction design, signal priorities and public realm, particularly where trade-offs are required.
 - **Investment and programme prioritisation:** Prioritising schemes that improve walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport outcomes, especially where they also support congestion reduction, inclusion and climate objectives, but recognising that in some locations targeted highway capacity measures may also be required.
 - **Growth and development:** Ensuring that new development is designed around the framework from the outset, with high-quality active travel and public transport access provided early, so that a choice of modes is provided available rather than retrofitted later.
 - **Rural and peripheral areas:** Applying the framework in ways that recognise different densities and travel needs, including the role of demand responsive transport, travel hubs and shared mobility where fixed-route services are less viable.
 - **Quality of place:** Using the framework to support healthier streets, reduced traffic dominance, better air quality, improved safety and attractive and inclusive spaces.
- 3.15 This approach directly supports the emerging Local Plan's objectives to reduce car dependency and enable sustainable travel (**Policy I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity**), while also aligning with the Plan's wider design and placemaking objectives (**Policy GP/QP**) by helping ensure that streets and corridors support high-quality, attractive and well-functioning places. It helps demonstrate that growth is aligned with a transport system that is positively prepared and effective.

Figure 3.1: Draft Movement and Place Framework for Greater Cambridge

Movement & Place Framework for Greater Cambridge		Place function		
		P1: Local/Low place function Residential neighbourhoods and lower intensity housing and employment zones	P2: District District, town and neighbourhood centres	P3: Core Major civic and cultural areas
Movement function	M3: Strategic Regionally significant flows for freight and strategic travel	A: Strategic corridors and hubs Strategic and Key Route Networks where place activity is limited (e.g. M11; A14; A10 north of Cambridge)	B: Strategic corridors through sensitive places Strategic links cutting through urban and larger village contexts (e.g. A1301 through Great Shelford, A10 S of Cambridge)	C: Urban gateways Major gateways to urban areas and key urban retail/leisure corridors (e.g. Cambridge Station)
	M2: City region Key corridors connecting settlements, major employment centres, and stations/travel hubs	D: Connectors Inter-urban links serving commuting and other trips between settlements (e.g. Milton Road Park & Ride; A1307 Cambridge to Haverhill)	E: Local high streets District, neighbourhood, town and larger village high streets (e.g. High Street, Cambourne)	F: City streets Major urban corridors for civic functions, culture/leisure, retail and hospitality (e.g. Regent Street, Cambridge)
	M1: Local Local access and circulation, typically with low through movement significance	G: Local and rural links School streets, local distributor streets, rural lanes, Greenway routes, links between villages, local access to travel hubs	H: Business park, town and larger village cores Endpoints of journeys including district, town and village cores (e.g. Cambridge Science Park, Northstowe Green)	I: City places Places of major significance with high levels of localised activity (e.g. King's Parade, Cambridge)

Table 3.1: Movement and Place types – priorities and typical transport interventions

Movement and Place ‘Type’	Key priorities	Typical transport interventions
A: Strategic corridor and hubs	Network resilience, safety, freight reliability, emissions/noise mitigation.	Managed lanes/incident response, junction optimisation, freight management, environmental mitigation (barriers, planting), safe crossings at severance points, targeted capacity measures where required.
B: Strategic Corridor through Sensitive Places	Movement maintained but place protection strengthened (safety, severance, air quality).	Speed management at “place pinch points”, upgraded crossings, bus priority where applicable, traffic signal co-ordination, HGV re-routing; delivery time windows, corridor adjacent public realm and greening packages.
C: Urban gateways	High pedestrian volumes, legibility, safety, seamless interchange, cycle parking, servicing managed.	Pedestrian priority crossings, wayfinding, cycle parking capacity, taxi/private hire vehicle management, bus interchange design, micro mobility provision.
D: Connectors	High quality sustainable movement (bus priority, cycling continuity, travel hubs).	Continuous cycle protection, bus lane/queue bypass, junction re design for buses/cycles, mobility hubs at key nodes.
E: Local high streets	Increasing footfall, safe access, efficient kerbside operations, through-traffic constrained.	Speed management, controlled parking/loading, bus stop upgrades, safe crossings, public realm enhancements, greening, cycle parking.
F: City streets	Reliable public transport, safe walking/cycling, high-quality public realm.	Bus/mass-transit priority, loading/servicing management, widened footways, protected cycle lanes, kerbside controls, public realm enhancements, landscaping including tree canopy and sustainable urban drainage.
G: Local and rural links	Safe active travel connectivity, inclusive access, permeability for walking/cycling, reduced dominance of traffic, appropriate rural speeds, integration.	Segregated/quiet route provision and upgrades for active travel, junction/crossing safety, lighting/wayfinding where appropriate, demand responsive transport, hub access improvements.
H: Business park, town and larger village cores	Safe active travel access, pleasant places to spend time, public transport connectivity, through-traffic constrained.	School streets, footway/crossing upgrades, cycle permeability including lanes/quiet routes and parking, local bus stop accessibility, , parking managed, public realm enhancements neighbourhood greening.
I: City places	Walking/wheeling first, cycling carefully integrated, servicing strictly managed, general traffic de-emphasised.	Access management, timed servicing windows, high-quality public realm, continuous accessible footways, protected junction treatments where cycling permitted.

Healthy Streets approach

- 3.16 The Strategy embeds a **Healthy Streets approach**, ensuring transport investment improves health, wellbeing and quality of life alongside connectivity.
- 3.17 In Greater Cambridge, this supports the Local Plan's aims for healthy, inclusive communities and accessible neighbourhoods (**Policies WS/HD, I/ID and I/ST**). It is particularly relevant in high-demand locations such as radial corridors, major growth areas and local centres where street design influences travel choices. By improving safety, reducing traffic dominance, enhancing air quality and creating more attractive and inclusive streets, transport interventions help deliver mode shift while also supporting public health, social inclusion and equality outcomes.
- 3.18 Figure 3.2 summarises the Healthy Streets principles, which focus on creating streets that are healthy, safe, inclusive and attractive for everyone, and shows how they can be applied in Greater Cambridge to support better street and corridor design.

Figure 3.2: Healthy Streets principles



High-quality place-making, design and quality standards

- 3.19 High-quality place-making is a **core transport outcome**, not a secondary consideration. The Strategy aligns transport delivery with the Local Plan's requirements for **high-quality design, climate resilience and sustainable communities (Policies GP/QP, I/ID and I/ST)**.
- 3.20 Across Greater Cambridge—whether in the historic core, urban extensions, market towns or villages—transport infrastructure must be designed to reinforce local character, improve the public realm and support thriving places. This includes high standards of design, accessibility and integration with surrounding land uses from the outset of development.
- 3.21 Embedding clear quality and design expectations ensures that transport investment supports **well-designed, attractive and resilient places**, strengthens the case for sustainable growth, and contributes directly to the Plan's tests of soundness.

Summary

- 3.22 This principle helps demonstrate that the emerging Local Plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy by:
- **Positively prepared:** showing how the proposed scale and distribution of growth can be supported through a clear framework for healthier places, access by a choice of modes, and streets and corridors that work for both movement and place.
 - **Justified:** providing an evidence-based rationale for why the Movement and Place Framework and Healthy Streets approach together represent an appropriate strategy for Greater Cambridge.
 - **Effective:** linking high-level strategy to practical design, network management and programme decisions, so that policy principles can inform corridor planning, scheme development, growth delivery and day-to-day transport decision-making.
 - **Consistent with national policy:** aligning with the Manual for Streets and current DfT guidance by applying a vision-led, place-based approach that integrates transport, land use, accessibility, health, climate resilience and design quality. The Strategy will give due consideration to the NPPF, including its approach to traffic management and mode shift.

Connectivity and access for all

Importance of connectivity

- 3.23 Alongside the Strategy's commitment to healthy people and thriving places, this principle focuses more specifically on whether people can reach the destinations they need in a safe, affordable, reliable and inclusive way. It supports improved connectivity by a choice of modes to and from communities and key destinations across Greater Cambridge, responding to differing levels of need, varying local contexts and the range of journeys people make day to day. Accessibility is understood broadly: not only in terms of journey time, capacity or congestion, but also affordability, physical accessibility, personal safety, comfort, confidence, legibility and access to information. In practice, this means planning the transport system so that people have a genuine choice about how they travel for daily needs, whether they live in Cambridge neighbourhoods, edge-of-city communities, new settlements and strategic sites, or rural villages and market towns. It also means aligning land use and transport so that homes, jobs, education, healthcare and local services are planned in ways that support travel by a choice of modes, consistent with the Local Plan's emphasis on connectivity and reduced reliance on the private car (**Policy I/ST**), with infrastructure delivered in step with development (**Policy I/ID**).
- 3.24 The Connectivity Baseline Report provides the starting point for understanding current patterns of connectivity across Greater Cambridge, including differences between Cambridge, the major new settlements, market towns, larger villages and more rural communities.
- 3.25 Building on that evidence, Table 3.2 sets out the proposed connectivity outcome targets that the Strategy will use to guide priorities and assess progress over time. These are intended to translate the baseline evidence into a clearer set of place-sensitive expectations for public transport, walking, wheeling and wider network access across different settlement types. The proposed outcome targets are across all key modes and are set to provide travellers with a real choice for key journeys.

Table 3.2: Proposed connectivity outcomes and indicative access targets by settlement type

Settlement Type	Destination target (public transport + walk/wheel)	Transport Network Access Target	Rationale
City (Cambridge)	< 30 minutes to multiple employment, education, and healthcare destinations	Within a five minute* walk/wheel of a bus stop and within 450m of a Tier 1 or 2 Active Travel Route	Reflects urban density, service availability and ambitions set for short journeys in the CPCA LTCP. Public transport connectivity aligns with the GCLP. Active Travel targets align with the Cambridge Active Travel Strategy.
Towns (Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach New Town)	< 45 minutes to at least one major employment centre and one further/sixth-form education destination	Within a five minute* walk/wheel of a bus stop and within 450m of a Tier 1 or 2 Active Travel Route	These targets align with DfT accessibility evidence and Movement strategies for similar town locations identified in the GCLP and the Cambridge Active Travel Strategy
Major Rural Centres (Histon & Impington, Great Shelford & Stapleford, Sawston, Bourn Airfield)	<60 minutes to at least one major employment centre and one further/sixth-form education destination	Within a five minute* walk/wheel of a bus stop and within 450m of a Tier 1 or 2 Active Travel Route	The 60-minute envelope aligned to DfT connectivity metrics and accepted rural travel realities as well as aligning with Cambridge Active Travel ambitions.
Minor Rural Centres	<90 minutes to at least one key service facility (education, healthcare, town centre)	Within a five minute* walk/wheel of a bus stop and within 450m of a Tier 1 or 2 Active Travel Route	The targets identified reflect the LTCP emphasis on access, and aligns with the Cambridge Active Travel Strategy
Group Villages	Hourly bus service frequency to the nearest town or major rural centre for onwards travel	Within 450m of a Tier 2 Active Travel Route	Consistent with NPPF recognition of different rural contexts and aligns with the rural context of the Cambridge Active Travel Strategy with Tier 2 routes serving rural locations

Settlement Type	Destination target (public transport + walk/wheel)	Transport Network Access Target	Rationale
Infill Villages	No fixed target, focus on non-car dependency to nearby centres, not direct city access	No fixed transport network access target.	Policy acknowledges limitations; risk-based rather than target-based approach.

* Five minutes is typically equated to 400 metres

Inclusive access and everyday journeys

- 3.26 Delivering this principle in practice starts with making the transport network usable for everyone, including disabled people, older people, children, carers and people using mobility aids. The Strategy therefore places particular weight on inclusive design quality: removing physical barriers, improving crossings and junctions, managing footway obstructions, and ensuring routes are continuous, direct and comfortable. This is central to providing realistic travel options for a much wider range of people. These measures align with the Local Plan's objectives for creating healthy developments and supporting wellbeing (**Policy WS/HD**), and embedding sustainable travel outcomes through the design of development and supporting infrastructure (**Policies I/ST and I/ID**).
- 3.27 A connected network also depends on the practical features that make general travel workable day to day: secure and accessible cycle parking, including for adapted and cargo cycles; good lighting where appropriate; clear wayfinding and information; and convenient waiting and interchange environments. These elements often determine whether a journey feels safe, understandable and manageable, particularly for people with lower confidence or limited mobility. Improving them helps turn network investment into real access gains for different communities and user groups, reinforcing expectations for transport infrastructure and connectivity (**Policy I/ST**).

Rural connectivity and integrated journeys

- 3.28 For many residents outside Cambridge, access depends on the ability to combine modes: safe local active travel links to bus stops, rail stations and travel hubs, and reliable, affordable services that make longer journeys feasible without a need for car ownership. The Strategy therefore supports an integrated approach in which travel hubs function as practical interchange points for rural and edge-of-city areas, linking bus, future Mass Rapid Transit, heavy rail, demand responsive services and shared mobility, and are connected by high-quality walking, wheeling and cycling routes. This aligns with the Local Plan's approach to travel hub facilities (**Policy I/TH**) and the wider transport and connectivity policy framework (**Policy I/ST**), while also supporting the spatial strategy (**Policy S/DS**) by strengthening access to key nodes, centres and growth locations.
- 3.29 In rural and lower-density areas, the focus is on strengthening the links that most directly reduce exclusion: safe routes to schools and village colleges, local centres, healthcare and key interchange points, and connections into strategic corridors and Greenways where they provide the most useful everyday access. The Strategy recognises that solutions will need to be tailored to context, combining new and upgraded routes, safer crossings and junction treatments, and, where appropriate, traffic management to make conditions safer for walking, wheeling and cycling. This complements the Local Plan's commitment to sustainable patterns of development that support low-carbon travel and the climate emergency response (**Policy CC/SD**), the wider transition to net zero outcomes (**Policy CC/NZ**), and the integration of green infrastructure, landscape and water-sensitive design through corridor and route improvements (**Policies BG/GI and CC/IW**).

- 3.30 Finally, the Strategy will pay particular attention to whose accessibility is being improved, using evidence on transport disadvantage to help target interventions towards communities with lower access to jobs, services and education. This supports inclusive growth and the Local Plan's wellbeing objectives (**Policy WS/HD**), while also contributing to climate and environmental goals by enabling more trips by sustainable modes. Where access improvements are delivered through corridor and hub schemes, the Strategy also promotes integrating green and blue infrastructure and nature-based solutions—such as shade, planting, habitat connectivity and sustainable drainage—so that the network supports biodiversity and water outcomes as well as movement (**Policies BG/GI and CC/IW**).

Summary

- 3.31 This principle helps demonstrate that the emerging Local Plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy by:
- **Positively prepared:** showing how the Local Plan's scale and distribution of growth can be supported by a transport strategy that improves access to jobs, services and opportunity across Greater Cambridge, including for rural communities, disadvantaged areas and new development locations.
 - **Justified:** providing an evidence-based rationale for improving inclusive access through better active travel, public transport, travel hubs, shared mobility and first- and last-mile connections, reflecting current patterns of accessibility and transport disadvantage across Greater Cambridge.
 - **Effective:** linking the Strategy's accessibility principles to practical interventions such as travel hubs, demand responsive transport, Greenways, safer interchange and corridor-based public transport investment, so that wider access gains can be delivered in practice over time.
 - **Consistent with national policy:** aligning with the NPPF and current DfT guidance by promoting accessible, affordable and inclusive travel, reducing transport disadvantage, and supporting integrated, place-sensitive solutions across both urban and rural parts of Greater Cambridge.

Supporting sustainable development

- 3.32 The Strategy supports the Local Plan's development strategy by aligning transport and growth so that development is focused on locations where there is, or can be, a genuine choice of modes, where access to jobs, services and facilities can be provided with less reliance on the private car, and where supporting infrastructure can be planned alongside development from the outset. This reflects the wider approach to sustainable development, which is to meet homes, jobs and infrastructure needs in ways that support thriving neighbourhoods, reduce carbon emissions and protect the environment. It is also consistent with the Local Plan's development strategy (**Policy S/DS**), which prioritises development within Cambridge, on the edge of Cambridge, at expanded and new settlements, and in the well-connected more rural locations (**Policy I/ST**). In practice, this means compact and connected patterns of growth, early provision of walking, wheeling and cycling links, public transport corridors and travel hubs where appropriate, and a clear relationship between the timing of development and the delivery of the infrastructure needed to support travel choice from the outset. It also means that the Strategy should be capable of informing decisions not only under the growth levels identified in the emerging Local Plan, but also under wider long-term growth scenarios where additional homes and jobs are being considered, so that transport infrastructure can continue to be planned alongside development in a coordinated and sustainable way.

Coordinating growth, phasing and infrastructure delivery

- 3.33 A sustainable development strategy depends on getting the sequencing right. Where new communities, employment sites and intensification come forward, the transport offer must be in place early enough to shape travel choices from first occupation, consistent with the Local Plan's requirements for infrastructure delivery and phasing (**Policy I/ID**) and the provision of sustainable transport and connectivity (**Policy I/ST**). That means delivering the 'everyday' networks first—safe walking, wheeling and cycling routes to local centres, schools and public transport stops—alongside early public transport service quality and priority measures that make sustainable modes competitive. It also means that masterplanning, street layouts, junctions and parking are designed to support travel choice outcomes and public transport corridor function, rather than locking in car-dependent patterns that become difficult and expensive to reverse later, but recognising that car use will continue to be important for some journeys depending on their user, purpose, and their origin and destination and time of day and week.
- 3.34 For strategic sites, the Strategy supports a clear set of infrastructure triggers, delivery responsibilities and safeguarded alignments so that development phasing is aligned with the capacity and performance of the wider network (**Policy I/ID**) and with any requirements to protect important infrastructure for future delivery (**Policy I/SI**). This includes: (i) defining minimum early-phase sustainable access requirements (continuous active travel links, bus priority, travel hub provision and high-quality interchange) consistent with **Policies I/ST and I/TH**; (ii) identifying medium-term upgrades linked to growth thresholds and network mitigation (**Policies I/ST and I/ID**); and (iii) setting out longer-term public transport corridor and rail interventions, including safeguarded mass rapid transit corridors (**Policies I/ST and I/SI**). Embedding these triggers within the development strategy strengthens the Local Plan's infrastructure

delivery narrative and helps demonstrate that growth is achievable without an over-dependence on private car use, by linking allocations to realistic, timed investment arrangements.

Safeguarding corridors and aligning transport with growth

- 3.35 In Greater Cambridge, supporting sustainable development also requires safeguarding the routes and sites needed to serve growth over time. The Strategy therefore supports safeguarding public transport corridors, station access, travel hub sites and active travel alignments where there is a clear strategic case, so that future phases of development can be served by high-quality transport provision rather than relying on retrofit. This reflects the emerging Local Plan's approach to safeguarding important infrastructure (**Policy I/SI**) and its wider emphasis on locating and designing development so that travel choices are available and can be strengthened over time (**Policy I/ST**). It is particularly important in the main growth corridors and strategic allocations identified through the Local Plan, where early decisions about land use, access and street layout can either enable or constrain future public transport capacity and high-quality walking, wheeling and cycling connections.
- 3.36 This principle also supports the Local Plan's infrastructure-led approach by linking corridor safeguarding directly to phasing and delivery. Safeguarded routes and sites provide greater certainty about how strategic allocations and longer-term growth locations can be served, and they strengthen the basis for infrastructure requirements to be identified, secured and brought forward in step with development (**Policy I/ID**). In this way, safeguarding is not only a matter of protecting transport infrastructure: it is part of ensuring that growth remains consistent with the spatial strategy in **Policy S/DS**, supports sustainable transport and connectivity (**Policy I/ST**), and protects the delivery of future infrastructure (**Policy I/SI**). It is distinct from **planning for healthy people and thriving places**, which is concerned primarily with the quality and liveability of streets and places, and from **connectivity and access for all**, which focuses on widening access to opportunity across existing communities and the wider region. Here, the emphasis is on ensuring that new development is planned around the transport infrastructure it will need and phased accordingly.

