

**CAMBourNE TOWN COUNCIL**

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Traffic Matters and Road Safety**

**Correspondence**

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The below schedule is a summary of correspondence circulated by the Town Clerk to Councillors since the last meeting by email

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#### 14.1 Cambourne 20 mph Zone

The Town Clerk has been in discussion with Simon Manville on the 20mph speed limit and funding. As the Council had received an email from Peter Prendergast, Business Support Officer, about applying for funding for 20mph scheme. this looked to be for smaller scale applications. So the Town Clerk emailed Peter Prendergast to get clarification of the extent of funding for 20mph schemes. I also asked Simon Manville if we could apply for the above funding and got the email below.

After discussion with the Chairs Group the Town Clerk submitted an Expression of Interest in applying for the new funding stream. This has been accepted by Cambridgeshire County Council

It is

**Recommended** that the Chairs Group and Town Clerks actions be confirmed.

#### Email from Simon Manville, Cambridgeshire County Council

**From:** Simon Manville

**Sent:** 28 February 2023 17:18

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**Subject:** Cambourne 20 mph Zone new process - Expressions of interest

Good afternoon John,

Thank you for the quick call earlier which I think has clarified matters, for me at least. As discussed, I have been sending the same e-mail template (below) to towns and parishes around the county, inviting expressions of interest based on a new funding stream from the CPCA. I think Cambourne are already a little further along the track than most.

Please can you raise this at the meeting of Cambourne Town Council tomorrow and then confirm your interest in the funding in due course, and that you would be happy to proceed with a 'town wide approach' rather than the separate zones which were being discussed previously. When Jason returns from his leave, I will look to produce a plan of how this would look, which we will then share with you and then make amendments as required.

If you have any further questions don't hesitate to let me know. I have copied in local members to this e-mail, to ensure they are also in the loop. Please feel free to share more widely if there is anyone I might have missed.

*Cambridgeshire County Council would like to invite expressions of interest for the introduction of 20mph zones.*

*In December 2022 Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways and Transport committee agreed to make 20mph zones more widely available to improve road safety, encourage more active travel and to reduce noise and pollution. With this in mind we would like to invite expressions of interest for 20mph zones to be implemented in your area.*

*The funding for the scheme is coming from the Department for Transport via the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and the Transforming Cities Fund. At this stage this funding has not yet been released by DFT or CPCA so please be aware at this stage that we are still classing the proposal as provisional only, until such time as the money is made available, and this should in turn be communicated to any third parties when undertaking initial consultation / discussions.*

*The timescale for delivery of the 20mph zones is very tight, all schemes must be completed within the next financial year (23/24). This has dictated the approach we are taking to implement 20mph speed limits with a City, town or parish wide approach being employed, and asking for feedback now, before the funding is officially confirmed, to enable a quick start. It is important therefore that you are able to confirm that a town wide approach will be supported locally. In general industrial areas will be excluded from the 20mph area due to concerns over compliance, as will any strategic routes through the area due to the existing road layout and environment.*

*Initially there will be an opportunity for you to review and suggest changes to the proposed zones, but once a plan has been agreed this is what will be delivered on the ground, and last minute change requests will not be accepted. With this in mind I have attached above an initial high level proposal of the area we would propose being reduced to 20mph for you to review and comment on.*

*The 20mph zones will include Zone Entry signing and repeater signs attached to existing lighting columns or signposts wherever possible. Some on-road painted roundels will also be used. No additional traffic calming features are included within this scheme. Repeater signs or roundels will generally be proposed at approximately 100m intervals, as per national guidance. Where existing traffic calming or 20mph zones exist, new schemes will dovetail with the existing.*

*At this point in time we require your formal expression of interest which must confirm support for a town wide approach as detailed, and would ask that you also progress points 2 and 3 below, if possible, by 31st March 2023, which will give us enough time to complete the design work and then formally consult, before programming and delivering the work on site.*

*As long as the proposed implementation process is approved by the Highways and Transport committee and also the CPCA board in late March, the next steps will be:*

- 1. We will propose a zone on a map and identify its entry/exit locations.*
- 2. We ask that you engage with local residents and stakeholder groups to gain their opinions on the proposed zone extents before 31st March 2023, (as mentioned above).*
- 3. We request that any suggested amendments to the proposal are returned by a set date, (also 31st March 2023).*
- 4. We will then consider suggested amendments and make any appropriate changes to the plans. If a change is not considered appropriate we will explain our reasoning.*
- 5. We will request written confirmation of acceptance of the revised proposal once funding has been officially confirmed.*
- 6. A formal consultation will then be needed. This gives 21 days for any comments or objections to be submitted.*
- 7. The delivery of the 20mph zone will be planned as part of a sequential programme across the county. Once this programme is set we will let you know when you can expect the implementation to take place and arrange for relevant updates to be sent out to residents and stakeholders in advance of work commencing. The programme will also be published on our dedicated 20mph page on the CCC website.*
- 8. The scheme will be implemented within the financial year 23/24.*

*We appreciate the short time frames associated with the delivery of this work, which have been dictated by the funding spend deadline set by central government. Unfortunately these are not negotiable, and we will work with you to get the best outcome we can for your area.*

*Best regards*

*Simon*

**Simon Manville**

**Project Manager | Cambridgeshire County Council**

## 14.2 Safe access for residents from West Cambourne to Cambourne

Email below received from District Cllr Stephen Drew.

Dear all

Please attached a document detailing the concerns and personal testimonies of residents of West Cambourne regarding the dangers they face as a result of the lack of a safe and simple route for walking or cycling between their homes and the rest of their town. We are happy for this document to be shared with anyone who you wish to. In particular we ask that it is shared with all Cambourne's town councillors by the clerk, John Vickery.

