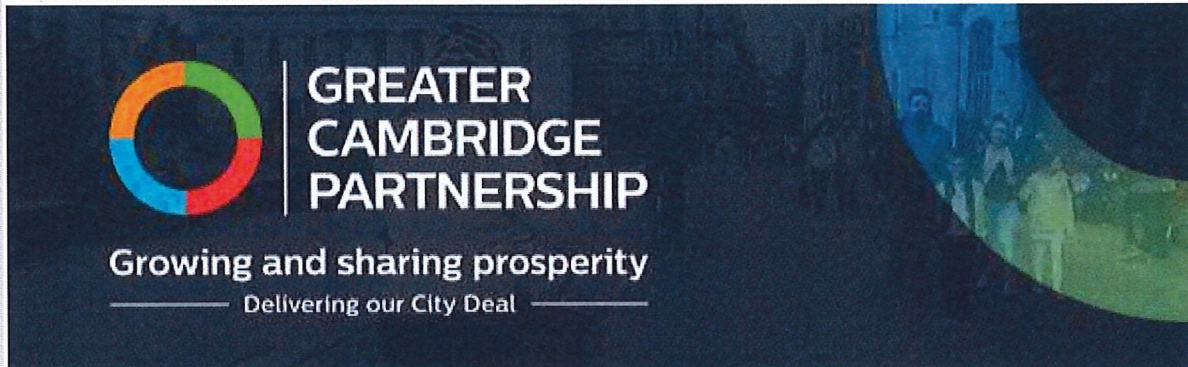


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Introduction

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Skills

Ambitious and expanded skills programme to launch 1 April

An ambitious skills and training programme to boost apprenticeships, support businesses and help adults retrain and find a new career in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic will get to work from 1 April.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership has awarded a £2m four-year contract to Form the Future to deliver the extended service that will help people of all ages learn new skills and seek career advice.

The programme will also work with businesses to support them through the process of offering additional training to staff and taking on trainees and apprentices.

The ambitious programme, which will be delivered jointly with Cambridge Regional College, includes an enhanced package of measures to help people find work and businesses find skilled staff.



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Smart

Smart signals to be trialled



A new traffic signal control method is to be trialled at some of the busiest junctions in Cambridge to help cut congestion and improve air quality.

The 12-month trial will investigate how camera-based sensors and machine learning can be used to optimise traffic signals to improve traffic flow, reduce journey times and help tackle air pollution..

Trials will start in the summer and a report on the initial findings will be available in Spring 2022. The pilot scheme will be trialled at the following junctions:

- Hills Road-Brooklands Avenue
- Hills Road-Cherry Hinton Road
- Cherry Hinton Road-Clifton Road
- Robin Hood corner (Cherry Hinton Road-Queen Edith's Way)

If the trial proves to be successful, the GCP will consider how further investments in AI signals could be rolled out in the future.

Other projects

GCP takes ground-breaking approach to secure future of electricity network

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is taking a ground-breaking approach to ensure the security of future electricity distribution across the area.

Demand for electricity is set to triple across Greater Cambridge by around 2031 from expected growth in housing and jobs – and also through steps being taken across the country to meet our 'net zero' carbon commitments, including moving to electric cars, battery-powered buses, and the removal of gas as a home energy source.

The GCP is exploring what needs to be done to ensure the future electricity network has the right capacity in the right places to distribute power – both from the national grid and from clean local generation such as solar farms.

This work includes assessing what reinforcements are needed for the distribution network - especially in the south of the GCP area which is further away from existing supply points – and when they need to be ready to meet this demand.



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Boost to sustainable transport

Significant new action to boost sustainable transport and back a green recovery from Covid-19 has been approved by the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board.

Investments to boost public transport and expand active travel routes to encourage more cycling and walking across Greater Cambridge have been given the green light.