Summary

- 3.37 This principle helps demonstrate that the emerging Local Plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy by:
- **Positively prepared:** showing how the Local Plan's scale and distribution of growth can be supported by a transport strategy that aligns development with access by a choice of modes, infrastructure delivery and reduced long-term car dependency from the outset.
 - **Justified:** providing an evidence-based rationale for coordinating growth, phasing and transport investment, and for safeguarding the corridors, sites and access arrangements needed to support a deliverable development strategy.
 - **Effective:** linking the Strategy's principles to practical requirements for infrastructure triggers, delivery responsibilities, safeguarded alignments and phasing, so that strategic sites and growth corridors can be supported in practice over time.

- **Consistent with national policy:** aligning with the NPPF and current DfT guidance by planning transport and land use together, supporting sustainable patterns of development, and considering infrastructure needs from the earliest stages of plan-making.

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Key interventions

- 3.38 Table 3.1 shows the role each main intervention group in the Strategy has in contribute to each of the five Strategy objectives. It distinguishes between a 'primary' and 'supporting' role, recognising that many interventions are cross-cutting and contribute to multiple objectives at the same time. The table shows that the Strategy depends on both cross-cutting measures and corridor- or place-based packages rather than any single intervention type. Active travel, public transport, and city access, parking and servicing are the strongest shared levers across the objectives, while the north, west, south, east and rural packages target the specific growth, access and network challenges.

Table 3.3: Alignment of objectives and intervention types

Intervention group	Objective 1: Congestion	Objective 2: Access and inclusion	Objective 3: Economy and jobs	Objective 4: Growth and homes	Objective 5: Climate and environment
City access, parking and servicing	Primary	Supporting	Supporting	Primary	Primary
Greenways, LCWIP, and local active travel	Primary	Primary	Supporting	Supporting	Primary
Bus priority, shared mobility and mass rapid transit	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
Waterbeach and northern corridors	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Supporting
Cambourne and west corridor	Primary	Primary	Supporting	Primary	Supporting
South corridor including the southern cluster, stations and travel hubs	Primary	Supporting	Primary	Primary	Supporting
East corridor, Cambridge East and rail upgrades	Primary	Supporting	Primary	Primary	Supporting
Rural links, DRT and Greenway wheel	Supporting	Primary	Supporting	Supporting	Supporting
Targeted highway junction and corridor improvements	Primary	Supporting	Supporting	Primary	Supporting

- 3.39 Figure 3.3 overleaf provides a map of key interventions included within the Strategy. Further detail is provided in each of the thematic sections aligned to each objective, supported by transport related policies. From a development perspective, additional local and site-specific transport schemes are identified in the New Strategic Allocations Assessment Transport Mitigation Measures document currently being updated for Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service.

Figure 3.3: Map of key Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy rail, high quality public transport corridor and mass rapid transit interventions



Supporting documents

- 3.40 The overarching strategy should be read alongside the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan and other supporting evidence, including the Transport Evidence Report (October 2025), the New Strategic Allocations Assessment Transport Mitigation Measures document as noted above, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment. Together, these documents help demonstrate that the transport strategy is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.
- 3.41 Equalities considerations should inform both strategy development and scheme design. The Equalities Impact Assessment is therefore a key supporting document and should be used alongside accessibility, health, carbon and environmental evidence to shape priorities, mitigation measures and delivery decisions across the programme.

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4 Thematic strategies

Introduction

- 4.1 This chapter applies the overarching strategy to the main transport challenges and opportunities facing Greater Cambridge. Each thematic strategy draws on one of the objectives - explaining the case for change, the policy basis, the principal interventions, phased over time, supporting policies, and the relationship to the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Local Growth Plan.
- 4.2 Together, these thematic strategies should be read as complementary parts of a single, integrated transport approach rather than as separate workstreams. In practice, the same interventions often contribute to more than one theme/objective: measures that help manage congestion can also improve access to opportunity, support business productivity, enable growth and reduce environmental harm.
- 4.3 The structure is as follows:
- establishing practical, phased solutions to congestion, and its wider impacts, in and around Greater Cambridge;
 - supporting businesses and our priority economic sectors, including the research campuses and science parks;
 - enabling new development and homes, including the sites in the emerging Local Plan;
 - connecting homes, disadvantaged areas and the wider region to the economic opportunity of Cambridge; and
 - reducing emissions and enhancing the local environment.
- 4.4 The section is completed with supporting policies covering a relevant range of modal and thematic topics. These are not additional or instead of Local Plan transport related policies but to be considered in conjunction.

Establishing practical, phased, long-term solutions to congestion in and around Cambridge

Greater Cambridge's congestion is already constraining its global competitiveness and quality of place, so this strategy takes a practical, phased approach—improving bus reliability and priority now while delivering high-quality public transport corridors into the medium term, and planning and delivering those corridors with a view to full integration into a future mass rapid transit network, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case. This will also enable the area to support the transformational growth ambitions of the Local Growth Plan.

Context and case for change

- 4.5 Congestion in and around Cambridge is constraining access to jobs, education and services, reducing bus reliability, and weakening the quality of place that underpins the city's international competitiveness. The Strategy's underpinning Need for Intervention report shows that Greater Cambridge saw significant growth in traffic over the decade to 2019, with car traffic across radial cordons increasing by 10% and goods vehicle traffic by 38%, exacerbating delays, bus unreliability and unsafe conditions for cycling and walking. While the impacts of the Global COVID-19 Pandemic reduced demand temporarily, there has been a return to growth in travel demand over the past five years.
- 4.6 Congestion is particularly severe at strategic gateways such as the Milton Interchange (A10/A14) and at various M11 junctions, where average morning peak delays exceed three minutes, while in Cambridge traffic speeds can fall by up to 50% in peak periods. These pressures matter in a city region with around 208,000 jobs and a dense, globally significant concentration of professional, scientific, technical, education and health activity. A vision-led response is therefore required, consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and current local transport plan guidance, but also grounded in the practical need to manage street space more efficiently, improve first- and last-mile connections, and support a step change in travel choice.
- 4.7 For Cambridge itself, the most acute pressures are on radial corridors and within the city centre and inner suburbs, where high levels of demand are concentrated in a constrained historic urban environment. The attached report notes that, even where people arrive by rail, last-mile trips from Cambridge station into central areas are affected by narrow footways, clutter, difficult junctions and inconsistent wayfinding, while several orbital links with some of the highest cycle flows still lack dedicated, grade-separated active travel provision.
- 4.8 This matters because Greater Cambridge already has exceptionally strong potential for wider travel choice: 51% of people in Cambridge cycle between two kilometres and five kilometres to work, compared with 38% nationally, and 24% walk two kilometres to five kilometres compared with 4% nationally. A movement and place approach is therefore essential, focusing on high-quality public realm, walking, wheeling, cycling, servicing management and efficient access for essential users in the centre, alongside reliable public transport, safer junctions and better interchange on suburban and radial corridors.

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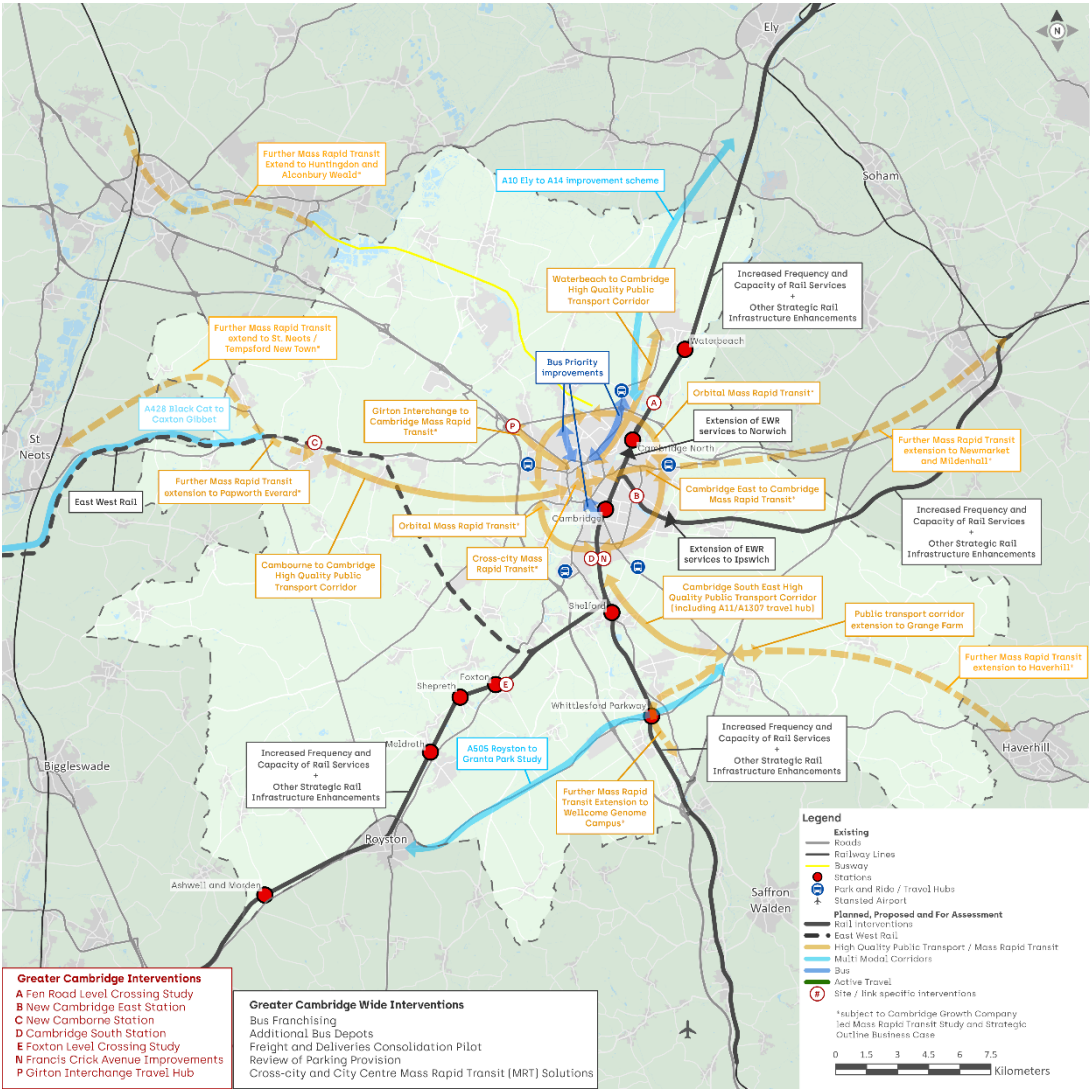
Key interventions

Overview

- 4.9 The interventions and supporting policies in this section are intended to change how the transport network functions; not simply adding capacity to it but improving connectivity.
- 4.10 In the short term, the focus is on measures that can begin to manage congestion better and improve connectivity and reliability of journeys for drivers, bus passengers and pedestrians and cyclists alike - improving the efficiency of existing streets and giving people transport choices to reduce the dependency on car usage for everyday trips. Greenways, early bus and rail improvements, local changes to kerbside management (for example, optimising management of deliveries and servicing), and freight consolidation will help to manage congestion and improve connectivity, improving reliability and make walking, cycling and public transport more attractive, including improving conditions for motorists through improved park and ride provision. In this period, the aim is to work towards public transport, including first- and last-mile connectivity and interchange via travel hubs and Park & Ride, having generalised journey times that are competitive with the private car for cross-city, city centre and key radial corridor movements, with that position achieved in the medium term. These early actions will also begin to discourage non-essential through traffic in Cambridge city centre and inner urban corridors, with the full effect achieved in the medium term. These early actions also reinforce the Strategy's wider policy approach by supporting healthier places, better public realm and more efficient use of limited street space in and around Cambridge.
- 4.11 Over the medium term, these early measures are strengthened by corridor-based investment that connects the city centre to the main growth locations and other key locations around it. The north and south corridor packages, including travel hubs, high-quality public transport and active travel corridors, station upgrades and targeted highway changes, help create a more joined-up system in which longer-distance trips can transfer more easily to so-called 'last mile' modes for the final part of the journey. Some early phases of these corridors, including bus priority, junction improvements and enabling works, will also be delivered in the short term where appropriate. All high-quality public transport corridors will be planned and delivered with a view to full integration into a future mass rapid transit network, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case. This is important because congestion in Cambridge is driven not only by local trips within the city, but also by commuting, servicing and access movements from surrounding settlements and key employment areas. By improving interchange, protecting space for public transport, and sequencing infrastructure alongside growth, the Strategy begins to build a network that is more resilient, offers more choice, is more reliable and better able to support both movement and place.

- 4.12 In the longer term, the full package is intended to work cumulatively: a free running mass rapid transit network; rail, travel hubs and corridor upgrades improve access from the wider area; and land use and transport are coordinated so that new development supports rather than worsens congestion. The result is not the complete removal of traffic, but a recognition that car travel will remain important on many parts of a more balanced and better performing network in which essential trips, buses, freight and servicing can move more efficiently, while more people are able to reach jobs, services and neighbourhood destinations without relying wholly on the private car. In this way, the interventions and policies build on one another over time to provide a practical long-term response to congestion that also supports economic productivity, healthier places and sustainable growth.
- 4.13 Figure 4.1 illustrates the main transport interventions in and around Greater Cambridge that together support the strategy's approach to managing congestion, enhancing connectivity, and improving movement and place outcomes.

Figure 4.1: Establishing practical, phased, long-term solutions to congestion in and around Cambridge – map of key interventions



Short term (2026-2030)

- Continued delivery of the ongoing Greenways programme to provide radial active travel links from surrounding settlements into Cambridge and to major destinations within the city.
- Cambridge South station opens in June 2026, strengthening access to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.
- Delivery of Cambridge City Council's masterplan for the city centre Civic Quarter.
- Local traffic management measures and multi-modal corridor schemes (e.g. Maddingley Road, Hills Road) and encouraging non-essential through traffic to use more suitable corridors such as the Strategic Road Network.
- Additional bus priority and other measures to improve first- and last-mile connectivity and interchange via travel hubs and Park & Ride, working towards public transport having generalised journey times competitive with car for cross-city, city centre and key radial corridor movements.
- Freight and deliveries consolidation pilot to reduce servicing traffic and support last-mile logistics.
- Finalisation and delivery of an Integrated Parking Strategy to help reduce congestion and support a better movement and place balance.
- Completion of high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridors between:
 - Cambourne and Cambridge
 - Cambridge Biomedical Campus and the A11 (Cambridge South East Transport)

Medium term (2030-2035)

- North corridor package, including completion of Greenways from Waterbeach and Horningsea, a high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridor between Waterbeach and Cambridge, Waterbeach station relocation, and targeted A10 improvements (with possible larger highway interventions delivered in the long term).
- South corridor package, including completion of the Melbourn and Sawston Greenways, Cambridge South West Travel Hub and Foxton Station, A505 corridor improvements, Whittlesford Parkway station upgrades, higher capacity trains between Cambridge and London terminus stations on both key routes.
- East corridor package, including completion of eastern Greenways, relocation of Newmarket Park & Ride to a higher-capacity site, and future mass rapid transit to Cambridge East along Newmarket Road.
- West corridor package, including completion of Greenways from Comberton, Barton and Haslingfield.
- Public transport, supported by first- and last-mile connectivity and interchange via travel hubs and Park & Ride, achieves generalised journey times that are competitive with the private car for cross-city, city centre and key radial corridor movements.
- Cross-city mass rapid transit corridors will be developed to improve connectivity between key parts of Cambridge and support high-capacity movement to/between the city centre, major employment centres and to/from travel hubs.
- Potential orbital mass rapid transit and other public transport improvements linking North East Cambridge, Cambridge West, Cambridge East/Peterhouse Technology

Park and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus together as part of the network to improve non-radial business connectivity.

- Early phases of each high-quality public transport corridor, including bus priority, junction improvements and enabling works, will be delivered in the short term where appropriate (e.g. Cambourne-Cambridge).
- The corridors will be planned and delivered with a view to full integration into a future mass rapid transit network, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case.

Long term (2035-2045)

- North corridor package, including enhanced rail infrastructure to improve radial connectivity to Ely and on to Peterborough and Fenland Stations, and north to King's Lynn and intermediate stops, supported by Fen Road Level Crossing changes.
- South corridor package, including mass rapid transit extensions from a new A11 Travel Hub to Grange Farm, Granta Park, and Babraham Research Campus, including options being assessed to connect with Duxford and Hinxton/Wellcome Genome Campus, and in the longer term to Haverhill.
- East corridor package, including Cambridge East station and wider rail upgrades east towards Newmarket to allow higher frequency of services, including East West Rail services calling at Cambridge East station and onwards to Norwich, Ipswich and intermediate stops.
- West corridor package, including Cambourne station as part of East West Rail, and extensions to mass rapid transit to support developments and connectivity.

Supporting policy (see Policies 1 to 12 at the end of this section)

- 4.14 Policy 1: Active Travel will be applied by prioritising walking, wheeling and cycling for short trips and first- and last-mile access in and around Cambridge, recognising that these need to be attractive so as to be realistic alternatives to car journeys for many trips. In this theme, that means focusing on radial and orbital routes, junction and crossing improvements, inclusive design, cycle parking and direct links to stations, bus stops, Park and Ride sites and travel hubs, consistent with the Cambridgeshire Active Travel Strategy and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, and Policy 4: Travel Hubs.
- 4.15 Policy 2: Rail; Policy 3: Bus, Mass Rapid Transit and Coach; and Policy 4: Travel Hubs will be applied through a hierarchy of short-term urban bus priority and service reliability measures within the ring of mobility hubs, medium-term continued mass rapid transit network build out including fares and information integration, and longer-term protection and phased delivery of higher-capacity mass rapid transit on the busiest corridors. These policies are central to easing the congestion that is constraining Cambridge's growth, labour market access and 'between company' interactions, and day-to-day functioning, by improving interchange, strengthening the public transport offer and providing viable alternatives to car travel into the most constrained parts of the city. Policy 5: Parking is prepared to support wider outcomes of the Strategy including supporting mass rapid transit delivery and viability.
- 4.16 Policies 7: Taxi & Private Hire and Policy 8: Micromobility and Powered Two/Three Wheelers will be applied so that taxis, private hire and powered two/three wheelers support access without adding unnecessary congestion or kerbside pressure in the busiest locations. Policy 9: Highways and Traffic Management will also guide the management of the Strategic Road Network, the Major Road Network (the next tier of strategic A roads managed by Cambridgeshire County Council as the Local Highway Authority), and other local roads (and rights of way) through the Movement and Place Framework. This includes signal and junction changes, access management, discouraging non-essential through traffic in Cambridge city centre and inner urban corridors, and more efficient use of road-space, recognising that more active management of limited highway capacity is essential if Cambridge is to function effectively as it grows.
- 4.17 Policy 6: Freight and Servicing will be applied by distinguishing between local deliveries and servicing in constrained urban areas, wider freight movements on the most suitable corridors, and construction traffic and logistics associated with growth and major schemes. This is critical in a city where freight, servicing and construction activity make a disproportionate contribution to congestion and network conflict, and where better management is needed to protect reliability, reduce environmental harm and ensure that streets and corridors can continue to support growth, access and quality of place.

Connecting homes, disadvantaged areas and the wider region to the economic opportunity of Cambridge

For Greater Cambridge's economic potential to be fully realised, its people and communities need to be better connected to homes and employment opportunities across the city and wider region. By focusing on improving public transport, strengthening links to key jobs and growth locations, and extending access beyond the city to surrounding towns and rural areas, this strategy will ensure that the benefits of growth can be shared by all.