This report has been prepared by Councillor Helene Leeming and Councillor Stephen Drew (South Cambridgeshire District Council) on behalf of the residents. We have spoken to professionals and volunteers in Cambourne who are supporting residents in West Cambourne, as well as meeting with at least two-thirds of the residents of West Cambourne to discuss the problems.

It is abundantly clear that action to put in place a route is needed immediately in order to protect the safety and wellbeing of West Cambourne residents who find themselves currently cut off from the rest of their town unless they have access to a car at all times. The details provided by residents are difficult to read. Children who are not able to access extra-curricular activities at school, families who cannot access essential services such as doctors and dentists, residents who cannot meet up with friends and family, and families who have had to stop their children from walking or cycling to school due to the dangers of the A1198 as their only route to Cambourne. Residents have also provided photographs of people walking on the fast moving and dark A1198, something that absolutely should not be happening.

We are pleased to see that progress is clearly being made on putting the necessary safe route into place and look forward to meeting with representatives of Taylor Wimpey and Vistry to further understand your plans on Thursday. We will be particularly interested to understand how all those involved in delivering this safe route will be ensuring that residents in West Cambourne are only going to have wait a matter of weeks rather than months for this to be put in place. The dangers currently faced by residents as a result of the lack of a safe route simply cannot be allowed to continue. However, we are sure that we can all work together to get this solution in place and know that everyone involved wants to deliver the right solution for the residents of West Cambourne.

You will also find a petition signed by 50 residents of West Cambourne on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February in relation to this matter.

Thank you

Stephen

Councillor Stephen Drew  
Cambourne

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West Cambourne

# Access problems

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Councillors Helene Leeming and Stephen Drew  
27th February, 2023

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## Introduction

From November 2022 onwards Councillors Leeming and Drew have been approached by various residents, professionals and groups from across Cambourne expressing profound concern about the dangers faced by new residents in West Cambourne travelling to the rest of the town.

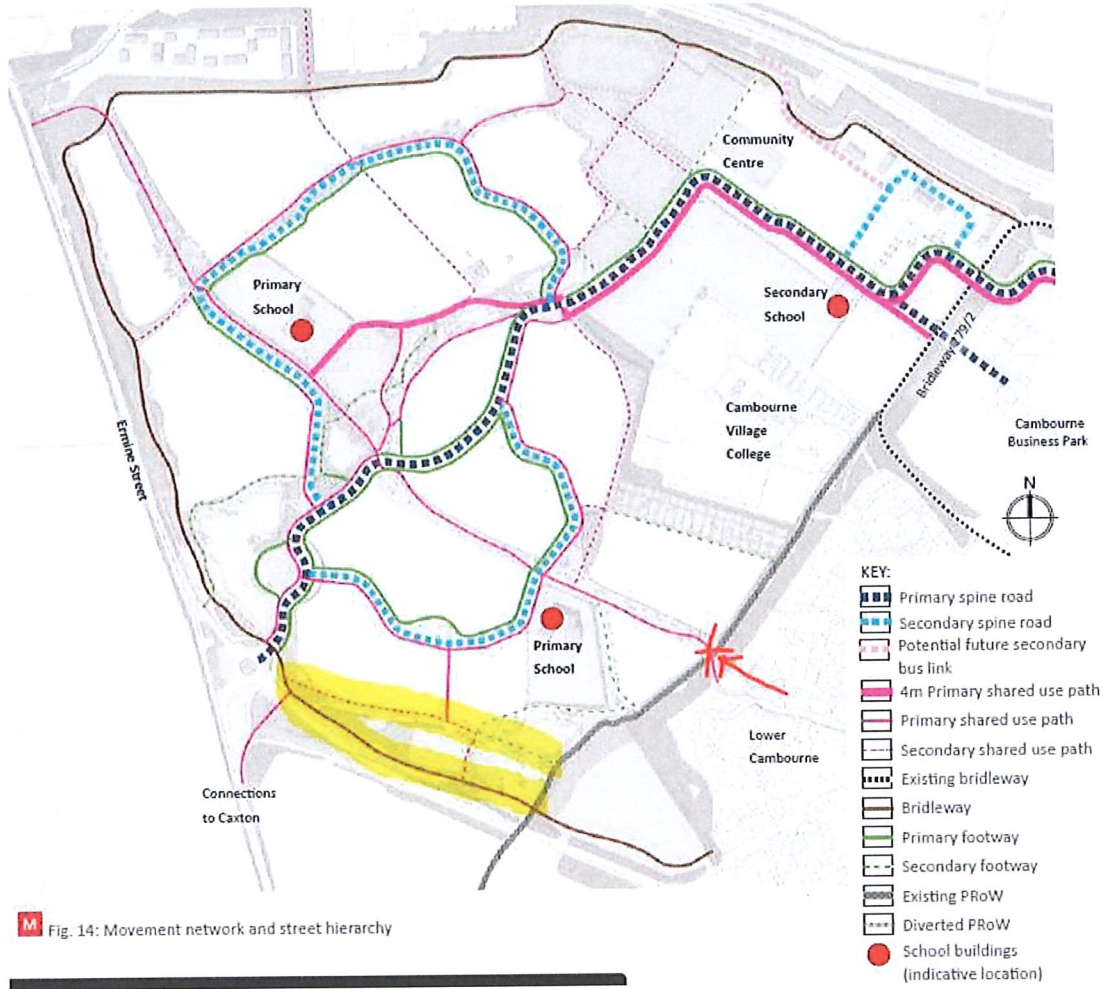
It is clear that as an increasing number of houses are sold and residents move in that they need safe and direct access between their homes and their town. However, at present this does not exist. West Cambourne residents have to travel along the A1198 from the single access point to West Cambourne down to the roundabout at Lower Cambourne. This route is dangerous for anyone not in a car and therefore West Cambourne residents are forced to make all their movements this way.