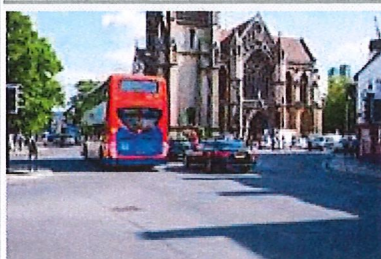
The Executive Board backed a range of comprehensive measures to help get more people out of their cars - including an improved bus network and plans to support operators to introduce a wider fleet of zero emission buses by 2025.



The package of investments will focus on:

- New sustainable travel infrastructure – including a £20m investment to extend the active travel network, an expansion of the Babraham Park & Ride and a freight pilot scheme.
- An enhanced network of public transport services – with a package designed with the Combined Authority and operators to lengthen operating hours and increase bus frequencies, as well as ambitious plans for a zero emission bus fleet in the central area by 2025.
- Working to reduce demand for car trips and create space for sustainable transport – including the development of a new ‘road hierarchy’ to prioritise sustainable modes of transport and the development of a new parking strategy and civil parking enforcement.

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Trial schemes to support active travel

Further trial measures to make it easier for people to travel around Greater Cambridge on foot and bicycle in the response to Covid-19 have been rolled out.

The GCP implemented additional trial schemes, known as Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs), in the Newtown area of Cambridge in January.

These aim to prevent through traffic movements to encourage active travel and help people maintain social distancing. A public consultation on these measures will be launched in the summer.

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Histon Road construction update

Construction is continuing on the Histon Road project, which will improve bus and active travel journeys into the city from the north.

The Canterbury Street junction will be closed for a week in March - dates to be confirmed. Resurfacing work between the Victoria Road junction and Murketts of Cambridge is due to take place from 6 April.

Histon Road now has a 20mph speed limit in place.



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Cambridge South East Transport project



Safety upgrades to the A1307 are to begin next month.

Works to create a new dedicated right-turn from the A1307 into Granham's Road in Cambridge will begin on 6 April.

The new junction layout will also improve visibility for cars exiting Granham's Road onto the A1307.

The upgrade, which will take around three months to complete, is being delivered as part of phase one of the Cambridge South East Transport project to make improvements to people's journeys.

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Upgrades across Greenways network

Work to resurface a 220m stretch of a popular cycle route between Stourbridge Common and Riverside Bridge has been completed.

It will form part of the Greater Cambridge Greenways network, linking the Horningsea, Bottisham and Swaffham's routes as well as the Abbey Chesterton Bridge and Chisholm Trail project.



Work is also underway on resurfacing a 300m section of path on the Coton M11 bridleway bridge to make cycling, walking and other active travel journeys safer. This path will eventually become part of the Comberton Greenway linking Comberton, Hardwick and Coton to the West Cambridge Campus, Eddington and the city centre.

The work - commissioned by the GCP in partnership with Highways England, which recently carried out major repairs to the bridge - is expected to finish in April.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership's Executive Board has approved 12 Greenways – a network of walking, cycling and equestrian routes linking surrounding villages to the city and key employment sites.

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Underpass work to close Newmarket Rd

Construction on phase one of the flagship Chisholm Trail project will soon focus on the creation of a new underpass at Newmarket Road.

To enable this work to be carried out safely, Newmarket Road will be closed to all motorists, cyclists and pedestrians between 8pm on Friday 26 March and 6am on Friday 2 April.

Further overnight closures will also be required during the construction of the underpass and we will update residents about the dates when they are confirmed. A diversion via Coldhams Lane and Barnwell Road will be in place during all closures.

A separate diversion will be in place for cyclists across Coldhams Common, with a free shuttle bus for pedestrians who are unable to use the diversion. Buses will be diverted and bus stops suspended.



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Cambourne to Cambridge independent audit

The statement of the assumptions and constraints underpinning the outline business case and the selection of the preferred route for the Cambourne to Cambridge scheme has now been [published](#).

The focus of the audit, which is being led by Phil Swann, is on the robustness and continuing appropriateness of those assumptions and constraints.

Interested parties are now invited to submit written representations on the assumptions and constraints and their application throughout the process.

Representations should be submitted to C2Caudit@sharedintelligence.net by 23 April 2021.

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