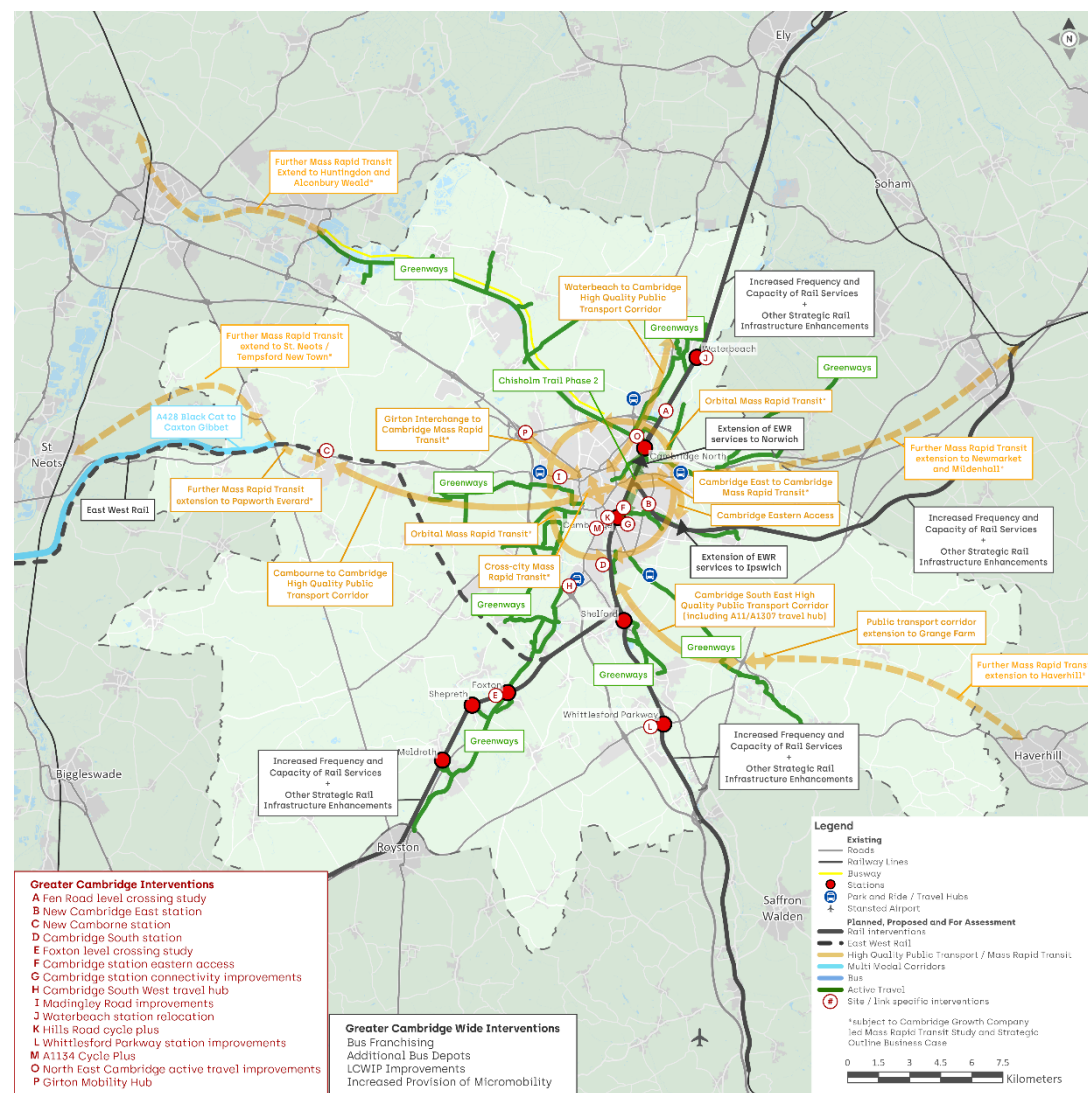
Context and case for change

- 4.18 Transport connectivity is central to whether people can access jobs, education, healthcare, shops and social opportunities, yet the benefits of Greater Cambridge's economy are not shared evenly. The Need for Intervention report shows that Addenbrooke's Hospital is more than 30 minutes away by public transport from the north and west of Cambridge City and can exceed 60 minutes from parts of South Cambridgeshire, while many parts of Greater Cambridge are more than 60 minutes from a sixth form or further education institution by public transport. It also identifies multiple forms of transport-related social exclusion, combining deprivation and poor accessibility including in some neighbourhoods in places such as East Cambridge, King's Hedges, Willingham and Kneesworth/Whaddon.
- 4.19 These issues are sharpened by the area's demographic profile and uneven access to cars: 21% of households across Greater Cambridge do not own a car, including 34% in Cambridge, while car ownership is close to universal in many rural parts of South Cambridgeshire. National policy and the LTCP both support a more inclusive transport system that connects people to opportunity and essential services in ways that reflect very different local circumstances.
- 4.20 For Greater Cambridge, this means improving access not only to central Cambridge but also to market towns, district centres, education and healthcare facilities, and interchange points on the wider network. The Need for Intervention report emphasises that the city region attracts medium- to long-distance commuting from places outside Greater Cambridge such as Huntingdonshire, Ely, Royston, St Neots and Bury St Edmunds, and that continued growth is making the area more polycentric and widening the area over which access to opportunity matters. It also shows that an ageing population will increase demand for accessible local bus and demand responsive services, while the area's large population of younger adults and high housing costs risk pushing more workers further from jobs and services.
- 4.21 The report further highlights the growing role of first- and last-mile solutions and emerging mobility: the Voi trial delivered over 1.5 million rides in 2025 with 35% year-on-year growth, and is estimated to have replaced around 1.9 million short car trips to date. The case for change is therefore about more than just faster trips to the city centre: it is about supporting inclusive growth, reducing transport disadvantage and widening access to opportunity through better buses, travel hubs, active travel, safer and more legible interchange, and shared mobility across a diverse geography of city neighbourhoods, edge-of-city communities and rural villages.

Key interventions

- 4.22 The interventions and supporting policies in this section are intended to broaden access to opportunity by making the wider transport system work better for people whose journeys are not well served today. In the short term, the emphasis is on practical measures that improve local access and make multi-stage journeys more realistic, especially for people in rural settlements, disadvantaged areas and edge-of-city communities. Travel hubs, demand responsive transport, shared mobility, Greenways and better first- and last-mile links to rail and bus services all help to reduce the gaps between where people live and where jobs, education, healthcare and services are located. These measures are particularly important because they improve inclusion and accessibility early, while also laying the foundations for a more connected regional network over time.
- 4.23 Over the medium term, these local and flexible interventions are strengthened by corridor-based public transport and active travel investment linking Cambridge more effectively with major settlements and growth areas to the north and west. Schemes such as the Waterbeach-Cambridge corridor help create a more coherent network in which longer-distance journeys can connect more easily with local onward travel, whether to employment, education, health or other key destinations. This matters because access to opportunity in Greater Cambridge depends not only on travel to the city centre, but also on connections to campuses, district centres, stations, market towns and interchange points across a more polycentric area. By improving interchange, reducing access barriers and extending the reach of sustainable modes, the strategy begins to turn a set of isolated travel options into a more joined-up system.
- 4.24 In the longer term, the full package is intended to work cumulatively so that accessibility improves not just on individual corridors, but across the wider geography of Greater Cambridge and its surrounding travel-to-work area. New public transport routes, stronger interchange, shared mobility and active travel connections together make it easier for more people to reach key destinations without needing to rely on private car ownership. The result is a transport system that supports more inclusive growth by widening labour market access, reducing transport disadvantage and helping communities in different locations benefit more fairly from the area's economic success. In this way, the interventions and policies build on one another over time to connect homes, disadvantaged areas and the wider region more effectively to the opportunities that Greater Cambridge offers.
- 4.25 Figure 4.2 shows the main interventions across Greater Cambridge that support improved access to jobs, services and opportunity, including the role of travel hubs, shared mobility, active travel and corridor-based public transport investment.

Figure 4.2: Connecting homes, disadvantaged areas and the wider region to the economic opportunity of Cambridge – map of key interventions



Short term (2026-2030)

- The 'wheel' of Greenways and other strategic active travel links will continue to be built out, connecting smaller settlements and edge-of-city communities to Cambridge, prioritising routes to schools, colleges, major employment centres, rail stations and other key travel hubs.
- Shared mobility expansion, including e-scooters, cycles, e-bikes, cargo bikes and car clubs, targeted at places where these can widen travel choices, improve first- and last-mile access, and reduce transport exclusion for people without regular access to a private car.
- First- and last-mile improvements to bus, rail and travel hubs, including safer walking, wheeling and cycling routes, secure cycle parking, step-free access, clearer wayfinding and better interchange design, so that longer multi-stage journeys become more realistic and attractive for more people across Greater Cambridge.
- Continuing to support demand responsive transport, and its uptake and viability, in areas where frequent, 'fixed route' services are difficult to sustain commercially and financially and in communities with lower levels of accessibility, helping people reach nearby towns and larger villages, healthcare, schools and further education, rail stations and other key travel hubs.
- Cambourne-Cambridge high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridor, linked to western Greenways and travel hub provision, to improve access from the west to jobs, education and services in and around Cambridge while reducing transport disadvantage for communities along the corridor.
- A high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridor between Cambridge Biomedical Campus and the A11 (Cambridge South East Transport) to improve access from the A11 corridor and communities such as Sawston, Stapleford and Great Shelford to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambridge South station and the wider city, strengthening access to major jobs, healthcare and education.

Medium term (2030-2035)

- A network of district and rural travel hubs developed in market towns, larger villages and key interchange locations to connect local communities to bus, rail and shared mobility networks, improving access to jobs, education and services while supporting sustainable access to major destinations and growth locations.
- Waterbeach-Cambridge high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridor, supported by a travel hub and improved interchange with relocated Waterbeach station, to widen travel choices from the north and improve access to employment, education and services for existing and future communities.
- A new mass rapid transit corridor serving Cambridge East, strengthening access to jobs and services in the east of Cambridge and improving onward interchange with the wider public transport and rail network.
- Potential orbital mass rapid transit and other public transport improvements linking North East Cambridge, Cambridge North Station, northern business parks, to a) Cambridge West; and b) Cambridge East and Peterhouse Technology Park; and southern arcs from Cambridge West and Cambridge East to Cambridge South Station/Cambridge Biomedical Campus to improve non-radial connectivity avoiding the city centre.

Long term (2035-2045)

- Potential mass rapid transit extensions to Huntingdon, Cambourne North, St Neots/ Tempsford, Haverhill, and Mildenhall, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case. No MRT routes have yet been decided and all remain under consideration.

Supporting policy

- 4.26 Policies 1, 3, 4 and 8 will be applied to improve access to opportunity, key services and everyday amenities for communities whose journeys are not well served today. In this theme, that means active travel measures that strengthen short local trips to schools, neighbourhood centres, health facilities and public transport nodes, alongside inter-urban and rural bus, demand responsive transport and other shared mobility measures that widen access to employment, education, healthcare and local centres beyond Cambridge. Where conventional bus services are central to access, the Strategy will align with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Bus Service Improvement Plan in supporting better frequencies, simpler fares and ticketing, clearer information, improved interchange and a stronger passenger experience.
- 4.27 Policies 5, 7 and 8 will be applied so that people have better alternatives to private car ownership where full car access is not available, affordable or necessary for every journey. This includes car clubs and shared mobility as part of a wider access offer, together with taxis and private hire for first- and last-mile journeys and for places or users who need flexible access alongside fixed-route services. Powered two wheelers, while not a primary strategic mode in this Strategy, will be managed within the same wider network framework through Policy 9 so that their use reflects the movement and place role of different streets and corridors, the need for safe operation, and the efficient use of limited road space across the SRN, MRN and local network.
- 4.28 Policies 6 and 9 will be applied so that highways, traffic management and freight support rather than undermine inclusive access to opportunity. Policy 9 will guide the management of the MRN and local network through the wider Movement and Place Framework, using network management, signal and junction changes, access management and road-space reallocation to support reliable bus services, safer active travel, essential access and better place quality. Policy 6 will distinguish between local deliveries and servicing in constrained urban areas, wider freight movements on the most suitable corridors, and construction traffic and logistics associated with growth and major schemes, so that access to jobs, services and neighbourhood destinations is not unnecessarily weakened by congestion, conflict or poor street conditions.

Supporting businesses and our priority economic sectors, including the research campuses and science parks

Greater Cambridge's economic success is built on its world-leading businesses and research clusters, so this strategy focuses on strengthening connections to and between priority locations, including research campuses, science parks and other key employment sites across the area. With jobs distributed across different parts of the city and its surroundings, improving access and movement between these locations will support business collaboration, attract investment and talent, and drive further growth, reinforcing the area's role as a leading centre for innovation.

Context and case for change

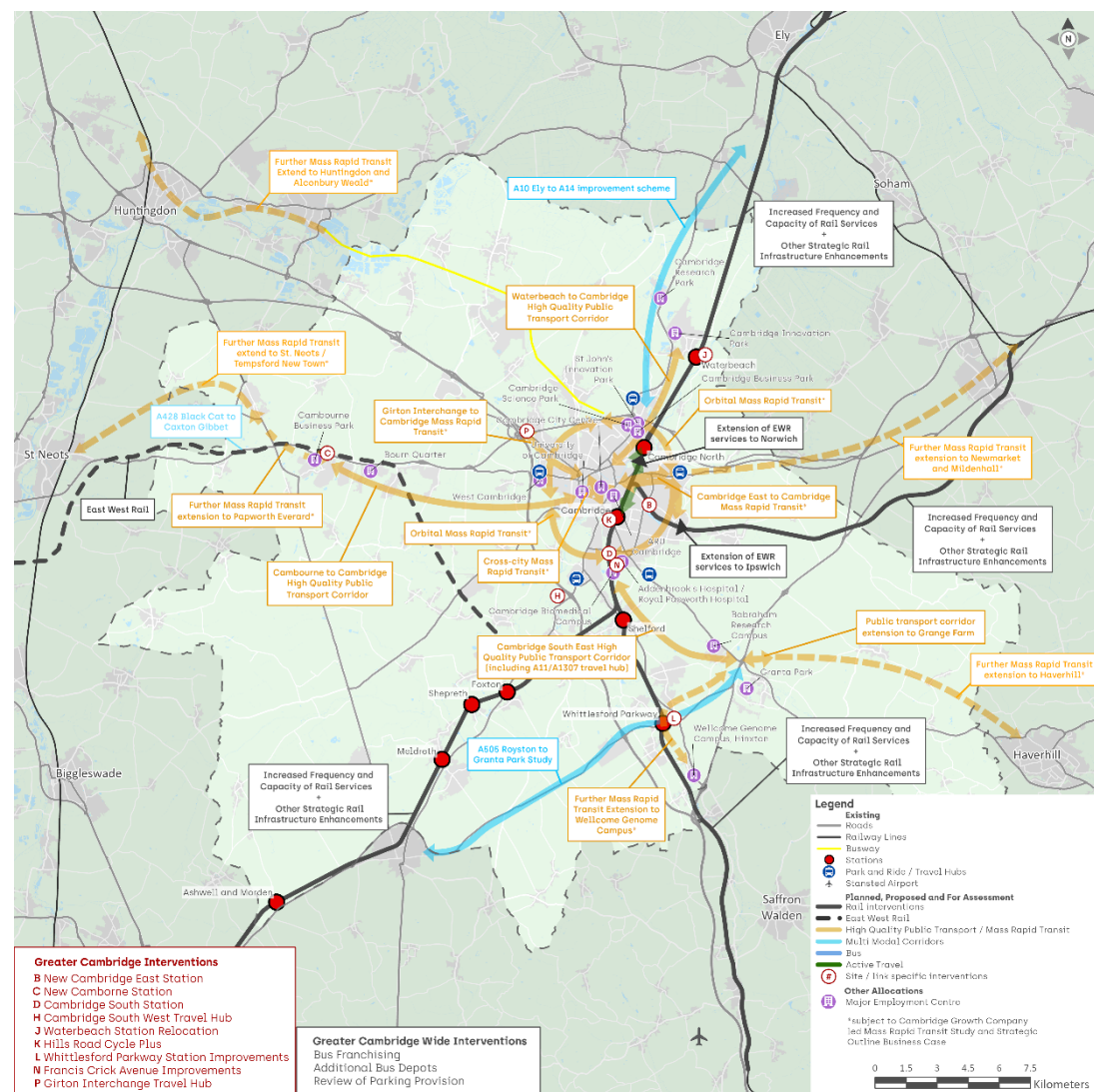
- 4.29 Greater Cambridge's economic success depends on high-quality connectivity between homes, labour markets, research campuses, science parks, city and town centres, and national and international gateways. The Need for Intervention report shows that Greater Cambridge already supports around 208,000 jobs, with particularly strong concentrations in professional, scientific and technical activities (43,000 jobs, 21% of the total), education (15%), health (15%) and information and communication (9%). It also emphasises that Cambridge competes globally with places such as Oxford, Cambridge Massachusetts, Cork and Basel, and that transport quality is rarely cited as a reason to invest despite the area's research strengths. Without better connectivity to labour markets and gateways such as Stansted, Luton, Heathrow and London, and without improving the quality, reliability and legibility of journeys into and within Greater Cambridge, the city region risks constraining its own competitiveness, inward investment and growth potential. The LTCP and national policy both support transport investment that improves productivity and alignment with sustainable transport and place objectives.
- 4.30 For Greater Cambridge, this points to a transport strategy that supports both the daily functioning of major employment locations and their wider catchment. The Need for Intervention report shows that the travel-to-work area extends well beyond the administrative boundary and that continued growth is increasing the need for longer-distance, cross-boundary and non-radial travel to places such as Cambridge Science Park, the Biomedical Campus and other employment clusters. It also underlines the strategic importance of rail and freight: East West Rail, Cambridge South, Cambridge East and Ely and Haughley upgrades all have the potential to widen labour markets and improve business connectivity, while freight movements are heavily concentrated on the M11, A14 and A428 corridors and the Felixstowe–Nuneaton rail line. At the same time, local servicing, deliveries and construction logistics are growing and add to congestion, particularly in central Cambridge and around key growth areas.
- 4.31 The case for change is therefore not simply about more highway capacity, but about multimodal access to labour markets and gateways, stronger first- and last-mile connections, resilient and well-integrated public transport and rail, and freight and servicing arrangements that support economic growth while remaining consistent with decarbonisation, network resilience and quality of place. In addition to providing access to jobs and improved conditions for the journey to work, this theme also recognises the

importance of good connectivity *between* workplaces and research institutes. Inter-organisational interactions are a key aspect to an effective and efficient, and deeply agglomerative, local economy and transport is key to supporting this.

Key interventions

- 4.32 The interventions and supporting policies in this section are intended to improve how Greater Cambridge's economy functions by strengthening access to key employment locations both for journeys to/from work and in terms of inter-business interactions, strategic gateways and supporting supply chains. In the short term, the emphasis is on measures that unlock immediate benefits for major campuses, research clusters and business locations: Cambridge South station, Whittlesford Parkway improvements, freight consolidation, travel hubs and active travel links all help improve access for workers, visitors and servicing activity. These early measures make major employment sites more reachable by rail, bus, cycling and walking, while also helping to reduce operational pressures on constrained local roads and streets. They therefore support economic performance not by simply accommodating more traffic, but by improving the reliability, reach and efficiency across a range of modes.
- 4.33 Over the medium term, these early improvements are reinforced by stronger strategic and corridor connectivity that links Greater Cambridge's economic assets more effectively to labour markets and gateways. Rail service enhancements towards Stansted Airport and London, Waterbeach station relocation, targeted A10 and A505 improvements, and better interchange from travel hubs all help widen the catchment of key employment centres and improve resilience for business-related travel and freight. This is important because Greater Cambridge's economy depends on more than city-centre access alone: it relies on the efficient movement of people, goods and knowledge between campuses, science parks, surrounding settlements and national and international connections. By improving the way these networks connect, the strategy helps support productivity, labour market reach and investment confidence across the wider area.
- 4.34 In the longer term, the full package is intended to work cumulatively by combining better local access to employment sites with stronger regional and national connectivity. Cambridge East and Cambourne stations, orbital mass rapid transit links and safeguarded mass rapid transit corridors, Cambridge South East Transport, and wider rail upgrades all help create a more connected economic geography in which businesses can draw from broader labour markets, people can reach a wider range of jobs through a choice of modes and inter-organisational collaboration is supported. The result is a transport system that supports innovation, competitiveness and growth while remaining consistent with wider goals for place quality, inclusion and decarbonisation. In this way, the interventions and policies build on one another over time to support Greater Cambridge's priority economic sectors and business locations more effectively and more sustainably.
- 4.35 Figure 4.3 shows the wider national and regional context for the Strategy, including connectivity to key international gateways, major employment centres and the strategic rail and highway connections that support Greater Cambridge's economic role.