A safe and direct route from West Cambourne to the rest of the town needs to be put in place as a matter of urgency to protect residents and enable them to enjoy the full benefits of living in their new homes as part of our community. At present walking and cycling are simply not available to them or their children.

On Sunday 26th February Councillors Leeming and Drew met with around 60 West Cambourne residents at their invitation. A photo of those at the meeting can be seen below on page 2 of this report. The residents were clear that access to Cambourne is their top issue of concern. We met with the representatives of the residents who are coordinating their communications. We then met with the large group of residents and discussed their concerns at length. Time and time again we heard about how the lack of a safe route for residents to get to the rest of the town is having a detrimental impact on their lives. These impacts are particularly severe on families without cars, or where their one car is needed for transport to work each day. Parents simply cannot allow their children to walk or cycle on the A1198 and are forced to make significant changes to their working and personal lives in order to get their children to school, to access services such as the medical practice or dentist, or to go shopping.

In this report we have gathered the information provided to us by various residents, professionals and groups in Cambourne over the last three months. We have also included the words of West Cambourne residents who have contacted us directly with their concerns. The words of the residents are powerful and show that this situation needs resolution immediately.





**M** Fig. 14: Movement network and street hierarchy



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## Wider reports of the problems

Residents have approached their councillors in Morrisons, via email and in public gatherings. Stories of people having to drive a mobility scooter down the side of the A1198 have been shared by more than one person. The parish nurse sought out Councillor Leeming at a community event, to express her deep concern about the impact of isolation on West Cambourne residents' mental health. An email was sent by a member of a church group expressing concern based on discussion had with vulnerable members of their church travelling from West Cambourne. Professionals working to support residents in the town with mental health issues and loneliness have expressed concerns about how difficult it is for residents of West Cambourne to travel to the town to access services.

Councillors Leeming and Drew have visited West Cambourne on a number of occasions to view the problems at first hand, approaching the development both by car and on foot from Lower Cambourne in order to understand the reality of the experience of residents. We have also spoken directly to residents in West Cambourne and placed an article in the Cambourne Crier asking for residents to contact us with their experiences. It is clear that the problems are great and need immediate resolution.

## The experience of residents in West Cambourne

Residents from West Cambourne have provided personal testimony of their experiences of living in their new homes with no safe route for walking or cycling to the rest of their town. In each case names and email addresses were provided, but these have been removed in order to anonymise the testimonies.

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## Resident experience 1

My family and I will move to West Cambourne in the middle of February. And we are also concerned about the route to travel between our home and the rest of Cambourne.

My husband needs to go to work in the early morning and my daughter needs to go to Cambourne Village College . No one in my family can drive my daughter to go to school. If we walk along the A1198 to go to school , we feel it is dangerous.

Moreover, my parents also live with us. If there is no footpath, they cannot walk to Morrisons and the rest of Cambourne to visit their friends.

We are really worried about the situation and feel it is inconvenient to have no footpath between West Cambourne and the rest of Cambourne.

I hope you can understand my meaning because my English is not good . And Thank you for your help.

## Resident experience 2

Dear councillors,

This is regarding the post in the Cambourne Crier newsletter.

I am a resident of West Cambourne. As you already highlighted there is no public connection road (footpath or cycling) between West Cambourne and the rest of Cambourne.

This is causing real headache and frustration among us residents. We are facing several issues.

1. The nearest shop is in Lower Cambourne. We can only use the car to buy food or anything. For residents who do not have privilege of cars, or their car is in use for work by family members, they have to walk somehow to the shop using road A1198 on which there are no footpaths and cars are zooming past around 60mph. There is a severe danger of accidents happening here in the nearby future if no action is taken. I have attached photos of people trying to use the road.

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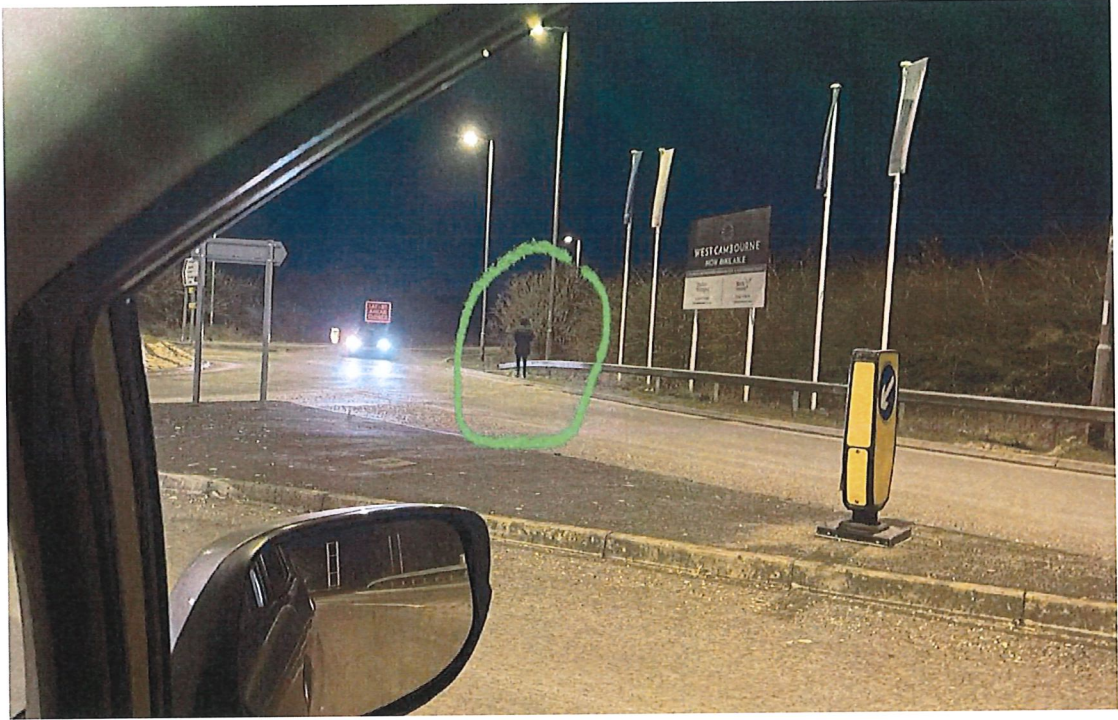
2. My family have children going to Cambourne Village College. Because of no connection, they have to travel around the Lower and Great Cambourne which is nothing but increasing pollution, fuel wastage, annoyance and waste of time. Already primary school kids use the bikes to go to school. Kids of families in West Cambourne DO NOT have this privilege and they can only be deprived of a healthy lifestyle.

