

# **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

A City Access Public Consultation











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It's easy to see why people want to live, work in and visit Greater Cambridge. It's a beautiful and vibrant place. But Greater Cambridge has some of the worst congestion in the UK, making it hard to get around and polluting our air. For many journeys, there's no alternative to going by car, limiting opportunities for many.

With employment and population growing, the pressure on our roads will increase and our quality of life will suffer.

Imagine if your journey was better by bus... with:

- More connections for rural villages
- More buses and more routes from 5am to 1am
- Buses that you can rely on

10,000 additional P&R spaces are proposed

In 2020, 121 deaths were attributable to air pollution



# During the 2021 Making Connections consultation, we found that:



Supported overall aims – reducing carbon emissions, tackling pollution and congestion



Supported proposals to create a bus network with cheaper, faster, more frequent and reliable services

### THE PROPOSALS

From as early as mid-2023, we're proposing to **transform the bus network** through more services to more locations, with cheaper fares at £1/£2.

Alongside the bus network, we're proposing more **investment in new sustainable travel schemes**, such as better walking and cycling links.

From 2027/28, we propose to introduce a **Sustainable Travel Zone** in the form of a road user charge on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council as the Highway Authority. Vehicles would pay to drive in the Zone at certain times. The Zone would be phased in from 2025, after the first bus improvements are introduced. There would be discounts, exemptions and reimbursements for some, including those on low incomes and blue badge holders.

Shaped by extensive consultations, we're seeking your input to this step-bystep plan for better, cleaner, safer transport.

We are proposing one of the largest ever investments in buses outside London.



Up to 75 cars can be taken off the road with a fully-loaded double decker bus.

# FIND OUT MORE AND HAVE YOUR SAY





Read more detail on the proposals, including a map of the proposed Zone and fill out the survey online at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022



Request a print brochure and survey by post or in alternative formats, including large print, braille and other languages by calling 01223 699906. You can also call us if you need help filling out the survey.



Printed consultation brochures are also available to view at local libraries which are listed on the link above.



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## **DROP IN AND SEE US**

### In person



We'll be sharing information and answering questions at locations across Cambridgeshire including Cambourne, Ely and Newmarket. Find dates, times and locations at

www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-events



#### **Online**

Log on to hear more and pose questions at one of our online events. Further details and registration is available at the link above.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to change how we travel.

The consultation is open between 17 October – midday 23 December 2022.

We look forward to hearing from you.