Figure 4.3: Supporting businesses and our priority economic sectors, including the research campuses and science parks – map of key transport interventions



Short term (2026-2030)

- Greenways and active travel links between major employment centres, including routes serving the city, campuses and science parks from surrounding settlements.
- Cambridge South station opens in June 2026, strengthening access to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.
- Whittlesford Parkway station improvements to station access and interchange with local bus and shuttle services to the wider south corridor for workers and visitors, including to Duxford, local business parks, and research centres.
- Travel hubs at Cambridge South West to support interchange between longer-distance trips and sustainable onward travel to Cambridge City Centre and local major employment centres.
- Freight and deliveries consolidation pilot to support cleaner and more efficient servicing of central business locations and reduce conflict on constrained streets.
- High-quality public transport corridors safeguarded and developed to improve access between key parts of Cambridge and support high-capacity movement to major employment locations, such as between Cambridge Biomedical Campus and the A11 (Cambridge South East Transport).

Medium term (2030-2035)

- Relocation of Waterbeach station to support access to new communities, improve rail integration and widen the catchment of jobs and services north of Cambridge.
- Targeted A10 improvements, including Milton Interchange, to improve strategic access, resilience and freight movement on the northern approaches to Cambridge.
- Targeted A505 corridor improvements between Royston and Granta Park to improve access to key employment sites, Whittlesford Parkway station, and strengthen network resilience in the south.
- Increased rail frequencies to Stansted Airport, King's Cross and London St Pancras to improve gateway connectivity and support business and labour market reach.
- Relocation of Newmarket Park & Ride to support access from the east and improve interchange with emerging transport corridors and employment growth areas.
- Future mass rapid transit corridor to serve Cambridge East and future employment growth in the east of Cambridge.
- Potential orbital mass rapid transit and other public transport improvements linking North East Cambridge, Cambridge North Station, northern business parks, to a) Cambridge West; and b) Cambridge East and Peterhouse Technology Park; and southern arcs from Cambridge West and Cambridge East to Cambridge South Station/Cambridge Biomedical Campus to improve non-radial connectivity avoiding the city centre.

Long term (2035-2045)

- Potential mass rapid transit extensions to Huntingdon, Cambourne North, St Neots/ Tempsford, Haverhill, and Mildenhall, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case. No MRT routes have yet been decided and all remain under consideration.
- Cambourne (North) station as part of East West Rail to support major western growth and strengthen the relationship between development, rail access and the wider Oxford–Cambridge corridor.
- Cambridge East station to improve access to the east of Cambridge, support future employment growth and strengthen rail-based access to innovation areas.
- Rail resilience and capacity upgrades, including twin tracking or passing loops towards Newmarket, the Soham chord, and Ely and Haughley Junction improvements, to improve reliability and strategic business connectivity.

Supporting policy

- 4.36 Policies 2, 3 and 4 will be applied to strengthen the strategic and local connectivity on which Greater Cambridge's economy depends. In this theme, that means rail policy that improves access to labour markets, stations and international gateways including Stansted Airport, coach and express coach links that widen access where rail is less direct or demand is more dispersed, and mass rapid transit and interchange measures that improve access between major employment centres and support more efficient movement across a growing and increasingly polycentric city region.
- 4.37 Policies 6 and 9 will be applied so that freight, servicing and network management support rather than constrain economic performance. Policy 6 distinguishes between strategic freight movements on the strategic and major road networks and rail freight corridors, and local servicing needs within urban areas and employment sites, including deliveries and servicing in constrained locations. In this theme, that means supporting reliable and efficient movement with lower emissions, reduced conflict and stronger resilience, while also recognising the importance of transport quality and ease of access to the visitor economy, including for business visitors, tourists and students. Across these areas, the objective will be to reinforce Greater Cambridge's economic geography while remaining consistent with wider goals on health, quality of place and the environment.

Enabling new development and homes, including the sites in the emerging Local Plan

Meeting Greater Cambridge's growth ambitions requires new homes and development to come forward at pace, supported by the right infrastructure. This strategy focuses on aligning investment with key sites identified in the emerging Local Plan, helping to unlock delivery and ensure that new communities are well-connected to jobs and services from the outset, are sustainable, well-functioning places, and that the impacts of growth on the wider transport network are mitigated.

Context and case for change

- 4.38 The transport strategy must help ensure that new homes and development are planned in locations and forms that can be served sustainably and that the transport implications of growth are addressed from the outset. The attached Need for Intervention report identifies three broad development typologies emerging from existing and proposed Local Plan sites: mixed-use sites around the outer urban edges of Cambridge, including around Cambridge Science Park, Eddington and Cambridge City Airport; new town-scale housing in satellite settlements such as Cambourne, Northstowe and Waterbeach; and new or intensified high value-added employment sites such as Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Babraham Research Campus. Across the 13 mapped strategic sites, the report identifies 66,500 new homes and 1.2 million m² of new commercial floorspace, with additional growth scenarios of up to 150,000 homes by 2050 also proposed by Government in their 'Case for Cambridge'. National planning policy and the latest local transport plan guidance are clear that transport and development should be planned together using a vision-led approach, with sustainable access and corridor safeguarding considered from the earliest stages.
- 4.39 In Greater Cambridge, planned growth creates both pressure and opportunity. The Need for Intervention report shows the scale and geography of change across a set of large mixed-use urban edge sites, new town-scale settlements such as Cambourne, Northstowe and Waterbeach, and intensified high-value employment sites such as Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Babraham Research Campus. It also emphasises that cross-boundary development pressures from places such as Haverhill, St Neots and Tempsford will shape travel patterns and network demand, and that wider growth scenarios of up to 150,000 homes by 2050 may need to be considered. This means transport must do more than mitigate local impacts: it must actively shape more sustainable travel patterns, support the soundness of the Local Plan and align infrastructure delivery with development phasing, safeguarding and future adaptability. Without early investment and strong policy alignment, growth could add further congestion, emissions and poor accessibility; with them, it can help justify and support high-quality public transport, active travel, rail and interchange investment from the outset.

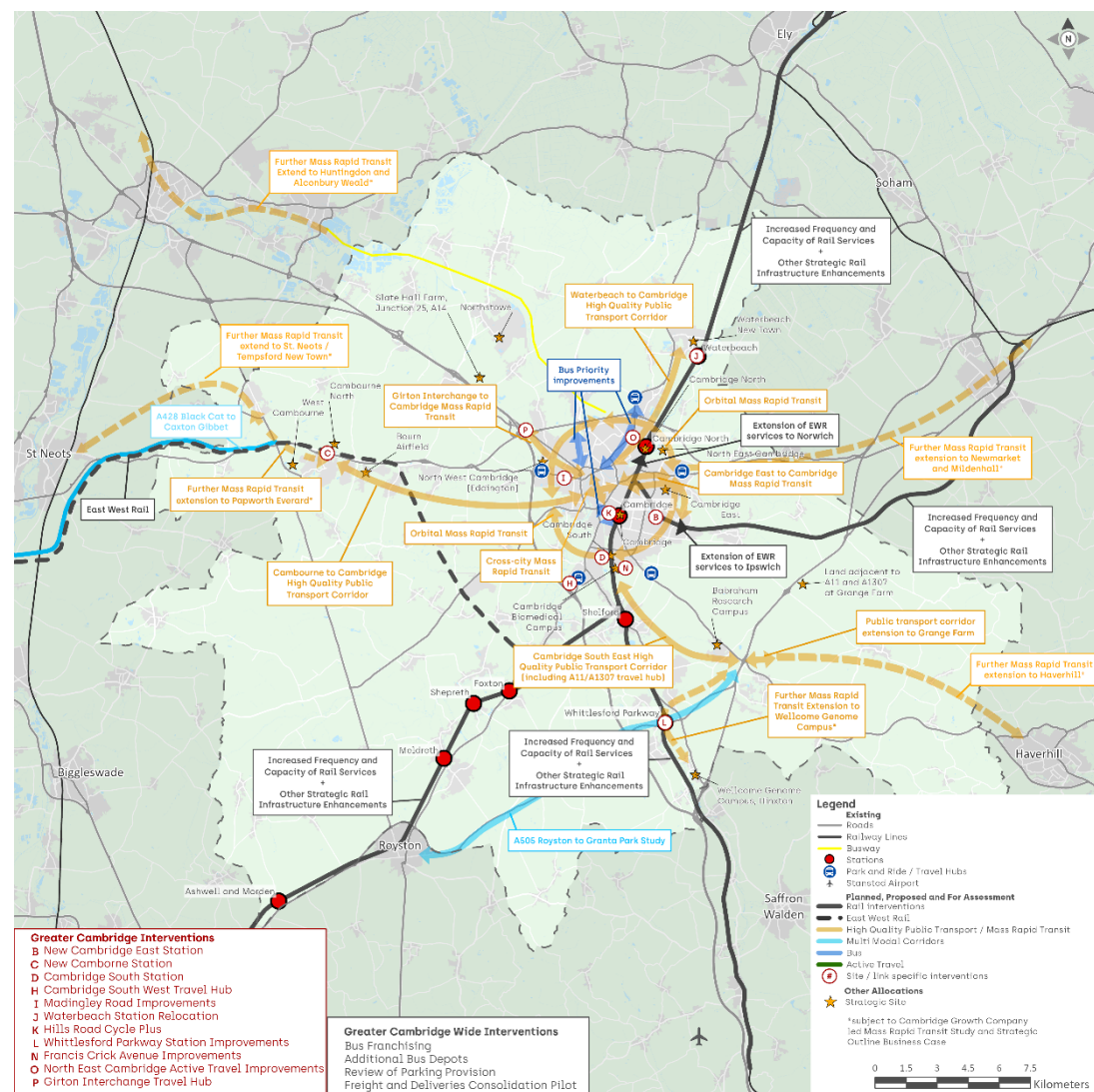
Key interventions

- 4.40 The interventions and supporting policies in this section are intended to ensure that new development and homes are supported by the right transport infrastructure at the right time, so that travel choices are provided from the outset rather than retrofitted later. Strategic interventions should be phased to align with the timing, scale and location of development, with early delivery of the transport infrastructure and services needed to support trip-making from first occupation. This includes safeguarding and delivering public transport corridors, travel hubs, active travel links, junction and street network changes, and access arrangements that support the intended movement and place role of key routes and centres. For larger or more complex sites, the strategy distinguishes between enabling infrastructure required up front, medium-term upgrades linked to growth thresholds, and longer-term strategic schemes that depend on wider corridor development or network change.
- 4.41 In the short term, the emphasis is on early enabling measures such as Cambridge South station, city access measures, Greenways, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan improvements, travel hubs and site-specific access changes. These interventions help make walking, cycling, public transport and rail more practical for the first phases of development, while also managing the immediate network impacts of growth. This is important because travel habits, access expectations and development patterns are often set early, and without early intervention growth can exacerbate congestion.
- 4.42 Over the medium term, these early measures are strengthened by corridor and rail investments that are more directly tied to the scale and geography of strategic growth. The Waterbeach–Cambridge and Cambourne–Cambridge corridors, Waterbeach station relocation, Cambridge East station, Cambourne station and wider rail upgrades all help ensure that larger sites and new communities can be linked to Cambridge and the wider region by high-quality sustainable transport as they build out. This approach allows transport investment to be sequenced alongside development thresholds, so that infrastructure is neither too late to support travel choices nor disconnected from the pace of growth. In this way, transport and land use are coordinated as part of a single development strategy rather than treated as separate processes.
- 4.43 In the longer term, the full package is intended to work cumulatively so that growth across Greater Cambridge is progressively shaped around sustainable access, stronger interchange and safeguarded future capacity. Cambridge South East Transport, the Cambridge Airport public transport route and safeguarded cross-city mass rapid transit corridors help keep future options open for higher-capacity movement as development intensifies, while the earlier phases of active travel, rail and corridor investment provide the network needed for new communities to function in the meantime. The result is a more robust and deliverable relationship between the Local Plan’s growth strategy and the transport strategy that supports it. In this way, the interventions and policies build on one another over time to enable new homes and development in forms and locations that are more sustainable, better connected and less dependent on the private car.
- 4.44 Figure 4.4 shows the Strategic Site Allocations contained within the emerging Local Plan and key transport interventions that are most relevant to enable and support them. Major development sites beyond the Greater Cambridge boundary have also

been included, recognising the importance of considering their impact, especially cumulatively on the functioning of the transport networks and realisation of Strategy objectives.

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Figure 4.4: Enabling new development and homes, including the sites in the emerging Local Plan – map of key transport interventions



Short term (2026-2030)

- Cambridge South station to support planned growth at and around the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and ensure major new development is linked to the rail network.
- Greenways, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan improvements and first-phase walking, wheeling and cycling links to new sites so that a choice of modes is available from first occupation and supports healthier place-making.
- Improvements to the local bus network through franchising, local bus priority measures, and enhancements to existing and new travel hubs build a more comprehensive public transport network supporting developments and growing ridership.
- Cambourne–Cambridge high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridor to support planned western growth and provide a choice of modes from the first phases of development.
- Improved connectivity around Francis Crick Roundabout on Cambridge Biomedical Campus to support growth in the south-eastern arc, improve the sustainability of new development and progress towards a high-quality public transport corridor between it and the A11 (Cambridge South East Transport).

Medium term (2030-2035)

- Waterbeach–Cambridge high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridor, together with a supporting travel hub, to provide access for new homes and mixed-use growth north of Cambridge from an early stage.
- Relocation of Waterbeach station to integrate new communities with the rail network and support transit-oriented growth north of Cambridge.
- Whittlesford Parkway station improvements and wider rail capacity upgrades, including enhancements towards Newmarket and Soham, and Ely and Haughley Junctions, to support growth delivery and maintain strategic network performance.
- Relocation of Newmarket Park & Ride further east to a larger capacity site and a new high-quality public transport corridor to serve Cambridge East and surrounding eastern growth areas, helping shape development around support access needs.
- Development of cross-city mass rapid transit corridors so that larger development locations and future intensification can be served by higher-quality public transport.
- Potential orbital mass rapid transit and other public transport improvements linking North East Cambridge, Cambridge North Station, northern business parks, to a) Cambridge West; and b) Cambridge East and Peterhouse Technology Park; and southern arcs from Cambridge West and Cambridge East to Cambridge South Station/Cambridge Biomedical Campus to improve non-radial connectivity avoiding the city centre.

Long term (2035-2045)

- Potential mass rapid transit extensions to Huntingdon, Cambourne North, St Neots/ Tempsford, Haverhill, and Mildenhall, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case. No MRT routes have yet been decided and all remain under consideration.

- Cambourne (North) station as part of East West Rail to support major western growth and strengthen the relationship between development, rail access and the wider Oxford–Cambridge corridor.
- Cambridge East station to support new homes and employment growth in the east of Cambridge and improve the range of travel options available in that corridor.

Strategic site allocation – supporting transport interventions

- 4.45 Table 4.1 sets out a site-by-site summary of the strategic site allocations identified as part of the Local Plan process. It provides a high-level overview of the scale and phasing of development and introduces the baseline and target connectivity conditions for each site. In Chapter 5, our draft capital delivery programme identifies the strategic transport interventions relevant to supporting delivery of each location.
- 4.46 The DfT Connectivity Tool has been used to profile a ‘today’ baseline and 2045 target connectivity ‘score’ at each strategic site, providing a consistent metric of access to key services and employment for a high-level understanding of relative connectivity. The tool measures connectivity by walking/wheeling, cycling, and public transport, weighted 40%, 8% and 52% respectively by mode. In each instance, a range has been provided representing the best and worst performing parts of each strategic site allocation. These have been benchmarked against existing local places and communities with high levels of connectivity that are ambitious but realistic and achievable, allowing for delivery of planned transport interventions and an understanding of local service provision. Further detail can be found in our Connectivity Baseline Report (noting a full Connectivity Impact Assessment Report is under development).
- 4.47 The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority agrees that the specific measures set out for each Strategic Site Allocation represent a reasonable baseline expectation of what each site is required to deliver to provide the required connectivity across a range of modes. Detailed information for each allocation is set out within the emerging Local Plan site allocation policies, including site-specific spatial frameworks, indicative capacities, and developer requirements relating to design, access, environmental constraints and infrastructure delivery. This is supplemented by the associated mitigation pro-forma (New Strategic Allocations Assessment Transport Mitigation Measures) and evidence base, which identify the key movement challenges, access requirements and transport mitigation and connectivity measures relevant to each site. Together, these provide a clear and consistent basis for understanding the specific constraints, mitigation measures and delivery expectations relevant to individual sites and should be read alongside this strategy, which builds on those positive measures.
- 4.48 In addition, local planning authorities and the local highway authority have applied a trip budget approach as part of the planning process to help understand and manage the transport and traffic implications of new developments. Established trip budgets can also be found in the emerging Local Plan’s supporting New Strategic Allocations Assessment Transport Mitigation Measures document. The application of trip budgets for all remaining strategic site allocations can facilitate the identification, by local planning/highway authorities and developers, the most appropriate interventions (e.g. infrastructure and service provision and mitigation measures) for individual sites. Their use would be determined locally and proportionately, taking account of the scale,

location and characteristics of development proposals, as well as wider policy objectives and network conditions.

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Table 4.1: Strategic site allocations – development scale and connectivity conditions

Site Name (Ref.)	Scale/Phasing of Development	DfT Connectivity Tool Score Baseline (2026)	DfT Connectivity Tool Score Target (2045)
North East Cambridge (S/NEC)	8,350 homes, 320,000 m ² commercial floorspace, phased to 2045 and beyond, with early site preparation, medium-term access improvements and longer-term transport upgrades.	34–70	50–75
Eddington, North West Cambridge (S/NWC)	5,500 homes, 200 student bedrooms and 40,000 m ² of employment floorspace. Continued intensification through to 2045 with early local access measures and later strategic corridor improvements.	26–69	50–75
Cambridge East (S/CE)	8,000 homes; significant commercial floorspace. Long-term phased delivery to 2045 and beyond tied to major transport and infrastructure provision.	35–69	50–75
Babraham Research Campus (S/BRC)	120 homes and 48,000 m ² of employment floorspace. Incremental intensification through to 2045 focused on employment/research uses with phased access and public transport improvements.	32–42	45–60
Cambridge Biomedical Campus (S/CBC)	1,000 homes; 687,000 m ² commercial floorspace. Continuing growth to 2045 and beyond dependent on early and longer-term transport improvements.	39–73	60–75
Land adjacent to A11 and A1307 at Grange Farm (S/GF)	6,000 homes; 30,000 m ² commercial floorspace. Phased to 2045 and beyond with later stages dependent on safeguarded public transport infrastructure.	7–45	20–65
Land north of A1307, Bar Hill (Slate Hall Farm) (S/SHF)	220,000 m ² commercial floorspace. Shorter- to medium-term delivery aligned with market demand and strategic access improvements.	21–53	25–60
Cambourne North (S/CBN)	13,000 homes; 108,000 m ² commercial floorspace. Multiple phases through to 2045 and beyond linked to wider Cambourne expansion.	13–46	25–60
Wellcome Genome Campus, Hinxton (S/WGC)	1,500 homes; 150,000 m ² (GEA) commercial floorspace. Incremental campus-led delivery through to 2045.	11–30	35–60

Site Name (Ref.)	Scale/Phasing of Development	DfT Connectivity Tool Score Baseline (2026)	DfT Connectivity Tool Score Target (2045)
Northstowe New Town (S/NST)	10,180 homes and 47,000 m ² of employment floorspace. Continues to mature to 2045 and beyond with further homes, jobs and services coming forward.	13–53	50–70
Land north of Waterbeach (S/WNT)	11,000 homes and 39,800 m ² of employment floorspace. Multiple phases to 2045 and beyond with local jobs and services continuing to come forward.	8–50	30–60
Bourn Airfield New Village (S/BA)	3,500 homes and 1,400 m ² of employment floorspace. Long build-out to 2045 with jobs, services and community infrastructure alongside development.	19–46	30–55
Cambourne (S/CB)	2,350 homes and 34,600 m ² of employment floorspace. Progressive delivery through to 2045 linked to wider Cambourne expansion.	21–56	30–65

Supporting policy

- 4.49 Policies 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be applied so that development is enabled and supported in locations and forms that seek to maximise travel choice from the outset, reduce long-term car dependency, and capture wider opportunities for healthier, better connected and more efficient places. In this theme, that means compact and mixed-use development, strong local centres, direct active travel networks, high-quality public transport, rail and travel hub provision, and parking and street design that support the intended movement and place function of each site and corridor. Where higher-capacity public transport or rail interventions may be needed over time, corridors, sites and access arrangements will be protected early through Policies 2, 3 and 4 so that future options remain deliverable as growth builds out.
- 4.50 Policies 6 and 9, together with the wider approach to infrastructure delivery in Policy I/ID, will be applied so that the transport impacts of construction, servicing, site access and wider network change are mitigated and managed in step with development. For strategic allocations, this will provide a clear basis for developer contributions, infrastructure triggers, safeguarding, phasing and the coordination of public and private investment, while also helping capture wider opportunities for network improvement and place quality. In this theme, the same principles will also inform longer-term planning beyond the current Local Plan period, including wider growth scenarios being considered through the CPCA Local Growth Plan and Cambridge Growth Company work, so that transport continues to shape and support sustainable development over time rather than responding to it reactively.