3. I spoke to Taylor Wimpey (my home builder) and they said it is up to the council to get the road connection organised. Now as per the post in Cambourne Crier, it is the developer who needs to act. May I know who is actually responsible for getting things sorted? I cannot believe that such things can be overlooked in the planning phase.

I believe there is already a connection road to Cambourne Village College, but it is in use by construction traffic and not open to the general public.

If you need further evidence of people walking down A1198 or kids cycling on the same road, it is very easy to spot during peak hours in the dark. Do we have to wait to ACT until some critical incident happens?

Thank you very much for your consideration.







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## Resident experience 3

Good Morning! My name is xxxxx and I'm a resident from West Cambourne. I'm sure you must have received some emails from other residents regarding commute to Cambourne for schools, shopping and other basic amenities etc., We are currently facing a lot of difficulties with it and we appreciate if you could work with district council and builders to provide access to Cambourne area at least a short term easy access until the builders develop proper streets. We have around more than 50 families moved into West Cambourne since the past one year and we would need your support in this matter.

## Resident experience 4

Dear Stephen Drew,

Good evening. I am one of the suffering residents living in West Cambourne. I have three children and they also study in The Vine Inter Church School and Cambourne Village College.

As no pathway goes to Cambourne, everyday my children couldn't come back home after school and were waiting for me to finish work and pick them up at 6:30pm. Do you know that I need to find my friends or classmates to let them stay after school till 6:30pm? They already tried to walk A1198 from Lower Cambourne to West Cambourne. But it was very dangerous and they stopped to walk there.

As I also tried to walk that road ( A1198 ). There are so many plants with thorns like needles. The plants are very high and easily hurt the eyes. As the height of the plants are similar to the children. It is very very terrible. Besides, one tree is blocking the road and I need to walk across A1198 road in order to pass that area.

I think that the developer would open the pathway when anyone has a traffic accident due to walking along the A1198. I don't want to see this happen.

I already tried all the methods by myself to connect from West Cambourne to Cambourne .....but failed.

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On the other hand, all my children already stopped all the extracurricular activities even though I had already paid the fees.

They have a home but every day they need to stay behind after school. Every day I need to beg someone to help me. If no one helps me, my children have to stay in Cambourne. My children and I are very depressed. I already told all my friends and relatives not to buy in West Cambourne. No pedestrians 🚶.

The developer didn't tell me about no pedestrians. If I knew this, I would not buy in West Cambourne.

It was really very painful after I moved to West Cambourne. Would you please help us to put stress on the developers to solve this problem.

I understand that this problem is not only me suffering. It's all residents who live in West Cambourne.

Thank you so much.

## Resident experience 5

We are the residents of West Cambourne, which is a new development in the Cambourne area. We would like to raise safety concerns regarding the connection between West Cambourne and the rest of the Cambourne village and also to Village College. The builders are constructing homes, but unfortunately not building streets/roads to connect to the rest of the town. My son currently goes to Cambourne Village College and he is facing trouble going to school every day. As there is no proper road, he is walking on a 50mph road connecting to Lower Cambourne, which you all agree with us that this is dangerous and not safe. However, we don't have any other choice and it is hard to arrange school drops/pick-ups due to busy work life. I am sure you all also agree that kids want to be independent while going to school, which is not happening due to lack of proper streets connecting to Village college. We have spoken with many other residents at West Cambourne, and everyone is facing similar difficulties. I request you to bring this issue to the developers and please make sure that a path is at least constructed to Village College as soon as possible.



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## Resident experience 6

Hello Councillor Leeming and Councillor Drew,

My name is xxxx and I am writing to express my serious concern about the travel route between West Cambourne and the rest of the town, in particular, Cambourne Village College (CVC).

I will be moving to West Cambourne (Burghley Green) with my family (my husband, my son yr13 and my girl yr10) next month. Up to now there is still no safe route for the residents of West Cambourne to travel to other parts of the town and that is clearly a very serious problem that we must act and solve immediately. In particular, I am very worried that my son needs to cycle to CVC along the main road A1198 which is for sure very dangerous. Definitely no one wants to put the kids in such a risky situation. Thus I would like to communicate with you and express our concerns regarding this matter.

Thank you very much for your attention and help in this matter and please let us know the updated status and what can we do in helping in this regard.

Thanks again,

## Resident experience 7

I read, with interest, the article about the lack of roads in West Cambourne that appeared in the latest edition of the Cambourne Crier

Myself, my 14yr old daughter and my 5yr old son moved to West Cambourne August 2022. Having spent the last 4 plus years managing in a two bedroom home with both children we were all absolutely thrilled to be housed by Metropolitan in a brand new three bed forever home. The joy the children felt at finally having their own bedrooms was immeasurable.

When we looked round we asked when the link road would be finished – expecting an answer of a few weeks – and were rather horrified to be told at least 18 months!

We then investigated the walk to school for both the children. Having never driven me and the children are used to walking everywhere and distance really doesn't bother us at all.

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We ventured out onto the A1198 and were shocked to find no footpath at all! The road is a fast busy main link to the A428 particularly at rush hour which would coincide with the morning walk to school.

The verge is not wide enough to walk two deep without taking into account my son's hyperactivity and impulsivity so walking holding a 5yr olds hand simply was not an option. Luckily my neighbour, who does drive, has a daughter in my daughter's year at Cambourne Village College so kindly offered a lift in and out of school. I hate relying on others but simply had no choice.

The problem of my son getting to reception class at Monkfield Park Primary school was nowhere near as easy to solve. Both myself and my family worker had to battle the council transport team. They only deal in distance – not safety – which is extremely short sighted to say the least. Finally they agreed a taxi was the only solution but expected my 5yr old to travel in it alone – not an option – so another battle to ensure I travel with him then have to walk back which can take up to an hour. The taxi is an expense coming from the public purse.

If either children are taken ill at school I have to hope that family members can leave work to come to Cambourne and collect them. This is the same if I require shopping, Dr's etc and has completely taken away my independence and taken a toll on my mental health. It is a daily stress and a fly in the ointment of our new home.

Can I ask what possessed the developers to build from the outskirts inward? It seems absolutely ridiculous and, in an age where we are trying to live a more green lifestyle, putting more cars on the roads. When Upper Cambourne was built the houses started from the inside and the existing infrastructure was just added to as and when needed.

I would ask that you could at least express this stress to the developers and try and get a date when we will be able to enjoy our walk to school again please.

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## Resident experience 8

Dear sir,

I am a resident of West Cambourne and I am very upset to realise that one of things that in my opinion should be the first thing the council should have done, which is open a safe route to the children and young people who need to go to school. It is very sad to see how fast you are to charge for the council tax but how slow you are to keep our children safe.

When will a proper, safe route be completed? When will I stop worrying that something will happen to my son that has to cycle or walk through the only available very dangerous way to get to school?

Again a route from West Cambourne to the schools should have been the first thing the council should have done. When is this going to be done? I will tell residents that we should wait for this important route to be built before we start paying for our council tax, maybe that will make the council move themselves and start or finish the safe way to get to Cambourne.

Thank you very much for your attention.

## Resident experience 9

Dear Councillor,

I am a new resident in a new house in West Cambourne, my family just moved in to West Cambourne last month.

I am quite surprised that there is still no official route that we can travel to the rest of Cambourne on foot. Therefore, I saw that some of the residents (and most of them are

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college students) walk along A1198. I have to drive my children to/from school and everyday I can see those dangerous scenes.

I have personally walked along A1198 to lower Cambourne on Wednesday (22/2/2023). It's quite scary as there are many big trucks travelling at a very high speed along the road. I can even feel that there are forces dragging me towards the car. It is very dangerous. The traffic was not busy at that time (around 10am in the morning) It took me around 15 minutes to walk from the West Cambourne roundabout to the lower Cambourne roundabout. There's around 5 cars passing around in 1 minute.

The situation will worsen as more and more residents will move into West Cambourne. Would you please help try to put some pressure on the developer? I don't want to see any accidents because of this. If you need further information, please let me know.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Regards,

## Resident experience 10

This is to bring to your attention that we residents of West Cambourne are facing every day. The children would want to go to Cambourne village college by walking or biking but are unable to do this making it increasingly difficult for parents to drop them by vehicle. At present a 5 or 10 minute walk is taking more than 15 minutes by car thereby contributing to increasing traffic around the school. This is also difficult for those unable to drive.

Currently even the nearest shop is difficult to access by walking on a 50 mile speed road.

Your immediate action raising this issue will be highly appreciated. Looking forward to solutions that would make the residents' lives much easier.

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## Resident experience 11

Dear Councillors,

Thank you for your time today.

It was a great pleasure to have you all supporting us on this issue.

As you are aware of the current situation, we would appreciate it if you can help to communicate with the developers and support the connectivity/path between West Cambourne and CVC as soon as possible. This would help our kids going back to school in a safe manner.

Thanks again for your sincere support.

## Resident experience 12

Thanks for taking time out and visiting West Cambourne.

We have recently moved to the UK from Belgium and for the first 6 months we peacefully lived in Upper Cambourne. We thought about buying our own house and here probably we made a mistake.

My son studies in Jeavons Wood and daughter in year 7 in CVC. My wife is not driving and I have to attend the office everyday. As there is no cycling path, I have to rush home from the office in Cambridge city to pick my kids everyday from school. They used to attend clubs but not anymore.

Again my humble request to raise this with builders and council to take remedial actions.

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## Resident experience 13

Dear Sir,

Thank you for coming to meet us this morning, we strongly request

1. Build a pathway ASAP
2. Have a West Cambourne resident representative in the council-builders meetings

Thanks for your attention

## Resident experience 14

Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to address the issues in West Cambourne since we recently moved in.

We have two children, one is studying at Cambourne Village College and another one is studying at Cambridge. Since we moved to West Cambourne last year, there's no proper way to walk to the bus stop or to travel to school. My children need to walk through the A1198 Road, it's extremely dangerous and especially during the night time and bad weather. It seriously affects our daily commute to school, our children even cancelled extra football / basketball classes because of this reason. There is also no bus route stop in West Cambourne now. Can you please help to solve the transportation issues and pedestrian ways ASAP? It truly affects our lives.