Reducing emissions and enhancing the local environment

Growth is placing increasing pressure on Greater Cambridge’s environment and transport network, particularly in the context of transport emissions and climate change resilience and adaptation, so this strategy focuses on reducing emissions, improving air quality, reducing noise pollution and creating healthier, greener places. By prioritising sustainable travel and integrating transport with high-quality public realm and green infrastructure, it will help ensure that growth is both environmentally responsible and improves everyday quality of life.

Context and case for change

- 4.51 Transport is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions and a significant contributor to air pollution, noise, severance and wider environmental harm. The Need for Intervention report shows that even under a faster localised zero-emission vehicle uptake scenario, Cambridgeshire would still not reach net zero tailpipe emissions by 2040 or 2050, and would expend its transport carbon budget during the 2030s. It also highlights a 15 percentage point gap by 2030 and a 21 percentage point gap by 2040 even with faster ZEV roll-out, underlining that technology alone will not be enough. The report further identifies elevated air pollution within Cambridge and along arterial routes, and extensive significant noise impacts around the M11, Girton Interchange and other major roads, including locations close to key growth and employment sites such as Duxford, Granta Park and Grange Farm.
- 4.52 These pressures sit within a particularly sensitive local environmental context in Greater Cambridge identified in the Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal and related evidence, including central Cambridge’s historic core and conservation areas, where streets such as King’s Parade, Senate House Hill, Trinity Street and St John’s Street contain a particularly high concentration of Grade I and Grade II* listed buildings and townscape of very high significance; flood risk from the River Cam corridor and from surface water and groundwater in low-lying areas; important archaeological interest in the city, edge-of-city growth locations and historic villages; and significant biodiversity and water environment constraints. For transport planning, this means corridor upgrades, junction changes, travel hubs, freight and servicing arrangements, and asset renewal all need to be designed and managed with these constraints in mind. This is especially important in relation to internationally rare chalk streams and associated habitats, where runoff, drainage, abstraction and construction impacts can be significant, and in historic or archaeologically sensitive locations where street works, traffic pressures and highway change can affect setting, fabric and character.
- 4.53 For Greater Cambridge, emissions and environmental quality are inseparable from wider transport, place and growth objectives. The report shows that 57% of transport user emissions in Cambridgeshire in 2019 came from trips starting or ending outside the county and through-trips, while 43% were internal, meaning that local action must be combined with broader work on regional connectivity and strategic freight. It also notes that freight traffic on the M11, A14 and Felixstowe–Nuneaton rail corridor will continue to grow with the economy and with construction associated with planned development, while heavy goods vehicles and servicing traffic are poorly suited to constrained central streets.

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- 4.54 Reducing emissions is not only about vehicle technology but also about effectively planning land use and managing increasing transport demand, consolidating freight and servicing, improving the quality and resilience of streets, corridors and public spaces; and enhancing digital connectivity for virtual access. In doing so, the design, delivery and management of these assets need to support careful stewardship of Greater Cambridge's environmental and historic assets and, where appropriate, contribute to biodiversity net gain and wider environmental enhancement.

Key interventions

- 4.55 Taken together, the interventions and policies in this section are intended to reduce transport-related environmental harm by supporting modal choice and how the network is planned and managed, while protecting and enhancing the local environment, including the area's rich historic environment.
- 4.56 In the short term onwards, the focus is on measures that can begin to reduce emissions, strengthen adaptation and resilience, and enhance the local environment through practical changes to everyday travel and early scheme design. Greenways, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan improvements, bus priority, travel hubs, freight consolidation and parking reform can all reduce unnecessary car trips, support a shift to walking, cycling and public transport, and make more efficient use of limited street space. Early interventions can also improve resilience and environmental quality through better drainage, urban greening and shade, more robust street materials, and scheme design that supports habitat creation, biodiversity net gain and wider nature recovery in line with current UK government policy requirements. In Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, these actions should also protect and, where possible, enhance the historic environment, including the special character, setting and significance of historic streets, conservation areas, village centres and heritage assets. Taken together, they can deliver early carbon and environmental benefits while improving streets, public spaces and neighbourhood conditions in ways that support healthier, more attractive, more nature-rich and more climate-resilient places. This objective will be further strengthened through the delivery of the CPCA's Digital Connectivity Strategy 2025-2029.
- 4.57 Over the medium term, these early measures are reinforced by corridor and rail investments that enable more substantial change in travel patterns across Greater Cambridge and its wider catchment, while building resilience and environmental enhancement more systematically into the network. Improved public transport links, station upgrades, travel hubs, rural and inter-urban connections, and better first- and last-mile access can make lower-carbon journeys more realistic for a wider range of trips, including commuting, education, business and access to services. Corridor upgrades and interchange improvements also provide opportunities to embed more resilient design, maintenance and network management, while improving habitat connectivity, urban greening and biodiversity outcomes along routes and around key nodes in support of nature recovery. Given areas of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire have great historic sensitivity, these changes should also conserve and, where possible, enhance the historic environment through careful treatment of streets, spaces, landscape settings and approaches to heritage assets. By better connecting land use, transport and interchanges, the Strategy can reduce dependence on high-carbon travel while easing congestion, air quality and noise pressures,

strengthening climate resilience, improving the local environment and supporting the stewardship of distinctive historic settings.

- 4.58 In the longer term, the full package is intended to work cumulatively by combining mode shift, cleaner vehicles, better freight and servicing arrangements, and transport patterns that are more closely aligned with sustainable development, climate resilience and environmental enhancement. This means emissions reduction cannot rely on technology alone, but must also come from providing greater flexibility around the need to travel by private car, enabling more journeys by sustainable modes, and shaping growth around lower-carbon and more resilient choices from the outset. At the same time, adaptation and resilience are reinforced through a transport network and public realm that are better able to cope with overheating, flooding, water stress and wider disruption, while also supporting improved air quality, reduced noise, stronger habitat networks and lasting gains for nature and biodiversity, including through approaches consistent with the strengthened biodiversity duty, biodiversity net gain and wider nature recovery policy requirements.
- 4.59 Over time, this should also help protect and enhance the historic environment of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire by reducing traffic pressure in sensitive places, improving the quality of streets and spaces, and managing movement in ways that respect the significance, setting and character of historic assets and landscapes. In this way, the interventions and policies build on one another over time to support a more climate-resilient, lower-carbon and environmentally positive transport system for Greater Cambridge, with benefits for the local environment, nature, biodiversity and the historic environment across the area.

Short term (2026-2030)

- Cambridge South station opens in June 2026 strengthening access to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.
- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan improvements, Greenways and other early active travel measures to support travel choice, improve public realm and enable healthier, lower-carbon local travel.
- Bus fleet electrification and supporting charging infrastructure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve local air quality and support a cleaner public transport offer.
- Freight and deliveries consolidation pilot to reduce servicing traffic, support cleaner last-mile logistics and improve air quality and conditions in constrained streets.
- Increased provision of EV charging points to support the transition to lower-emission vehicles where car travel remains necessary.
- City access, parking and traffic management measures to reduce congestion, make better use of limited street space and support lower-carbon travel choices.
- Cambourne–Cambridge high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridor, supported by travel hubs, to support mode shift from longer-distance car travel and reduce emissions associated with planned growth.
- Francis Crick Avenue improvements and the A11/A1307 travel hub package (Cambridge South East Transport) to strengthen multimodal access in the southern corridor and support lower-carbon travel patterns to major employment and growth locations.

Medium term (2030-2035)

- Maddingley Road, Hills Road Cycle Plus, A1134 Cycle Plus, Chisholm Trail Phase 2 and other major urban active travel schemes to reduce emissions from short and medium-distance trips while improving local air quality and healthier travel.
- Waterbeach–Cambridge high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridor, supported by travel hubs, to support mode shift from longer-distance car travel and reduce emissions associated with planned growth.
- Cambridge South West Travel Hub and related south corridor improvements to support a shift to rail and public transport for major employment, healthcare and growth destinations.
- Relocation of Newmarket Park & Ride further east to a larger capacity site and a new mass rapid transit corridor to serve Cambridge East and surrounding eastern growth areas, helping shape development around sustainable access.
- Cross-city and city-centre mass rapid transit solutions to support a significant long-term shift away from private car travel and improve the environmental performance of the urban transport system.
- Orbital mass rapid transit improvements to provide a stronger non-radial public transport network around Cambridge and reduce longer-distance car dependency.

Long term (2035-2045)

- Further mass rapid transit network development, including extensions towards Hinxton, the Wellcome Genome Campus and Duxford, as well as other longer-distance corridors, to support more sustainable access to major growth locations.
- Potential Girton Interchange to Cambridge mass rapid transit corridor, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case, and other future high-quality public transport and mass rapid transit links to support lower-carbon access from key corridors and growth areas.
- Longer-term rail and strategic public transport enhancements, including East West Rail-related benefits, increased rail frequency and capacity, Cambridge East station and wider rail upgrades, to widen access while reducing reliance on higher-carbon longer-distance car travel.
- Again, all proposed future mass rapid transit network integration and development is subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case.

Supporting policy

- 4.60 Policies 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 12 will be applied through an avoid-shift-improve approach that reduces the need to travel by private car, enables more journeys by walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport, and improves the efficiency and environmental performance of the trips that remain. In this theme, that means prioritising the interventions with the greatest potential to reduce emissions, while also applying EV strategy and supporting charging infrastructure as part of a wider package for essential trips, freight, servicing and places where alternatives are more limited. It also means using digital connectivity under Policy 12 to support more efficient network operation, improve information and journey choice, enable more flexible access to jobs and services, and increase virtual access and using digital solutions to help manage traffic flows better and facilitate people planning and selecting the most effective travel choice available.
- 4.61 Policies 6, 9 and 10 will be applied so that climate adaptation, resilience and environmental enhancement are designed into transport planning, delivery and asset management from the outset. In this theme, that means responding to overheating, flooding, water scarcity, severe weather and wider disruption; improving air quality, noise, severance and public realm conditions; and supporting biodiversity, landscape, the water environment and the historic environment through greener, more resilient streets, corridors and transport assets. Transport interventions will therefore be used not only to avoid or mitigate environmental harm, but also to secure wider gains for nature, heritage, place quality and long-term network resilience across Greater Cambridge.

Our policies

Policy 1. Active travel policy

Prioritise walking, wheeling and cycling for everyday short trips by delivering a continuous, safe and direct network that connects homes, jobs and key destinations and supports access to public transport.

Active travel includes people walking, wheeling (with wheelchairs, mobility scooters, and prams); cycling (including e-bikes and e-scooters); as well as equestrians (both as horse riders and carriage-drivers).

Walking, wheeling and cycling shall be prioritised for short trips across Greater Cambridge by delivering a continuous, safe, direct and legible network that makes active travel the natural first choice for local journeys and for first/last mile access to public transport.

Active travel investment will be focused on the corridors and locations where there is greatest propensity (potential demand) and where it can make the greatest practical contribution to congestion relief or provide better connectivity on:

- radial approaches into Cambridge;
- orbital links that connect communities and reduce dependence on city-centre routing; and
- connections to rail stations, Park & Ride and Travel Hub sites, bus stations, and key local bus stops, employment areas, schools and further education, healthcare and neighbourhood centres.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by reducing car dependency, improving access to jobs and services, and aligning infrastructure with development. It reinforces **Policy I/ST** on sustainable transport and connectivity, **Policy I/ID** on infrastructure and delivery, and the wider objectives of **Policy WS/HD** on creating health new developments and **Policy GP/QP** on establishing high quality landscape and public realm by helping direct growth to locations and corridors where high-quality active travel can support development, healthier communities and better quality of place.

Building on the Cambridgeshire Active Travel Strategy and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, key active travel policy priorities for the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy are grouped below.

Strategic role in managing congestion

- Walking, wheeling and cycling will be prioritised when planning for shorter distance trips in Greater Cambridge, especially to employment, education, local centres, rail stations, and other travel hubs.
- Electric bike usage will be supported through planning policies and through the development of segregated active travel corridors that provide not only for short links, but medium-distances trips between Cambridge, towns, new settlements, the largest rural villages, and major employment centres.
- Planned growth will also be supported by ensuring new developments are connected seamlessly to our active travel networks as well as delivering high quality infrastructure to, from and within the development from the outset,

improving permeability and adhering to relevant standards and guidance such as LTN 1/20.

Network priorities for Greater Cambridge

- Travel patterns to and between workplaces, education, healthcare, and travel hubs, as well as future patterns of major development, support a primary focus on radial corridors to Cambridge and better orbital links that reduce dependence on routes through the city centre.
- The Greenways programme is central to the approach, providing strategic active travel corridors from surrounding towns and larger rural villages, particularly on radial corridors.
- Active travel networks will also improve access to parks, green spaces, riverside routes and other leisure destinations, recognising their role in supporting healthier lifestyles, everyday recreation and the wider attractiveness of Greater Cambridge as a place to live.
- A connected network will also ensure there is a broad range of well-maintained and signed continuous routes, including the use of footpaths, bridleways and other parts of the public rights of way network.

Integration with the wider transport system

- Active travel will support integrated journeys by improving first- and last-mile access to rail stations, bus stops, Park and Ride sites, and travel hubs.
- Priority will be given to closing network gaps, improving junctions and crossings, and removing barriers that deter less confident users.

Delivery and design principles

- Road space should be managed to support the delivery of key active travel routes.
- Provision will be continuous, safe, inclusive and attractive, consistent with Healthy Streets principles and current active travel design guidance.
- Design of infrastructure will be inclusive of the multiple users of active travel networks as defined as part of this policy.
- Infrastructure investment will be supported by education, training, promotion and behaviour change measures that help more people travel actively with confidence, including children, older people and those who are less likely to walk, wheel or cycle today.

Policy 2. Rail policy

Strengthen rail as a fast, reliable backbone for longer-distance and regional travel, improving capacity, connectivity and interchange to support access to jobs, growth locations and key international gateways.

Rail services and stations shall be planned and managed to provide a fast, reliable and attractive mode for travel on the main inter-urban and regional corridors serving Greater Cambridge, while strengthening access to key destinations, labour markets and growth locations.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by providing fast, direct travel choices on inter-urban and regional/national corridors, enhancing access to jobs and labour markets, supporting business travel and access to international gateways, and enabling and supporting growth locations. It reinforces Policy I/ST on sustainable transport and connectivity, Policy I/ID on infrastructure and delivery, Policy I/SI on safeguarding important infrastructure, and the wider strategic objectives of Policy S/DS by supporting the Oxford-Cambridge growth corridor, stronger links to London, wider labour market access, better gateway connectivity and reduced car dependency.

Building on the soon to open Cambridge South station, East West Rail, and wider cross-boundary corridor strategies, including those developed by England's Economic Heartland and Transport East, key rail policy priorities for the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy are grouped below.

Network priorities for Greater Cambridge

- East West Rail, including upgrades to Cambridge Station (including eastern access), and new stations at Cambourne (North) and Cambridge East, will:
 - improve east-west connectivity across the Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor (including Milton Keynes);
 - support strategic growth locations such as the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambourne (North), Cambridge East, and Tempsford;
 - have the potential to keep supporting long-term growth by safeguarding station sites and access both to the west and east of Cambridge; and
 - provide connectivity to Luton Airport via Bedford.
- Structural bottlenecks such as Ely and Haughley Junctions should be addressed to improve passenger capacity, reliability, freight efficiency and wider economic connectivity. Junction capacity enhancements at Ely and Haughley will improve regional passenger connectivity both to the north and east of Greater Cambridge for passengers to Ely and on to Peterborough and Fenland stations; north to King's Lynn and intermediate stops; and freight movements regionally, nationally and to the Port of Felixstowe. This would be supported by Fen Road Level Crossing changes.
- Rail resilience and capacity upgrades, including twin tracking or passing loops, towards Newmarket to improve rail connectivity to the east of Cambridge (and Soham Chord to improve access to the north east). Improved rail capacity will facilitate additional services towards Ipswich.
- Enhanced rail connectivity to London and Stansted Airport will also be prioritised. In the shorter term, this is most likely to include longer trains to add capacity.

Connectivity improvements to London also improve access to Heathrow Airport and to Gatwick Airport (with direct connectivity provided on Thameslink services).

- The potential for additional stations, whether utilising new, disused or existing rail infrastructure, will be assessed and developed where appropriate.

Integration with the wider transport system

- Rail will be integrated into the wider transport offer through strong interchange with active travel, including ensuring ample safe and convenient cycle parking; shared mobility options such as bike share, seamless bus/future mass rapid transit interchange, and appropriate vehicle parking at 'parkway' stations.
- Stations will be designed and planned as high-quality multimodal gateways, with inclusive access, legible layouts, secure cycle parking, clear wayfinding, good waiting environments and strong onward connections.
- East West Rail and station investment will be integrated into the wider public transport network so that rail supports seamless end-to-end journeys and sustainable growth.
- It is advocated for that rail travel becomes more affordable and ticketing should be simplified to ensure passengers get the best fare.

Delivery and quality principles

- Rail service standards and investment priorities will include reliability, frequency, capacity, accessibility, passenger experience, information and station quality, and should be coordinated with wider land use and development planning.
- Delivery partners and other key stakeholders will continue to work collaboratively across the rail industry to bring forward the infrastructure priorities identified above, as well as improvements to service levels, performance, interchange, affordability, and customer experience.

Policy 3. Bus, mass rapid transit and coach policy

Deliver faster, more reliable and better integrated public transport, including mass rapid transit, to provide a viable alternative to the car for everyday travel across the city and wider region.

Bus, coach, demand responsive transport and future mass rapid transit services shall be planned and managed to provide a faster, more reliable and more attractive alternative to private car travel on the main corridors serving Cambridge and the wider city region. High-quality public transport corridors should be planned and delivered with a view to full integration into a mass rapid transit network. Future mass rapid transit proposals are subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by improving access to jobs, services and growth locations through a more reliable, integrated and attractive non-rail public transport offer. It reinforces Policy I/ST on sustainable transport and connectivity, Policy I/ID on infrastructure and delivery and Policy I/TH on travel hub facilities.

Building on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Bus Strategy, the latest Bus Service Improvement Plan and bus franchising proposals, public transport policy priorities for the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy are grouped below.

Strategic role

- Bus, future mass rapid transit and coaches will provide attractive and affordable travel choices for everyday trips including commuting, business travel, and education - improving connectivity and helping tackle congestion.
- Bus, future mass rapid transit, coaches, demand responsive and other local services will provide access to key jobs, education, healthcare, other important services and amenities, including for those who do not regularly have access to a car – improving access to opportunities that contribute to a fulfilling life and helping tackle social exclusion.

Network priorities for Greater Cambridge

- Local priority measures including targeted introduction/extensions of bus lanes, minor junction changes including signal priority, and on-street parking rationalisation will be implemented to help ensure buses (and future mass rapid transit) run quickly and reliably, especially inside the ring of Cambridge Park & Ride sites. Bus lanes will be better enforced at key locations across the network.
- High-quality public transport corridors, supported by higher levels of priority, will be planned and delivered with a view to full integration into a future mass rapid transit network. Future mass rapid transit proposals will be informed by the Cambridge Growth Company study and will be subject to the preparation of an appropriate business case.
- Land will be safeguarded for future provision of corridors and hubs, and infrastructure and services will support major developments providing residents, workers and visitors with attractive, viable travel choices from the outset.
- Demand responsive and other flexible services will play an important role in connecting rural communities and lower-density areas to local centres, stations and rural mobility hubs where fixed-route services are harder to sustain.