Also, I would like to address the bus schedule in Cambourne is not stable, the bus is cancelled very often.

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## Resident experience 15

Dear Councillors

I would like to bring to your attention the risky access way that my son and I have to go through on the way to and on return from his school (Cambourne Village College CVC).

I am unable to drive a car. Hence I accompany my son to school and pick him up. But due to lack of a pedestrian path from West Cambourne to CVC, we have to walk beside the high speed vehicles passing by on A1198.

I am very concerned about the risks we take every day and this is due to lack of access currently.

Will you please raise the issue with the council and help accelerate the resolution with the developers.

## Resident experience 16

We are the residents of West Cambourne, as you know the connection between West Cambourne and Lower Cambourne is not ready at the moment. We want to raise our concern about our children being hard going to Cambourne Village College by riding a bicycle or walking themselves as they need to go through A1198 which is a busy road with the big lorry and high-speed cars. The road conditions are dangerous for them, even adults.

In these circumstances, we can only drive our children to school or ask friends for a favour if we can't drive sometimes. And this reduced our job opportunities as some jobs need to work very early in the morning (e.g 7 am). Moreover, our children can't join the after-school activities as we can't ask anyone to pick them up late after school time. It affected their social life and leisure time.

Therefore, we hope the connection pathway can be connected earlier than Autumn this year. The safety of our children is important, and it affects our life if the road is without connection.

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Hope you can help us negotiate with the Council and the developers for the above issue.

Thank you very much for your help in advance.

## Resident experience 17

We are the future resident of west Cambourne and will move in on June 2023, my son is studying at Cambourne Village College and our most concern item for the West Cambourne development is the route to CVC. He used to go to school by bike, but part of the cycling path to school is just near the motorway, which is quite dangerous for kids. I hope the council can solve the problem shortly.

## Resident experience 18

Dear Helene & Stephen,

I hope to find you both well.

We will move to West Cambourne in May-June this year. I am excited to have a new home soon but also worried about the access to schools. My elder son is studying in Cambourne Village College (CVC). He loves and used to cycle to school every day. Once we live in West Cambourne, my husband has to drive him every single day but he has to work and I have no driving licence. Or the only "cycling path" is to bike/walk along the motorway A1198 which is extremely dangerous and unacceptable. And we cannot feel free to go to supermarkets, sport centres, pharmacies etc in Cambourne. We are isolated because of NO path to access anywhere in Cambourne.

We need your help and support to raise our difficulties and fight for the path to access CVC or other solutions for an immediate action.

Thank you very much!



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## Resident experience 19

I'm moving to West Cambourne in May. As a student studying in Cambourne Village College, I cycle to school everyday. But in West Cambourne, there is no path or side walks to school and the rest of Cambourne. So, I can't go to the Sports Centre, the Cambourne Soul, Morrisons etc. My dad can't drive me to school all the time because he has to go to work and I'm afraid to walk or cycle on the motorway. It is too dangerous. I would like to have a path to school and the rest of Cambourne as soon as possible.

## Resident experience 20

Dear Councillors,

We are a family to be moved into West Cambourne within a few months and with great concern for the accessible pedestrian walkway from West Cambourne to CVC and Lower Cambourne, which is affecting the safety of our children to schools nearby with reasonable means of access and our daily life.

We do hope our Councillors could help for this urgent and critical issue of all the West Cambourne residents for improving a reasonable safety access of our daily life.

Your quick and effective action to this would be much appreciated.

## Resident experience 21

Dear Councillors,

How are you? Hope you've a lovely weekend.

May I draw your attention to pushing the developers in West Cambourne and the SouthCamb council to speed up opening a cycle path/pavement for residents to travel to Lower Cambourne and Cambourne Village College (CVC) or Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School?

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From what I understand, the developers promised to open one of the paths in Autumn. However, the timeline is unacceptable since the pathways are there already, they were only blocked by the developers. People who live here have no choice but to travel by vehicles in order to go out for work, school and get daily groceries in town.

While driving between West Cambourne and Lower Cambourne, it's not hard to see some students and those without their cars walking along the highway. It's really dangerous because many trucks and cars drive at 50mph.

Please help to speed up the process by opening the pathway to schools and also to Lower Cambourne. It's much easier for our children to take extra-curricular activities and also for the residents to join any courses or watch performances in CVC. If the pathway can be opened, there will be less car usage and be more environmentally friendly.

Thanks for your precious time and it's really important to us to have the pathways be opened in early summer. We can't just keep our children isolated from the whole community as Cambourne, they should be able to walk and ride safely, can quickly go to the shops, library and make new friends.

## Resident experience 22

Dear Cllr Drew/ Cllr Lemming,

Thanks for coming this morning to West Cambourne.

I live in West Cambourne with my wife and children.

Due to lack of pedestrian or bike path access from West Cambourne to Cambourne schools we are facing hardships.

My daughter studies in Cambourne Village College and due to lack of access from West Cambourne, we have to drop and pick up from school affecting our work schedules. Often, it is not possible to pick her up and she has to walk along the A1198 beside vehicles at high speeds putting her at risk.

Request you to raise this issue to help get pedestrian access as soon as possible.

Thanks for your attention.

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## Resident experience 23

Hello,

Hope you are well.

I have been living in West Cambourne since July 2022. Would like to bring to your attention on the hardships that myself and my family are facing here due lack to basic amenities like public transport , connectivity roads and pedestrian / cycle paths

1) As there is no bus route / stop , I need to drive down to Cambridge city centre every day for my work and it's hard to get a parking space in my office . Things are going to be even more difficult once the Cambridge congestion is introduced.