Integration with the wider transport system

- Bus franchising, led by CPCA, will support improved network coordination across Greater Cambridge and beyond, providing greater control over routes, frequencies, fares, standards and integration.
- Simple, integrated ticketing and fares will support seamless travel across bus and other public transport services, with clear products, capped fares where possible and easy payment.
- Interchange will be improved in the city centre, as well as at stations, Park & Ride sites and other travel hubs, and key stops, with short and legible connections between services, comfortable, accessible and safe waiting environments, and consistent standards of stop and shelter provision, convenient to access by walking, wheeling and cycling.
- Passenger information will be clear, consistent and multimodal, including real-time information at key stops and online, consistent network identity, legible branding, wayfinding and other live information that makes the public transport offer easier to use and understand as a single system.

Delivery and quality principles

- Performance and service standards, will be a combination of quantitative and qualitative metrics, including reliability, frequency, accessibility, demand, passenger experience/satisfaction, actual and perceived personal security, and value for money.
- Public transport will be inclusive and good value, with affordability treated as a core social inclusion outcome so that the cost of travel is not a barrier to accessing jobs, education, healthcare or everyday services.
- Fleet and infrastructure investment will support decarbonisation, including zero-emission buses, supporting charging infrastructure and efficient operations, including new depot facilities as required appropriate.
- Coach provision will support the visitor economy and wider access to Cambridge, with stopping, layover and interchange arrangements planned and enforced at appropriate edge of city travel hubs so that coach access is accommodated without undermining network operation, safety or place quality.

Policy 4. Travel hub policy

Create a connected network of travel hubs to support seamless interchange between modes, improve first- and last-mile access, and manage demand on the most constrained parts of the network.

Travel hubs are transport interchange locations that support seamless transfer between car, bus, rail, active travel and shared mobility, and are critical to helping manage congestion, supporting development, and providing seamless connectivity to Cambridge City Centre, major employment sites, and other key destinations.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by improving access to jobs, services and growth locations through better interchange, stronger first- and last-mile connections, and more efficient use of constrained transport corridors. It reinforces Policy I/TH on travel hub facilities, Policy I/ST on sustainable transport and connectivity and Policy I/ID on infrastructure delivery.

Travel hub policy in Greater Cambridge reflects the clear hub typology being developed as part of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Mobility Hub Strategy based on network and place function, as well as consistent expectations for accessibility, interchange quality and design, safety, flexibility and deliverability. At the most strategic end, these include main stations and Park & Ride sites, but will be supported by a network of district and local hubs to aid integration and connectivity.

Strategic role in providing travel choices and improving connectivity

- Travel hubs will function as part of a wider network, making it easier to transfer between bus, rail, walking, wheeling, cycling, shared mobility and, where appropriate, car-based access as part of a single journey. This will support more reliable and attractive sustainable journeys.
- Hubs will help intercept and redistribute trips before they reach the most constrained parts of Cambridge, while improving access to key destinations, corridors and local centres.
- Hubs will also contribute to wider place outcomes, providing a safer, more legible and more attractive environment for users.

Network and typology priorities for Greater Cambridge

- A range of hub types will be planned for different contexts, including major interchange hubs, corridor hubs, neighbourhood hubs, employer hubs, station hubs and rural or market town hubs.
- Hub form and function will respond to place, recognising that there is no single model and that facilities will reflect local travel patterns, density, surrounding land uses and network role.
- Park and Ride and station locations will be developed as higher-quality interchange hubs where they can support onward travel by bus, rail, active travel and shared modes.
- New development and growth corridors will incorporate hubs from the outset so that sustainable travel choices are embedded early and can evolve over time.

Integration, accessibility and design principles

- Hubs will provide clear, legible and accessible interchange, with direct connections between modes, safe crossings, step-free access, seating, lighting, shelter, cycle parking and clear information.
- Hub layouts will prioritise safety and personal security, with clear sightlines, natural surveillance, good lighting and minimal clutter or hidden spaces.
- Cycle access and parking will be treated as core hub components, including secure and convenient provision for adapted, cargo and longer-stay cycles where justified.
- Hubs will be designed flexibly so that spaces, infrastructure and power provision can be adapted as travel patterns, technologies and operating models change over time.

Delivery and governance principles

- Travel hubs will be delivered through partnership, with roles agreed between the Combined Authority, local authorities, operators, infrastructure providers, landowners and developers.
- Hub delivery will be coordinated with wider transport and development programmes, including bus franchising, rail improvements, active travel schemes, corridor planning and strategic site delivery.
- Hubs will be monitored and refined over time so that facilities, services, maintenance and branding can adapt as demand grows and the wider network evolves.

Policy 5. Parking policy

Manage parking supply, pricing and use to support mode shift, reduce pressure in the most constrained areas, and enable better use of street space for movement and place.

Parking policy in Greater Cambridge will reflect an integrated network approach, clear distinctions between strategic and local parking functions, and consistent expectations for accessibility, displacement management, kerbside allocation, permit design and EV readiness.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by improving the balance between access, place quality and sustainable travel. It reinforces Policy I/ST on sustainable transport and connectivity, Policy I/ID on infrastructure and delivery, Policy I/TH on travel hub facilities, and the wider strategic objectives of Policy S/DS.

Strategic role in managing congestion

- Parking policy will support a coordinated approach to access, kerbside management and the use of street and parking space, particularly in the most accessible and constrained parts of Cambridge.
- City-centre parking will be planned as part of a wider approach to rebalancing access, public realm and sustainable travel, with a stronger role for Park & Ride, travel hubs and onward connections.
- Park & Ride and related interchange provision will form part of a wider network strategy, supporting longer-distance access while reducing pressure on the most constrained streets and central locations.

Parking supply and location priorities

- Parking provision will follow a design-led, place-sensitive approach, with lower levels in highly accessible locations and greater use of shared parking, car clubs, secure cycle parking and strong links to public transport and travel hubs.
- City-centre and other parking locations will be reviewed over time to identify opportunities to repurpose land for development, public realm and other uses that better support wider strategy outcomes.
- Park & Ride provision, including new sites or relocations, will be brought forward selectively where it supports the wider network strategy and improves interchange.

Resident parking and displacement management

- Resident parking schemes will be planned strategically, rather than introduced in isolation.
- Resident parking controls will be used where justified to address displacement from major developments, corridor changes and other pressures into adjoining residential streets.
- Area-based parking changes will should be accompanied by monitoring and clear mitigation triggers, including review of permits, controlled parking zones or scheme extensions where overspill begins to undermine network function or residential amenity.
- Resident parking schemes will also be used to review the wider allocation of kerbside space, including opportunities for cycle parking, EV charging, car clubs, bin storage and other locally appropriate uses.

Design, accessibility and management principles

- Permit structures, parking charges and controls will be fair, transparent and coordinated where possible, reflecting wider transport, access and place objectives as well as local circumstances.
- Parking management will support a consistent and user-focused customer experience, including clear information, coherent management arrangements, effective enforcement and better use of data over time.
- Blue Badge and other accessible parking will be provided where needed, with location, quantity and design based on inclusive access needs rather than fixed standards alone.
- Secure cycle parking, including provision for adapted and cargo cycles, will be considered alongside car parking so that changes to parking provision also support wider sustainable access outcomes.
- Electric vehicle charging will form an important part of parking provision in Greater Cambridge, with charging infrastructure integrated positively into parking design and management in ways that support wider sustainable transport, place-making and efficient use of space objectives.

Policy 6. Freight and servicing policy

Improve the efficiency and sustainability of freight and servicing by managing routing, consolidation and last-mile delivery to reduce congestion, emissions and pressure on the busiest parts of the network.

Freight, servicing and construction traffic shall be managed to reduce congestion, emissions and conflict in and around Cambridge, including through consolidation, cleaner vehicles and more efficient routing.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by improving the efficiency and environmental performance of goods movement, reducing unnecessary freight-related traffic in the most constrained parts of the network, and ensuring that growth can be served without undermining network function or quality of place. It reinforces Policy I/ST on sustainable transport and connectivity, Policy I/ID on infrastructure and delivery and Policy I/SD on servicing and last-mile deliveries.

Building on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan infrastructure topic paper, the Strategy's Need for Intervention report, the CPCA Local Transport and Connectivity Plan, freight and servicing policy in Greater Cambridge should reflect a network approach, a clear distinction between strategic freight and local servicing functions, and consistent expectations for consolidation, routing, vehicle type, kerbside management and construction logistics.

Strategic role in managing congestion and supporting growth

- Freight and servicing will be treated as a core transport management issue because associated traffic disproportionately contributes to congestion, kerbside pressure and network conflict in and around Cambridge.
- Freight efficiency should mean that the movement of goods remains reliable while reducing emissions, road danger and intrusion in sensitive urban and village environments.
- Construction traffic will be considered so that the cumulative impact of development and infrastructure works does not unnecessarily damage present-day accessibility and place quality. For example, construction logistics plans should be required for major projects setting out routing, phasing, booking, vehicle management and mitigation measures to reduce impacts on communities and the network.

Network and location priorities for Greater Cambridge

- Strategic freight movements will be concentrated on the most suitable corridors, including the Strategic Road Network, major road network and rail freight routes, reducing the use of inappropriate routes through villages, local centres and constrained urban streets wherever possible.
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Consolidation, cleaner vehicles and last-mile movement

- Consolidation will be used to reduce the number of freight and servicing vehicles entering already congested and/or constrained and sensitive areas, including through edge-of-city hubs, shared servicing arrangements and coordinated deliveries for city centre and major employment locations.
- Last-mile deliveries will increasingly shift to cleaner and smaller vehicles, including electric vans, cargo bikes and other low-emission solutions where these are practical and commercially viable.
- Freight policy will support mode shift from road to rail where possible, including safeguarding and promoting rail freight capacity and interchanges where this does not undermine essential passenger services and where it improves overall network performance. In particular, the Strategy recognises the current constraints on freight paths through Ely and at Haughley Junctions on the nationally important Felixstowe to the Midlands and the North corridor and will support partners in identifying and promoting ways to overcome those constraints over time.

Design and operational logistics principles

- Travel hubs, stations and major employment sites will be planned to reduce conflict between freight and servicing movements, active travel and public transport interchange, including safer junction design, clear loading locations, lower-speed environments where appropriate and better visibility and management around key pedestrian and cycle routes.
- Kerbside and servicing management will support efficient operations, using timed delivery windows, managed loading, booking systems or consolidation where appropriate to reduce peak-time pressure and conflict in the busiest locations.

Policy 7. Taxi and private hire policy

Integrate taxis and private hire into the wider transport system to support flexible, on-demand travel and first- and last-mile connections while managing their impact on congestion and kerbside space.

Taxis and private hire vehicles shall be integrated in a way that promotes their role in supporting accessibility while minimising congestion and kerbside pressure in the busiest locations.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by recognising taxis and private hire vehicles as flexible, demand responsive modes within an integrated transport system. It reinforces Policy I/ST on sustainable transport and connectivity and Policy I/TH on travel hub facilities.

Role and integration

- Taxis and PHVs will complement walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport, particularly for first- and last-mile journeys to stations, travel hubs, employment areas and key destinations.
- Their role should reflect local context, including dense urban areas, growth locations, market towns and rural communities where flexible access is needed alongside fixed-route services.

Operations and standards

- Provision will be planned around key destinations and interchange points, with clear distinction between rank-based and pre-booked activity and with kerbside management that avoids conflict with walking, cycling and public transport.
- Operations should reduce unnecessary circulation, idling and congestion in the most constrained parts of Cambridge, while supporting wider environmental objectives including lower-emission and zero-emission vehicles.
- Services should meet high standards of accessibility, safety and customer service, including wheelchair-accessible vehicles, assistance dog provision, disability awareness and safeguarding.

Delivery

- Licensing and regulatory powers will be used to set clear expectations for accessibility, vehicle standards, emissions and driver conduct.
- Local partners will identify priority locations for ranks, pick-up and drop-off management at stations, travel hubs, city-centre destinations and major employment sites.

Policy 8. Micromobility and powered two-wheeler policy

Support the safe and effective use of micromobility (for short and first-/last-mile trips) and powered two- (and three-) wheelers as space-efficient alternatives to private cars, with appropriate and mode-specific approaches to safety, parking and integration with other modes.

Micromobility refers to lightweight, low-speed electric vehicles such as e-bikes, e-scooters and e-cargo bikes (shared or privately owned) that are well suited to shorter trips and first- and last-mile travel. Powered two- and three-wheelers primarily refers to mopeds and motorcycles, which are distinct from micromobility but are also smaller vehicles that can, in some circumstances, support access and reduce spatial pressure relative to larger private cars, subject to appropriate management, safety and legal controls.

They are grouped here because innovation in personal transport is creating a wider spectrum of space-efficient options—from e-scooters and e-bikes through to motor-scooters and motorcycles—which share a common need for consistent principles on integration, kerbside space, parking and safety across the network.

Micromobility and powered two-wheelers shall be planned and managed as complementary forms of personal transport within Greater Cambridge's integrated transport system, supporting first- and last-mile connections, everyday local trips and access to travel hubs, while ensuring safe operation, responsible parking and clear accountability.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by widening travel choices and managing smaller personal vehicles in a way that supports accessibility, efficient use of limited street space and place quality, while remaining consistent with the wider movement and place objectives. It reinforces Policy I/ST on sustainable transport and connectivity, Policy I/SD on servicing and last-mile deliveries, Policy I/TH on travel hub facilities, and wider objectives relating to safety, network management and place quality.

Strategic role in the transport system

- Micromobility and powered two-wheelers will be recognised as space-efficient personal transport options with a smaller spatial footprint than larger cars, helping support access where street space is constrained and travel choices are limited.
- The Strategy will support their use in roles where they strengthen first- and last-mile connections to rail stations, Park & Ride sites and travel hubs, improve access to employment, education and local centres, and (where appropriate) contribute to more efficient last-mile servicing and delivery through smaller vehicles.
- Both modes will be managed as complementary to, rather than substitutes for, walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport, and will be expected to align with the wider movement and place objectives.

Safety and user behaviour

- The Strategy will apply a Safe Systems approach to micromobility and powered two-wheelers, recognising user vulnerability and prioritising action to reduce collision risk and improve safe operation across the network.
- Measures will include supporting rider training and safety initiatives, driver awareness campaigns (including awareness of smaller vehicles at junctions and on key corridors), and maintaining highway infrastructure to a high standard, including surface condition, markings and visibility.
- Unsafe, anti-social, inappropriate or illegal riding (and associated non-compliant operating practices) will be managed through a combination of design, user communications, proportionate enforcement and partnership working, including engagement with operators and delivery platform companies where relevant.

Parking and kerbside management

- Clearly signed parking/standing locations for micromobility and convenient, safe and appropriately located parking for powered two-wheelers will be provided as part of a balanced and place-sensitive approach to kerbside management, particularly at key destinations, travel hubs and employment locations.
- In the most constrained parts of Cambridge, parking and operating controls will be coordinated with wider kerbside management to prevent obstruction of footways and cycle routes, protect Blue Badge access and bus stop function, and support place quality.
- Inappropriate or obstructive parking and stopping, including on footways and in sensitive locations, will be managed through design, clear controls and enforcement, with partnership working (including delivery platform operators where relevant) to support responsible practices.

Delivery and governance

- Delivery will be led through partnership between the Combined Authority, local authorities, the police and relevant operators, including micromobility and delivery platform operators where appropriate.
- The Strategy will monitor safety, obstruction/nuisance, compliance and operational performance, with agreed triggers for corrective action and proportionate intervention where issues arise.

Policy 9. Highway and traffic management policy

Manage the highway network to prioritise sustainable travel, support efficient use of road space and improve reliability while balancing movement needs with place quality and safety.

Highways and traffic shall be planned and managed as part of an integrated, vision-led transport system that supports efficient movement while prioritising place quality, safety and sustainable travel. The highway network shall be managed to make best use of constrained capacity, limit unnecessary traffic and support the Strategy's objectives on congestion, access, growth and climate.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by aligning network operation with sustainable transport and placemaking objectives. It supports reduced car dependency, improved accessibility and better quality of place consistent with Policy I/ST, Policy I/ID and Policy GP/QP. It draws particularly on Cambridgeshire County Council guidance on user priority, inclusive access, active travel provision and the design and management of streets and development access in different contexts, and on National Highways guidance on route function, resilience and efficient network operation.

Strategic role and network hierarchy

- Highways and traffic management will balance movement and place so that street environments are improved while the network continues to function efficiently (see Overarching Strategy: Principle – Movement & Place Framework).

Traffic and network management

- Signals, junctions and corridor management will be used to improve reliability for priority modes and make better use of limited network capacity. Targeted network and access measures should reduce peak pressure and unnecessary traffic on the most constrained parts of the highway network.
- A city-centre circulation approach should be considered that reduces through traffic on the most sensitive streets by requiring non-essential cross-city movements to use more appropriate ring road, distributor and higher-order route corridors around rather than through the centre, while maintaining access to destinations in central Cambridge.
- This would support access from the SRN and MRN to the city via defined gateways, while reducing unnecessary through movement on city-centre streets and complementing wider public realm and Civic Quarter measures.
- Provision should be maintained for essential access, including emergency vehicles and access for disabled people and others who need to travel by car.

Integration with sustainable transport and place

- Road space will be reallocated where appropriate to support mode shift, improve safety, strengthen the public realm, and secure biodiversity net gain, greening and other nature-based improvements where these can be integrated into street and corridor schemes.
- Highway and traffic measures will support integrated journeys, including safe and convenient access to travel hubs, stations and key destinations.

Delivery and governance principles

- Highway and traffic management will be delivered through coordinated partnership working between the relevant authorities and infrastructure providers.
- Decisions will be evidence-led and coordinated with development, monitoring and wider network management over time.

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Policy 10. Transport asset management and resilience policy

Maintain and adapt transport infrastructure to ensure a safe, reliable and resilient network that supports long-term performance, growth and climate resilience.

Asset management shall protect infrastructure value, support network performance and ensure assets contribute to the Strategy's objectives on accessibility, growth, economic performance and environmental sustainability.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by ensuring infrastructure is maintained and delivered in a way that supports sustainable development and high-quality places. It aligns with Policies I/SI, I/ID and I/ST. It draws particularly on National Highways' asset management guidance on whole-life decision making, risk-based prioritisation, resilience and climate adaptation, in alignment with Cambridgeshire County Council's policies for maintaining and managing the local highway network.

Strategic role and whole-life approach

- Asset management will support the safe and reliable operation of the transport network and be treated as a core priority alongside new investment.
- Maintenance and renewal will be planned to support efficient network performance, minimise disruption and protect long-term infrastructure value.
- Decisions on maintenance and renewal will apply a whole-life approach, reflecting condition, usage, risk and network importance.
- Preventative maintenance and timely intervention will be used where possible to reduce long-term cost, disruption and asset deterioration.

Resilience, adaptation and operation

- Asset management will plan for climate risks such as flooding, heat and severe weather, and should incorporate adaptation measures into maintenance, renewal and design.
- Maintenance and renewal programmes will strengthen the resilience of the network and support faster recovery from disruption.
- Critical routes and infrastructure will be managed so that operation can continue safely and reliably during planned works, incidents and periods of stress.
- Maintenance activity and incident response will be coordinated to minimise disruption and support effective network operation.

Growth, data and governance

- Asset management will be aligned with new development and infrastructure delivery so that existing networks can continue to perform effectively as growth comes forward, with upgrades identified where needed to accommodate growth, support resilience or address emerging pressures.
- Robust asset data, monitoring and condition information will be used to inform priorities, programme decisions and continuous improvement.
- Delivery will be supported by coordinated partnership working, clear responsibilities and sustainable long-term funding aligned with wider National Highways strategy and investment frameworks.

Policy 11. Safety and security policy

Improve safety and personal security across the transport system by reducing risk and ensuring people can travel safely and with confidence.

Safety and security shall be a fundamental outcome of the transport system in Greater Cambridge. This includes reducing the number and severity of road traffic collisions, improving the safety and usability of streets and transport infrastructure, and enhancing personal security across the whole journey, including at interchanges, on vehicles and along walking and cycling routes.

This policy supports the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan and wider regional and national policy by promoting a safe systems approach to transport, consistent with Vision Zero principles and local road safety strategies. It also aligns with equalities, health and wellbeing objectives by recognising that safety is not only about collision risk, but also about personal security, confidence and perceived safety, which influence how and whether people travel. The policy responds to evidence of collision hotspots and risks to active travel users, particularly at junctions and on key corridors, and to wider issues of transport-related social exclusion linked to safety and confidence in using the network.

Building on the work of the Vision Zero Partnership for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, national guidance, and supporting Strategy evidence, key safety and security priorities are set out below.

Strategic role in improving safety and reducing harm

- The transport system will be planned, designed and managed to reduce the risk of death and serious injury, recognising that current collision patterns in Greater Cambridge disproportionately affect active travel users and are concentrated on key corridors and junctions.
- A Safe Systems approach will be applied across the network, addressing road user behaviour, vehicle safety, infrastructure design, and speed management in a coordinated way, in line with Vision Zero principles and local road safety strategies.

Network priorities for Greater Cambridge

- Investment will prioritise locations with the highest safety risks, including collision hotspots on the strategic and local road network, radial corridors and complex urban junctions, to deliver measurable reductions in casualties.
- The design of streets and corridors will seek to reduce conflict between modes, including through segregation, safer junction design, improved crossings and speed management, particularly in areas with high levels of walking and cycling.

Personal security and inclusive safety

- The transport network will be designed and operated to provide safe, well-lit, legible and overlooked environments, including at stops, stations, travel hubs and along key walking, wheeling and cycling routes, to improve both actual and perceived safety.
- Particular consideration will be given to the personal safety of women and girls and other vulnerable users, recognising evidence that concerns about safety and harassment can constrain travel choices and contribute to transport-related social

exclusion. This will be addressed through inclusive design, visibility, staffing where appropriate, and partnership working with operators, schools (e.g. jointly planning and designing further School Streets schemes), and major employers, and the police.

Integration with the wider transport system

- Safety and security will be embedded across all modes and journeys, including first- and last-mile connections, interchanges and emerging mobility solutions, ensuring that improvements to connectivity and access are accompanied by improvements in safety and user confidence.
- Transport planning and operations will work in partnership with highway authorities, police, operators and community safety partners to address both collision risk and personal security issues in a coordinated and evidence-led way.

Delivery and monitoring principles

- Safety outcomes will be monitored through robust data and evidence, including collision data, user experience and perception measures, to identify priority locations and track progress over time.
- Interventions will be targeted to support those most at risk or most affected by safety concerns, including vulnerable road users and communities experiencing transport-related exclusion, ensuring that safety improvements contribute to wider inclusion, health and accessibility outcomes.

Policy 12. Digital connectivity policy

Use digital connectivity and data to better manage the network, improve journey planning and support integration between modes, enabling a more reliable and responsive transport system.

Digital connectivity shall be used to support a more efficient, integrated and lower-carbon transport system across Greater Cambridge, improving the quality, reliability and usability of journeys while helping the network respond more effectively to growth, congestion and changing travel patterns.

This policy supports the CPCA Local Growth Plan and the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan by strengthening digital access to jobs, services and information, supporting more seamless multimodal journeys, enabling more flexible access to education, services and remote working where appropriate, improving day-to-day network management and resilience, and ensuring that transport infrastructure and development remain adaptable to changing technologies over time. It reinforces Policy I/ST on sustainable transport and connectivity, Policy I/ID on infrastructure and delivery, and the wider objectives of inclusive access, economic productivity and climate resilience.

Integrated information, ticketing and network management

- Digital systems will support integrated, multimodal journeys by providing real-time, accessible and consistent travel information and integrated ticketing across modes.
- Data and technology will be used to improve the performance of the transport network, including signal optimisation, traffic management, and the efficient management of kerbside space, freight and servicing.

Integrated and demand responsive services

- Shared mobility, demand responsive transport and Mobility as a Service approaches will be supported where they improve access, inclusion and network efficiency.
- Digital connectivity will support more seamless interchange between walking, cycling, public transport and shared mobility, improving reliability, legibility and user experience.

Data-led planning, operations and future-ready infrastructure

- Data will be used to inform planning, monitoring and day-to-day operation of the network, improving reliability, resilience and user experience.
- Transport infrastructure and development will be designed to accommodate future digital systems and emerging technologies, including communications, power and supporting digital infrastructure where needed.

Inclusion and emerging vehicle technologies

- Digital connectivity will be planned to support inclusive access, recognising that digital exclusion can act as a barrier to opportunity and services, and that non-digital alternatives may still be needed in some cases.
- The potential role of connected and autonomous vehicles is recognised, but their introduction will need to be managed in a way that reduces congestion and aligns with place and environmental objectives.

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Linkages to the Local Plan – components and policies

4.62 This theme supports the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan's policies on climate change, environmental protection, biodiversity, design quality, health and sustainable transport. It should be read alongside the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (Regulation 18, December 2025), the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Equalities Impact Assessment, and relevant carbon and environmental evidence. These documents together provide the framework for demonstrating how transport policy can contribute to emissions reduction, adaptation and environmental enhancement while remaining aligned with Greater Cambridge's growth ambitions.

4.63 The following emerging Local Plan infrastructure and transport policies have the clearest fit within the strategy structure set out above. Table 4.2 below identifies the alignment between emerging Local Plan transport-related policies and the Strategy, based on whether the policy is cross-cutting, thematic, growth or implementation focused.

Table 4.2: Alignment between emerging Local Plan transport and transport-related policies and the Strategy

Emerging Local Plan policy	Alignment to draft Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy
Policy I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity	• Our overarching strategy – Policy principles • Establishing long-term, practical solutions to congestion in and around Cambridge • Connecting homes, disadvantaged areas and the wider region • Enabling new development and homes
Policy I/TH: Travel hub facilities	• Connecting homes, disadvantaged areas and the wider region • Supporting businesses and our priority economic sectors • Enabling new development and homes
Policy I/EV: Parking and electric vehicles	• Our overarching strategy • Establishing long-term, practical solutions to congestion in and around Cambridge • Climate change and enhancing the local environment
Policy I/SD: Servicing and last-mile deliveries	• Establishing long-term, practical solutions to congestion in and around Cambridge • Supporting businesses and our priority economic sectors
Policy I/SI: Safeguarding important infrastructure	• Our overarching strategy – Policy principles • Enabling new development and homes • Supporting businesses and our priority economic sectors
Policy I/ID: Infrastructure and delivery	• Our overarching strategy – Policy principles • Enabling new development and homes • Draft capital delivery programme

4.64 Wider Local Plan policies on design, health, climate and environmental quality are reflected elsewhere in the strategy narrative and thematic sections but are not listed in

Table 4.1 because this table focuses specifically on transport and infrastructure policies.

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5 Draft capital delivery programme

Introduction

- 5.1 This chapter sets out how the Draft Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy could be implemented in practice. It summarises the governance and assurance approach, the broad structure of the delivery programme, potential funding routes, and the monitoring and evaluation framework that will be needed to support delivery over time. It is intended as a strategic implementation framework rather than a final programme and will need to be refined as schemes are developed, funding becomes clearer and the Strategy moves from draft to adopted form.

Governance and Assurance

- 5.2 Delivery of the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy requires coordinated action across multiple organisations, with different partners leading on different interventions. Governance and assurance should therefore provide clear portfolio oversight, decision routes and delivery responsibilities, while recognising that sponsorship, delivery and funding will vary between schemes and over time.
- 5.3 Prioritisation and assurance should be proportionate and transparent, using early option sifting and appraisal aligned with established good practice (including value for money, affordability, environmental impacts and deliverability). Where schemes seek Combined Authority funding or formal endorsement, they should follow an agreed assurance framework and, as they mature, be supported by proportionate business cases (strategic, economic, financial, commercial and management) consistent with HM Treasury Green Book principles.
- 5.4 Delivery should be managed through clear programme reporting, with regular updates on milestones, cost and risk, supported by project-level risk registers and escalation where issues become programme-critical. Portfolio reporting should include a delivery dashboard (e.g., Red/Amber/Green status) and an exception process for schemes at risk of delay, cost pressure or under-delivery, enabling early corrective action.
- 5.5 The Strategy and delivery programme should be kept under review through periodic reporting and an annual refresh of priorities, phasing and funding assumptions, informed by monitoring and evaluation. Governance arrangements should also set out how key roles interact in Greater Cambridge—including Combined Authority strategic leadership and funding, County highway authority and delivery functions, Greater Cambridge Partnership programmes, and Local Plan and development management responsibilities—alongside operators and national bodies for rail and the strategic road network.

Delivery Programme

- 5.6 The interventions in the delivery programme have been selected because, taken together, they provide the most effective means of delivering the Strategy's connectivity ambitions and improving access to key destinations, including strategic site allocations, major employment areas, services and transport hubs. They are aligned with the Movement and Place Framework, so that investment supports both efficient movement and high-quality places, while prioritising sustainable and space-efficient modes where this is most appropriate. The programme is also phased to reflect feasibility, dependencies and the sequencing of growth, enabling early improvements while building towards a more comprehensive long-term network. It is informed by the Local Plan evidence base, wider transport evidence and growth aspirations, and is intended to provide a coherent and deliverable basis for coordinating infrastructure, policy and investment over time.
- 5.7 Combined Authority-led interventions are likely to include strategic public transport, rail, travel hub, connectivity and wider regional integration measures, together with funding and programme coordination functions.
- Major schemes are likely to include corridor-scale public transport, rail, junction improvements, travel hub and network transformation projects that require significant appraisal, safeguarding, funding assembly and partnership working.
 - Local schemes are likely to include active travel links, local interchange improvements, smaller public transport priority measures, road safety and localised capacity enhancement schemes and place-based improvements that contribute cumulatively to the Strategy's objectives.
- 5.8 Greater Cambridge Partnership-led interventions are likely to continue to play an important role over the short term as the partnership continues to deliver on its adopted programme.
- 5.9 County-led programmes are likely to include active travel, local highway, school access, safety, maintenance and community-focused interventions, as well as technical support to strategy development and local plan implementation.
- 5.10 Other delivery partners are likely to include Network Rail, train and bus operators, National Highways, neighbouring authorities, developers, active travel bodies and community transport providers, depending on the scheme and corridor concerned. For any MRT schemes that extend beyond the boundaries of Greater Cambridge, partnership working and agreement with neighbouring authorities will be a key requirement.
- 5.11 An extended version of the delivery plan has also been created covering estimated costs (development and construction capital, maintenance and renewal, and operating costs) as well as the status of and next steps for each intervention.

Table 5.1: Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy Intervention Delivery Plan

Intervention name	Lead org.	Description and local issue(s) addressed	GCTS Objectives (abr .)					Committed, Local Plan or Additional	Local Plan policies	Phasing			Partner orgs.
			Congestion	Access	Business	Development	Environment			Short term (2026-30)	Medium term (2030-35)	Long term (2035-45)	
All of Greater Cambridge													
Bus Franchising	CPCA	CPCA is progressing a bus franchising scheme under section 123H(1) of the Transport Act 2000. This will enable greater public control over routes, frequencies, fares and service standards, helping to support a more integrated, reliable and user-focused bus network across Greater Cambridge and the wider Combined Authority area.	2	3	2	2	1	Committed	I/ST, I/ID, I/TH				CCC, Bus operators, DfT
LCWIP improvements	CCC	Local walking, wheeling and cycling improvements identified through the LCWIP, including smaller-scale route, crossing, junction, wayfinding, accessibility, cycle parking and Healthy Streets measures that fill gaps in the network and improve everyday access to schools, centres, hubs and local destinations. Over time, this should help build a more connected network linking new settlements, rural towns and larger villages, with gaps filled as opportunities arise and improvements prioritised on routes with the greatest potential to support more cycling.	1	2	1 / ?	0 / ?	1	Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD				CPCA

Increased provision of electric vehicle (EV) charging points	CCC	A series of EV charging points are to be installed both within new developments and as part of a district-wide installation scheme. This includes planned provision at GCP-led travel hubs, including: - Scotland Farm - Granta Park - Cambridge South West - Waterbeach - Newmarket	0	0	1	1	3	Committed	I/EV, I/ST, I/ID				Developers, GCP
East West Rail	East West Railway Company	East West Rail will provide a new strategic rail connection linking Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford, Tempsford, Cambourne, Cambridge South and Cambridge. This would improve east-west connectivity across the Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor, support planned growth, strengthen access to key jobs and services, and provide a more sustainable alternative to car travel for longer-distance trips.	2	2	3	2	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, I/TH, I/SI, S/CBC, S/CE				CPCA, GCP, CCC
Increased frequency and capacity of rail services	Network Rail / Rail operators	Increased rail service frequencies on routes serving Greater Cambridge, particularly towards Peterborough, Ely, King's Lynn, Norwich and Ipswich, would improve capacity, connectivity and flexibility for longer-distance journeys to and from Cambridge and Cambridge South. Capacity could also be increased through longer trains and, over time, East West Rail's proposed service of up to five trains per hour. This would widen access to jobs, services and regional centres and aligns with current work on Ely, the Ipswich to Cambridge corridor, and wider West Anglia and eastern rail improvements.	2	2	3	2	1	Local Plan	I/ST, I/ID, S/NEC, S/CBC				CPCA, Transport East, Rail Partnerships

North East – North West – West orbital mass rapid transit	CPCA	Building on existing passive provision, options will be assessed for an orbital mass rapid transit link between North East Cambridge and North West Cambridge (Eddington), including connections to Madingley Park and Ride and the Cambourne to Cambridge corridor, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case.	2	2	3	2	1 / ?	Local Plan	I/ST, I/ID, I/TH, I/SI, S/NEC					CCC, GCP, CPCA
Further orbital mass rapid transit	CPCA	Delivery of a package of orbital mass rapid transit connections forming the basis of a longer-term orbital public transport network around Cambridge, linking major growth locations, employment areas and transport corridors. This includes connections between: • North East Cambridge and Cambridge East • Cambourne to Cambridge public transport corridor/West Cambridge, Trumpington Park and Ride and Cambridge Biomedical Campus • Cambridge East and Cambridge Biomedical Campus	2	3	2	2	1 / ?	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, I/TH, I/SI					CGC, CCC, GCP
Further mass rapid transit (MRT) network development	CPCA / CGC	Subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case, CPCA will develop and test a wider network of potential mass rapid transit corridors beyond the Cambridge urban area, strengthening regional connectivity and supporting longer-distance movements into and across Greater Cambridge. Potential future extensions being considered include:												

		To St. Ives, Huntingdon and Alconbury: likely to build on the existing guided busway alignment, with improved priority and segregation for onward connections from St. Ives Park & Ride.	2 / ?	2 / ?	3 / ?	3 / ?	1 / ?	Additional	I/ID, I/SI, I/ST, I/TH			CCC, Huntingdon shire District Council/Nort h Huntingdon Opportunity Zone (NHOZ)
		To Haverhill: likely to build on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus to A11 Travel Hub high-quality public transport corridor and initial extensions to Grange Farm and Granta Park, extending further along the A1307 growth corridor.	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	1 / ?					CCC, Suffolk County Council
		To Mildenhall: likely to build on the Cambridge East corridor, extending the reach of higher-capacity public transport to the north-east.	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	1 / ?					CCC, Suffolk County Council
		To St. Neots and Tempsford: likely to build on the Cambourne to Cambridge corridor, providing additional connectivity to new development and strategic interchange opportunities.	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	1 / ?					CCC, Huntingdon shire District Council/Nort h Huntingdon Opportunity Zone (NHOZ)

Bus fleet electrification	CPCA / Bus operators	CPCA and bus operators are progressing the transition to zero-emission buses and supporting charging infrastructure across the network. This would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve local air quality and noise conditions, and help modernise the bus fleet while supporting a cleaner and more attractive public transport offer across Greater Cambridge and the wider Combined Authority area.	1	1	1	1	2	Additional	I/ST, I/EV, I/ID, CC/NZ				GCP, DfT
Other strategic rail infrastructure enhancements	Network Rail	Working with Network Rail and regional partners, CPCA will support and advocate for the exploration of strategic rail infrastructure enhancements aligned with the Transport East rail strategy, including Ely Area Capacity Enhancements and Haughley rail junction, improved links into the wider East, future East West Rail connections towards Norfolk and Suffolk, and additional capacity on routes serving Newmarket and Soham. These measures could improve rail capacity, resilience and connectivity, supporting more frequent and reliable passenger and freight services and strengthening Greater Cambridge's regional and national connections.	2	2	3	2	1	Additional	I/ST, I/Sl, I/ID				CPCA, Transport East, Rail Partnerships

Freight and deliveries consolidation pilot	CPCA	Pilot a freight consolidation model based on an edge-of-city hub and city-centre micro-consolidation / onward delivery operation to reduce servicing traffic in the commercial core and other constrained streets. The scheme would test consolidated deliveries, timed servicing and electric last-mile vehicles, while also informing how freight could connect better with rail-based movements and helping to manage the impact of construction traffic from growth sites and major infrastructure. This would help improve air quality, public realm and the efficient use of limited street space, while establishing whether a permanent and commercially viable model could be rolled out more widely and informing the emerging Freight Strategy.	2	1	2	1	1	Additional	I/SD, I/ST, I/ID, CC/CE			GCP, CCC, Freight operators, Delivery companies/ platforms
Increased provision of micromobility	CPCA	Building on the ongoing shared e-scooter and e-bike trial in Cambridge and the development of a wider CPCA micromobility strategy, CPCA and local partners would support the expansion and integration of micromobility provision, including shared e-bikes, e-scooters and other small electric or pedal-assisted vehicles where appropriate. This would help improve first- and last-mile access to public transport, travel hubs, employment areas and local centres, provide a practical alternative to short car trips, and support more flexible, low-carbon travel choices across Greater Cambridge, while recognising the need for clear legal standards, safe use and appropriate enforcement of illegally modified or non-compliant vehicles.	1	2	1	1	1	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, I/TH			GCP, Operators

M11 improvements study	National Highways	Working with National Highways and local partners, CPCA would support the longer-term development and assessment of potential proposals to improve the performance, resilience and connectivity of the M11 in Greater Cambridge, particularly in relation to through traffic, travel hubs and major growth areas. This would sit beyond the transport infrastructure needed to support current Local Plan growth and could include options to address key junction and corridor constraints while ensuring that any interventions complement wider public transport and active travel measures.	?	?	?	?	?	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, I/SI								CPCA, CCC, CGC
A14 improvements study	National Highways	Working with National Highways and local partners, CPCA would support the longer-term development and assessment of potential proposals to improve the performance, resilience and connectivity of the A14 corridor in and around Greater Cambridge. This would sit beyond the transport infrastructure needed to support current Local Plan growth and could include options to address key corridor and junction constraints, strengthen access to employment areas, growth locations and travel hubs, and support the efficient movement of freight and longer-distance traffic, while ensuring that any interventions complement wider public transport and active travel measures.	?	?	?	?	?	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, I/SI								CPCA, CCC, CGC

Review of parking provision	Cambridge City Council / Cambridgeshire County Council	Building on ongoing city parking policy work, local partners will review parking provision across Greater Cambridge, including Resident Parking Schemes and Controlled Parking Zones, Park and Ride, travel hubs, wider on- and off-street parking, parking standards, and coach parking need, to be taken forward through a forthcoming Greater Cambridge Integrated Parking Strategy.	2 / ?	0 / ?	0 / ?	2 / ?	1 / ?	Additional	I/EV, I/TH, I/ST, I/ID			GCP
Cambridge urban area												
A1134 Cycle Plus	GCP	Improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure along a section of the A1134 in the south-east, from Addenbrooke's hospital to Coldham's Lane roundabout, including Fendon Road, Mowbray Road, Perne Road, and Brooks Road.	1	2	1	1	1	Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD			CCC

Hills Road Cycle Plus	GCP	Changes to Hills Road (Lensfield Road to Hills Road Sixth Form College) to provide high-quality footways, crossings, enhanced cycling provision, bus lanes and junction improvements. As one of Cambridge's most important urban corridors, the scheme will also improve street quality, legibility and public realm, supporting the Local Plan's design and placemaking objectives as well as healthier travel outcomes.	1	2	2	1	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, GP/QP, S/CBC				CCC
Chisholm Trail Phase 2	GCP	The Chisholm Trail will provide a predominantly off-road walking and cycling link between Cambridge railway station and Cambridge North Station. Phase 2 will connect Coldham's Common with Cambridge Station, via Cromwell Road, Great Eastern Street car park, and Cavendish Road to Clifton Road.	1	3	2	1	1	Local Plan	I/ST, I/ID, GP/QP, WS/HD, S/NEC				CCC