My wife is also in a similar situation.

2) My kid studying in Jeavons Wood Primary needs to be dropped and picked up in the car every day, as there is no cycle path connecting to the rest of cambourne. Also due to the same reason he is not able to join the various extracurricular activities happening in cambourne and is upset due to that.

Kindly requesting you to look into these matters at the earliest.

## Resident experience 24

I'm in my late sixties and was one of the first three residents to move into West Cambourne. When I arrived I didn't have a car and so found that I was cut off from the rest of Cambourne unless I walked along the main road to Lower Cambourne. I did this a couple of times but felt that I was taking my life in my hands as cars whizzed past me! I have since bought a car but with the rising cost of fuel I would like to have the option of walking. The fact that a footpath is visible to the secondary school and therefore beyond, but is still cut off is so frustrating.

I really hope that something can be sorted out sooner rather than later.

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## Resident experience 25

Dear Sir,

I am a resident of the Nunar Park of West Cambourne and I hereby write to support the need of acceleration in providing pedestrian and cycle access to Cambourne.

## Resident experience 26

I am a West Cambourne resident during the month of January 2023. I decided to take a short walk from my house in West Cambourne to McDonald's located in Caxton, cars, lorries driving fast at approximately 60 mph along the A1198. There's no safe footpath. As stated in the feature of "Cambourne Crier" February 2023 issue. I am concerned for myself, West Cambourne residents, particularly young children who have to walk along this dangerous road whether you have to go towards Lower Cambourne or Caxton.

Would you be able to provide information of bus services for West Cambourne. I have seen a bus shelter.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

## Resident experience 27

Dear Councillor,

I am a new resident in a new house in West Cambourne, my family just moved in to West Cambourne last month.

I am quite surprised that there is still no official route that we can travel to the rest of Cambourne on foot. Therefore, I saw that some of the residents (and most of them are college students) walk along A1198. I have to drive my children to/from school and everyday I can see those dangerous scenes.

I have personally walked along A1198 to lower Cambourne on Wednesday (22/2/2023). It's quite scary as there are many big trucks travelling at a very high speed along the

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road. I can even feel that there are forces dragging me towards the car. It is very dangerous. The traffic was not busy at that time (around 10am in the morning) It took me around 15 minutes to walk from the West Cambourne roundabout to the Lower Cambourne roundabout. There's around 5 cars passing around in 1 minute.

The situation will worsen as more and more residents will move into West Cambourne. Would you please help try to put some pressure on the developer? I don't want to see any accidents because of this. If you need further information, please let me know.

Thank you very much for your attention.

## Photographs

These pictures were provided by various residents of West Cambourne to highlight the dangers they face in trying to get between their homes and the rest of Cambourne if they do not have access to a car.











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## Petition

On Sunday 26th February residents in West Cambourne handed Councillors Leeming and Drew a petition calling on the developers of the site, Taylor Wimpey and Bovis Homes, to work with South Cambridgeshire District Council to deliver solutions to their problems with transport access to the rest of Cambourne.

In their petition the residents make three requests. These are all eminently reasonable, and we can see no reason why these cannot be delivered for West Cambourne. Indeed the timescale of September 2023 for the completion of a safe route to Cambourne is in our view too long. The path should be delivered within the next three months, meaning it is open by the start of June.

A temporary school minibus service for children living in West Cambourne to get to the secondary school and the three primary schools until the path is opened would represent a simple act to support residents who have bought homes at the start of the development process for West Cambourne. The impact this would have on the lives of parents would be immediate and remove considerable stress and negative impacts on wellbeing for families in West Cambourne ahead of the opening of the path linking residents to their town.

A monthly liaison committee involving residents, councillors (town, district and county), South Cambs District Council and developers would provide a positive forum for the sharing of information and the resolution of challenges over the coming months and years. We will be happy to lead in the creation of this forum if other stakeholders are willing to support it. Openness, transparency and communications are always the best way to go when building new communities such as West Cambourne.

PETITION for the accessibility of West Cambourne CB23

To the concerned authorities of the South Cambridgeshire Council

26.02.2023

This petition is from the residents of the new development of West Cambourne, South Cambridgeshire, in the post code area CB23.

The residents would like to draw your attention to great difficulty and life risks faced due to lack of direct cycling or pedestrian path connectivity to Cambourne. Currently, the only access is by using main road A1198 with speed limit of 50 miles an hour. This is putting huge risk to the safe walking or cycling of school children who commute to schools in Cambourne. Even some adults, who are unable to use automobiles, face this risk of walking very near to the vehicles passing-by at high speeds on A1198, even for routine visits to Cambourne (for example the nearest groceries).

Although the builders have an access planned as part of the development layout and to provide the access in due course of time, there is lack of assurance and timeline commitments that the residents have been given.

The residents hereby request for the following three points of action

- 1) Accelerated construction of a safe pedestrian and/or cycle path to Cambourne to be completed before the school term of early September 2023
- 2) A temporary provision of school bus to drop and pick up school children to Cambourne in the interim till then
- 3) To setup a committee to meet monthly to monitor progress on this and to include representative from West Cambourne in addition to Builders and the Council. Hope your timely action will reduce the difficulty of the residents and the risks to life they face.