North East Cambridge active travel improvements	CCC	Identify ways to improve walking and cycle links to/from North Cambridge Academy, King's Hedges, Milton Road and the Chisholm Trail in North East Cambridge.	1	2	1 / ?	2 / ?	Local Plan	I/ST, I/ID, S/NEC				CPCA
Cambridge bus priority measures	CPCA	Measures to promote unimpeded access for Park and Ride buses (and other radial services) to and through the city centre along priority corridors: - Milton Road/Milton Park and Ride to Cambridge city centre; - Histon Road to Cambridge city centre: signal and junction priority for buses (including the use of smart signals) and possible small-scale extensions to bus lanes - Cambridge city centre to Cambridge station: signal and junction priority for buses (including the use of smart signals) and improved enforcement of existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)	2 / ?	1 / ?	0 / ?	2 / ?	0	Additional	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, S/NEC			Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council

Cross-city mass rapid transit	CPCA / CGC	Cross-city mass rapid transit is needed to address the challenges created by Greater Cambridge's increasingly polycentric pattern of growth, with major employment areas distributed across the urban area while the current transport network is highly radial and reliant on a constrained historic core. This results in indirect journeys, pressure on key corridors, and limited connectivity. Mass rapid transit would therefore require a combination of improved interchange, priority measures, changes to city centre circulation and potential introduction of one-way or two-way traffic restrictions where necessary to create sufficient space for high-capacity public transport throughput and to support a more people-focused central area.	2	2	1 / ?	2 / ?	1 / ?	Additional	I/ST, I/TH, I/SI, I/ID, GP/QP					Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council
Civic Quarter (including public realm and traffic management)	Cambridge City Council / Cambridgeshire County Council	Changes to signals, crossings, bus stop arrangements and access management to support a better-functioning, more pedestrian-friendly and accessible central Cambridge environment, reflecting the constraints of the historic core and its role as both a movement corridor and a place of high civic and cultural importance.	1	1	1 / ?	1 / ?	2	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, GP/QP, WS/HD					CPCA, GCP

Additional bus depot(s)	CPCA	Provision of bus depot capacity, including longer-term relocation of the Milton Road Stagecoach depot, to support the future Greater Cambridge bus network, transition to zero-emission buses, and wider network growth. Depot provision should be flexible and scalable, with initial and future requirements aligned to network development and longer-term MRT planning, and should recognise that depot land requirements may be more modest than often assumed, depending on layout and operational needs.	1	1	1	1	0	Additional	I/ID, I/ST, I/SI				Bus operators, CCC
Cambridge station eastern entrance	East West Rail Company	A new eastern entrance to Cambridge station, with associated access improvements on the east side of the station, providing a direct additional access point and improving interchange from surrounding areas including Davy Road and Station Road.	0	3	1	1	0	Additional	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID				Network Rail, CPCA, CCC
Cambridge station connectivity improvements	CCC	Improvements to walking, cycling, public transport and street connectivity to Cambridge station and the proposed eastern entrance, strengthening access from surrounding commercial and residential areas and improving onward connections to key destinations.	1	2	1 / ?	1	1	Additional	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, GP/QP				CPCA, GCP, EWR
The edge of Cambridge													

Cambridge South station	Network Rail	Cambridge South station will provide a new rail gateway serving the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and the southern side of Cambridge, improving direct access to one of Greater Cambridge's most important employment, healthcare and research locations. This would strengthen connectivity to the wider rail network, support growth at and around the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, improve journey opportunities for staff, patients and visitors, and help shift a greater share of longer-distance trips to rail.	2	2	3	2	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, S/CBC	June 2026			CCC, GCP, CPCA
Cambridge South West Travel Hub	GCP	A new travel hub and park and ride site north of the A10 at M11 Junction 11. There is significant housing and employment growth connected to the area, including Trumpington Meadows, Cambridge Biomedical Campus and West Cambridge. There are currently 16 peak time P&R buses per hour from Trumpington to Cambridge city centre, with forecasts showing the site will soon reach capacity.	1 / ?	2	2	2	0 / ?	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, S/CBC				CCC, CPCA
Cambridge Eastern Access	GCP / Developer-led	Phase 1: public transport and active travel improvements in the eastern corridor, including the relocation of Newmarket Road Park and Ride. Phase 2: safeguarding for a new mass rapid transit route through the Cambridge East site connecting with Newmarket Road. Together, these measures would improve sustainable access from the east of the city, support the phased redevelopment of Cambridge East, and help reduce congestion and reliance on private car travel on the corridor.	1	2	2	2	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/SI, I/ST, I/ID, I/TH, S/CE				Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, CPCA

Cambridge East to Cambridge mass rapid transit	CPCA	Future mass rapid transit corridor between the Cambridge Airport site and Cambridge to support the long-term build out of Cambridge East and improve sustainable access from the east of the city. Building on shorter-term Cambridge Eastern Access improvements along Newmarket Road, this would help provide a high-quality public transport connection between the city centre, airport site, relocated Newmarket Park & Ride and wider key destinations, support the transport strategy for a major mixed-use growth area, and reduce reliance on private car travel for trips to and through the eastern side of Cambridge.	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	1 / ?	Local Plan	I/ST, I/ID, I/SI, S/CE				Developers
Madingley Road improvements	GCP	Proposals include improvements to Madingley Road (Eddington Avenue to Lady Margaret Road) to provide high-quality footways, crossings, enhanced cycling provision, bus priority measures and junction improvements, supported subject to an assessment of impacts on public transport.	1	2	1	2	1	Local Plan	I/ST, I/ID, S/NWC				CCC, CPCA
New Cambridge East station	Network Rail	A new Cambridge East station, subject to ongoing options assessment, will support the phased redevelopment of Cambridge East as a major new mixed-use urban quarter in the east of the city by providing direct rail access to new homes, jobs and services. Alongside wider eastern corridor measures, this would help connect the site more effectively to Cambridge, the wider rail network and key destinations across Greater Cambridge, strengthen sustainable access to a strategic growth area, and support a lower-car pattern of	2	2	3	2	1	Additional	I/ID, I/TH, I/ST, I/SI, S/CE				EWR, CPCA, GCP

		development as the area builds out over time.								
A10 Ely to A14 improvements scheme	CPCA	Suggested options include a range of possibilities from improving junctions to creating a completely new dual carriageway.	1	1	2	1	0 / ?	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, I/SI	CCC
Girton Interchange to Cambridge mass rapid transit	CPCA	Potential mass rapid transit between Girton Interchange and Cambridge, subject to the related Cambridge Growth Company study and preparation of an appropriate business case. This could include a travel hub at Girton Interchange and would improve public transport on the north-west approach to the city, strengthening links to North West Cambridge, West Cambridge and the city centre. By improving interchange and reducing reliance on private car travel on this approach, it could also help manage pressure on the wider road network, including interactions with strategic	2 / ?	3 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	Additional	I/SI, I/TH, I/ST, I/ID	CCC, Freight/Coach operators

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Waterbeach Greenway	GCP	A walking and cycling scheme that will link Waterbeach via Milton Village with Cowley Road, and connect to the Chisholm Trail, Milton Road and the St Ives Greenway for onward journeys.	1	1	0 / ?	1 / ?	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD, S/NEC, S/WNT				CCC
St Ives Greenway	GCP	Active travel improvements between St Ives and Cambridge.	1	1	0 / ?	1 / ?	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD, S/NEC				CCC
Waterbeach to Cambridge high-quality public transport corridor	GCP	The Waterbeach to Cambridge corridor will provide a new high-quality public transport and segregated active travel link between Waterbeach New Town and Cambridge, supported by a travel hub west of the A10 near Waterbeach. This would strengthen sustainable access from the north into Cambridge, improve interchange between longer-distance and local trips, and support the phased growth of Waterbeach and the wider northern corridor while helping to reduce reliance on private car travel.	2	2	2	2	1	Local Plan	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, I/SI, S/NEC, S/WNT				CPCA, Developers
South													
Mass rapid transit extension to Grange Farm	Developer-led	An extension of the currently proposed CSET phase two to the Grange Farm site, providing a high-quality fully segregated public transport corridor connection across the A11/A1307 to serve the site, connect with the proposed A11 travel hub, and integrate with the wider south-eastern corridor including a possible stop for direct access to innovation and employment opportunities at Granta Park.	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	3 / ?	1 / ?	Local Plan	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, I/SI, S/GF				CPCA, CGC, GCP, CCC
See 'The rural southern cluster' for additional interventions relevant to Local Plan Policy S/GF 'Land adjacent to A11 and A1307 at Grange Farm'.													

East											
There are no interventions here as no new settlements are proposed in the east of Greater Cambridge in the Local Plan.											
West											
A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet	National Highways	The A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Road Improvement Scheme will upgrade the A428 between the A1 Black Cat roundabout and A1198 Caxton Gibbet roundabout with a new 10-mile dual carriageway and several junction improvements.	2	2 / ?	2 / ?	1 / ?	- 1	Committed	I/ST, I/ID		CCC, CPCA
New station at Cambourne	East West Rail Company	A new East West Rail station at Cambourne, integrated with mobility hub and interchange facilities, will provide a rail-based gateway for the wider Cambourne/west of Cambridge area and support the Cambourne North site as it grows. It would create a focal point for access and interchange from both the north and the south of Cambourne, linking with local public transport, active travel and onward local access, and helping connect the Cambourne area more effectively with Cambridge and the wider Oxford-Cambridge growth corridor.	2	2	2	3	1 / ?	Local Plan / Committed	I/ID, I/TH, I/ST, I/SI, S/CBN		CPCA, CCC, Developers
Cambourne to Cambridge high-quality public transport corridor	GCP	A new high-quality public transport and segregated active travel corridor between Cambourne and Cambridge via Bourn Airfield, Hardwick and West Cambridge, supported by a major travel hub at Scotland Farm, Dry Drayton. This would improve the speed, reliability and attractiveness of sustainable travel on the west corridor and support planned western growth while reducing reliance on private car travel for longer-distance trips.	2	2	2	2	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, I/SI, S/NWC, S/CBN		CPCA, CCC, Developers

Mass rapid transit extension to Papworth Everard	CPCA / GCP / CGC (TBC)	A segregated public transport corridor extension to Papworth Everard would build on the Cambourne–Cambridge scheme by extending high-quality public transport connectivity further west via Cambourne North. This would improve links between Papworth Everard, Cambourne North and Cambridge, support the transport strategy for the Cambourne North site, and help create a broader west corridor public transport network that offers a more sustainable alternative to car travel.	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	2 / ?	1 / ?	Local Plan	I/ST, I/ID, I/ST, S/CBN					CGC, CPCA, Developers
The rural southern cluster														
Sawston Greenway	GCP	Delivery of a walking and cycling scheme that connects the villages of Sawston and Stapleford with the DNA Path and Cambridge Biomedical Campus.	1	1	0 / ?	1 / ?	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD, S/CBC, S/BRC, S/GF					CCC
Linton Greenway	GCP	The Greenway will link South Cambridgeshire through the creation of an active travel link between CBC and the village of Linton.	1	1	0 / ?	1 / ?	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD, S/CBC, S/BRC, S/GF					CCC
Francis Crick Avenue improvements	GCP	Reconfiguration of Francis Crick Avenue to provide a high-quality, multimodal corridor serving Cambridge South station, including segregated walking and cycling routes, enhanced crossings and legible station access, together with improved interchange with the guided busway and local services; the scheme also safeguards and enables a future Cambridge South East Transport corridor, supporting longer-term high-capacity connectivity to the A11 corridor and wider growth areas.	2	1	2	2	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, I/ST, S/NEC, S/CBC, S/BRC, S/GF					CCC, Network Rail, Developers

Cambridge South East high-quality public transport corridor (including A11/A1307 travel hub)	GCP	A phased package of improvements to public transport, active travel and interchange in the south-east corridor, centred on a new segregated public transport route from the A11 corridor via Sawston and Great Shelford to Cambridge Biomedical Campus. This would be supported by a new A11/A1307 travel hub, complementary walking, wheeling and cycling links, and improved first- and last-mile access to key destinations including the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Babraham Research Campus and Granta Park. Taken together, these measures would improve sustainable access from the south-eastern arc into Cambridge, strengthen interchange and network resilience, and support planned growth and major employment locations along the corridor.	2	2	3	2	1 / ?	Local Plan	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, I/SI, S/NEC, S/CBC, S/BRC, S/GF				CCC, CPCA
Mass rapid transit extension to Hinxtton	CPCA / CGC	Future extension of the mass rapid transit network towards Hinxtton, the Wellcome Genome Campus and Duxford, improving sustainable access to major research, employment and growth locations in the southern corridor and strengthening interchange with rail, travel hubs and surrounding settlements.	2 / ?	2 / ?	3 / ?	2 / ?	1 / ?	Additional	I/ST, I/TH, I/ID, I/SI				CCC, Wellcome Genome Campus
Whittlesford Parkway station improvements	GCP	Further improvements to walking, cycling, public transport and highway access to and around Whittlesford Parkway railway station, together with increased provision of parking and other station facilities, to strengthen its role as a multi-modal travel	1	2	2	1 / ?	1	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, I/TH				Network Rail

		hub serving the southern employment cluster.										
A505 Royston to Granta Park study	CPCA	A study of the A505 corridor between Royston and Granta Park, building on the completed Strategic Outline Case and its initial investigation of issues and opportunities. The study would consider a multimodal package of improvements to support the internationally important cluster of science parks and employment sites in the corridor, including better public transport links, active travel measures and safety improvements.	1	1	2	0	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, I/SI				CCC
Rest of the rural area												
Bottisham Greenway	GCP	A 'wheel' of Greenways will connect smaller settlements for local journeys as well as longer distance commutes into the city.	1	1	0	0	Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD				CCC
Swaffham Greenway	GCP		1	1	0	0	Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD				
Haslingfield Greenway	GCP		1	1	0	0	Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD				
Comberton Greenway	GCP		1	1	0	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD, S/NWC				

Barton Greenway	GCP		1	1	0 / ?	1 / ?	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD, S/NWC			
Melbourn Greenway	GCP		1	1	0 / ?	1 / ?	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD, S/CBC			
Fulbourn Greenway	GCP		1	1	0 / ?	1 / ?	1	Local Plan / Committed	I/ST, I/ID, WS/HD, S/CBC			
Foxton Level Crossing study	Network Rail	A study of issues and opportunities at Foxton level crossing to improve safety, reduce delay and support more reliable movement on the southern A10 corridor, while considering opportunities for park-and-rail / travel hub interchange and wider mode shift from settlements south of Cambridge.	1	1	1	1	1	Additional	I/ST, I/Sl, I/ID, I/TH			CPCA, CCC
Rural mobility hubs	CCC	Strengthening connections from rural communities to local services, market towns and key transport interchanges through multimodal travel hubs and locally led transport solutions, including demand responsive transport.	1	2 / ?	0	0 / ?	0 / ?	Additional	I/TH, I/ST, I/ID			GCP, CPCA

Other active travel improvements	CCC	Supporting measures to enhance walking, wheeling and cycling connections between villages, mobility hubs, nearby services and key transport corridors. Measures will include local links to travel hubs, connections to Greenways and strategic routes, wayfinding and accessibility upgrades, and removal of severance barriers on rural roads.	0	1 / ?	0	0	1	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, I/TH, WS/HD		CPCA
Rural safety improvements	CCC	Targeted interventions including junction and crossing improvements, visibility enhancements and safer provision for walking, wheeling and cycling in rural areas. This ensures users can access mobility hubs confidently, supporting more inclusive sustainable transport provision while improving overall road safety outcomes.	0	1	0	0	1	Additional	I/ST, I/ID, I/TH, WS/HD		CPCA

Scheme Funding

- 5.12 Delivery of the Strategy will require a blended funding approach, reflecting the different scales, purposes and delivery models of the interventions identified in this document. Core funding is expected to combine local transport authority allocations (including Integrated Transport Block-type funding and successor arrangements), bus funding and highways maintenance funding, alongside scheme-specific national programmes and local contributions linked to growth. The delivery programme should align each intervention package to the most realistic mix of funding routes and maintain a clear pipeline of investable schemes as opportunities emerge.
- 5.13 For schemes identified in the strategy that are required to be delivered to enable the development of sites included in the Local Plan that are beyond landowners' control, local public sector partners will work together, long with national government and its delivery bodies, to progress their delivery. This will include drawing on relevant funding sources such as s106, CIL, and national funding opportunities associated with Government's interest in the area.

Active travel, Greenways and local network improvements

- 5.14 For walking, wheeling and cycling programmes (including Greenways, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan schemes, junction safety and first/last-mile links to stations and hubs), the most relevant opportunities are Active Travel England and related multi-year active travel funding, supplemented by local transport authority capital allocations. These sources are well aligned to early delivery priorities on everyday access, inclusive design and corridor-based connectivity.

Bus priority, network improvement and zero-emission transition (including franchising)

- 5.15 For bus priority and service improvement (including corridor bus priority, interchange upgrades, information/ticketing improvements and demand responsive services), key opportunities include BSIP and successor bus programmes. Future bus funding and delivery will also be shaped by bus reform choices, including the potential use of franchising powers, which affect service specifications, fares, revenue risk and how capital investment can be packaged with revenue support and performance requirements. Fleet decarbonisation and depot/charging upgrades (or new sites) may be supported through targeted national zero-emission bus programmes (such as ZEBRA and successor rounds), aligned with the Strategy's climate and air quality objectives.

Travel hubs, interchange and shared mobility

- 5.16 For travel hubs, mobility hubs and interchange schemes, funding will typically be assembled from several sources: local transport allocations as a base, bus capital where interchange is central, Active Travel England for high-quality access, and private/landowner or developer delivery and/or contributions where hubs unlock development or serve major trip generators. Partnership delivery models are particularly important for hubs, including clarity on long-term operations and maintenance where hubs sit on private land or are delivered through the development process.

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Rail and strategic corridor interventions

- 5.17 Rail-related interventions will depend on the rail investment pipeline and partnership funding models, with schemes progressing through Network Rail / Great British Railways processes and relevant enhancement programmes. Where highway and junction schemes are required for resilience, safety, freight efficiency or to unlock sustainable growth, Major Road Network and Large Local Majors-style programmes remain relevant routes, alongside National Highways investment through the Road Investment Strategy (RIS) where interventions interface with the Strategic Road Network. Across all types, local authority capital, developer contributions (including Section 106 and CIL, and direct delivery through planning conditions and Section 278 agreements) and wider partnership funding will remain important, with repayable finance considered where it accelerates delivery and supports longer-term value capture.

Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

- 5.18 Monitoring and evaluation should be used both to track delivery and to test whether the Strategy is achieving its intended outcomes for connectivity, inclusion, health, the economy and the environment. Reporting should provide an early warning where outputs and outcomes are not as anticipated, so that priorities, phasing and supporting policies can be adjusted over time.
- 5.19 Monitoring should operate at two levels. **Scheme-level** monitoring and evaluation plans should be prepared as part of business case development (proportionate to scheme scale) and should focus on delivery, implementation quality and early outcomes. **Programme-level** monitoring should use a small set of KPIs aligned to the Strategy's objectives (as set out in the logic map earlier in this report) to understand whether the package is delivering the intended direction of travel.
- 5.20 Data collection should prioritise established datasets to minimise cost, supplemented by targeted monitoring where needed for major interventions. Examples include **automatic traffic counts at key corridor/cordon points** to track changes in traffic flows and network performance, and **periodic passenger/user surveys** (e.g., perceptions of safety, reliability and value for money) to capture experience and inclusion outcomes that are not visible in operational datasets. Indicators should be stored and maintained in a consistent, well-organised way, with clear data ownership and supporting documentation.
- 5.21 Reporting should be regular, transparent and linked to governance and future updates. In line with established practice, performance should be summarised through **annual updates** to the relevant governance bodies, supported by a wider monitoring report (e.g., **biennial**) that provides a clear snapshot against the agreed indicators. A more formal **programme-level evaluation** should then be undertaken around **four years after adoption** to test whether outcomes and impacts are being realised and to inform any refresh of the Strategy and delivery programme.

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