No	Name	Address	Signature
1	PRISHA		Prisha
2	MILIK		Milik
3	ANURUPAM		Anurupam
4	Thunjal		Thunjal
5	Tauseefurani		Tauseefurani
6	SREENI		Sreeni
7	STUBBS		R. Stubbs
8	ZHAM		Zham
9	AU		Au
10	FUNG		Fung
11	SHINAL		Shinal
12	ERICA		Erica
13	JILL		Jill
14	Rico		Rico
15	Florence		Florence
16	ITIS		Itis
17	EMMY		Emmy
18	SWATI		Swati
19	SRINIVA		Sriniva
20	RATEEV		Rateev
21	HIGO		Higo
22	JAY		Jay
23	Maggie		Maggie
24	Kevin		Kevin
25	Enice		Enice
26	Annie		Annie
27	Dimitri Kowalski		Dimitri
28	WAI SIM		Wai Sim
29	Chui ping lei		Chui ping lei
30	Aman Nath Chan		Aman Nath Chan
31	CHOI MK		Choi MK
32	ALL CL		All CL
33	Vasudha		Vasudha
34	Maggie lai		Maggie lai
35	Im Vee Lo		Im Vee Lo
36	Wing Hing Leung		Wing Hing Leung
37	Pat KWAN Yee		Pat KWAN Yee
38	Angel lan		Angel lan
39	Sammy Hui		Sammy Hui
40	Kevin Chan		Kevin Chan
41	Maggie lai		Maggie lai
42	Sarah Lam		Sarah Lam
43	Sony Hui		Sony Hui
44	Carly Chan		Carly Chan
45	Prashant Sh		Prashant Sh
46	Prashant Sh		Prashant Sh
47	Prashant Sh		Prashant Sh
48	Pabik W		Pabik W
49	Nga Lee Pe		Nga Lee Pe
50	Hoi My W		Hoi My W

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## Conclusion

It is clear that residents living in West Cambourne are experiencing an unacceptable situation. The lack of a safe and direct travel route between their houses and the rest of the town is causing danger and deep concern for the newest group of people in our town. Their descriptions of trying to travel along the A1198 are profoundly worrying to read. Clearly no parent is going to allow their child to cycle or walk to school using that route. However, for those who do not have immediate access to a car at all times the situation is even worse. A disabled resident riding his mobility scooter down the side of the A1198 simply should not be happening.

The words of the residents of West Cambourne should be enough to ensure action occurs immediately.

We therefore wish to see Taylor Wimpey and Bovis work with South Cambridgeshire District Council to put in place a safe and direct path for walking and cycling with all possible haste. Every day that passes inconveniences residents in West Cambourne, as well as placing them in danger and having a detrimental impact on their wellbeing. West Cambourne residents are equal and important new members of our community in Cambourne. They should have equal access to our facilities.



**14.3 Important roadworks information: A11 Babraham to Six Mile Bottom**

**From:** East Region Enquiries

**Sent:** 02 March 2023 12:49

**Subject:** Important roadworks information: A11 Babraham to Six Mile Bottom

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to tell you that we plan to carry out essential maintenance on the A11 between Babraham and Six Mile Bottom. This will involve safety barrier replacement, resurfacing and renewal of signs. This will ensure the A11 continues to remain in a safe and serviceable condition.

We plan to complete this work between **Monday 6 March and February 2024**. We will work between 8pm to 6am on weeknights only, weather conditions permitting.

**Closures and diversions**

To carry out the work safely, we will need to close parts of the A11, one direction at a time.

Strategic traffic will be diverted via the A14 and M11 southbound, with local traffic diverted as detailed below:

<b>Closure</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Local diversion</b>
Worsted Lodge to Fourwentways (Southbound closure)	Monday 6 March to Tuesday 2 May	Southbound traffic will exit the A11 just after Fleam Dyke and take Balsham Road / Cambridge Road northwest towards Cambridge. Travel south along Limekin Road / Cherry Hinton Road, then southeast along A1307 / Babraham Road. Then take third exit at the Fourwentways Roundabout to re-join the A11 Southbound. <b>(Diagram 3)</b>
Fourwentways to Six Mile Bottom (Northbound closure)	Tuesday 2 May to Friday 11 August	Northbound traffic will exit the A11 at Fourwentways and take the A1307 / Babraham Road northwest towards Cambridge. At the second roundabout, turn right to follow Cherry Hinton Road / Limekin Road, then right again to return southeast on Fulbourn Road / Cambridge Road / Dogget Lane / Balsham Road to pass through Fulbourn and re-join the A11 northbound. <b>(Diagram 3)</b>
Six Mile Bottom to Nine Mile Hill (Northbound closure)	Wednesday 16 August to Monday 16 October	Northbound traffic will exit the A11 at Six Mile Bottom and take the A1304 towards Newmarket. At the roundabout travel west on the A1303, then join the A14 eastbound at junction 35 (Stow cum Quy)

		to continue north on the A14/A11. <b>(Diagram 2)</b>
Six Mile Bottom to Balsham Road (Southbound closure)	Tuesday 17 October to Wednesday 29 November	A11 southbound traffic will be diverted via the A14 westbound to junction 31a, to join the M11 southbound and continue their journey. Northbound traffic will follow the same route in reverse. <b>(Strategic Diversion)</b>
Granta Park to Stumps Cross (Southbound closure)	Thursday 30 November to Thursday 8 February	Southbound traffic will exit the A11 at Fourwentways Interchange and take the first exit onto A1307 / Cambridge Road then right onto Newmarket Road, travelling south towards Granta Park Roundabout. Exit roundabout onto A505 westbound towards Duxford and join the M11 at junction 10 to continue south. <b>(Diagram 1).</b>

A map of the diversions can be found attached.

#### How to find out more

To find out more about road improvements we're carrying out across the East of England, please visit our website at <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/east/>.

If you would like more information, please contact us on 0300 123 5000, or by email at [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

*J. Rayner*

Jordan Rayner  
Project Manager  
Operations East, Scheme Delivery Team

### Strategic Diversion

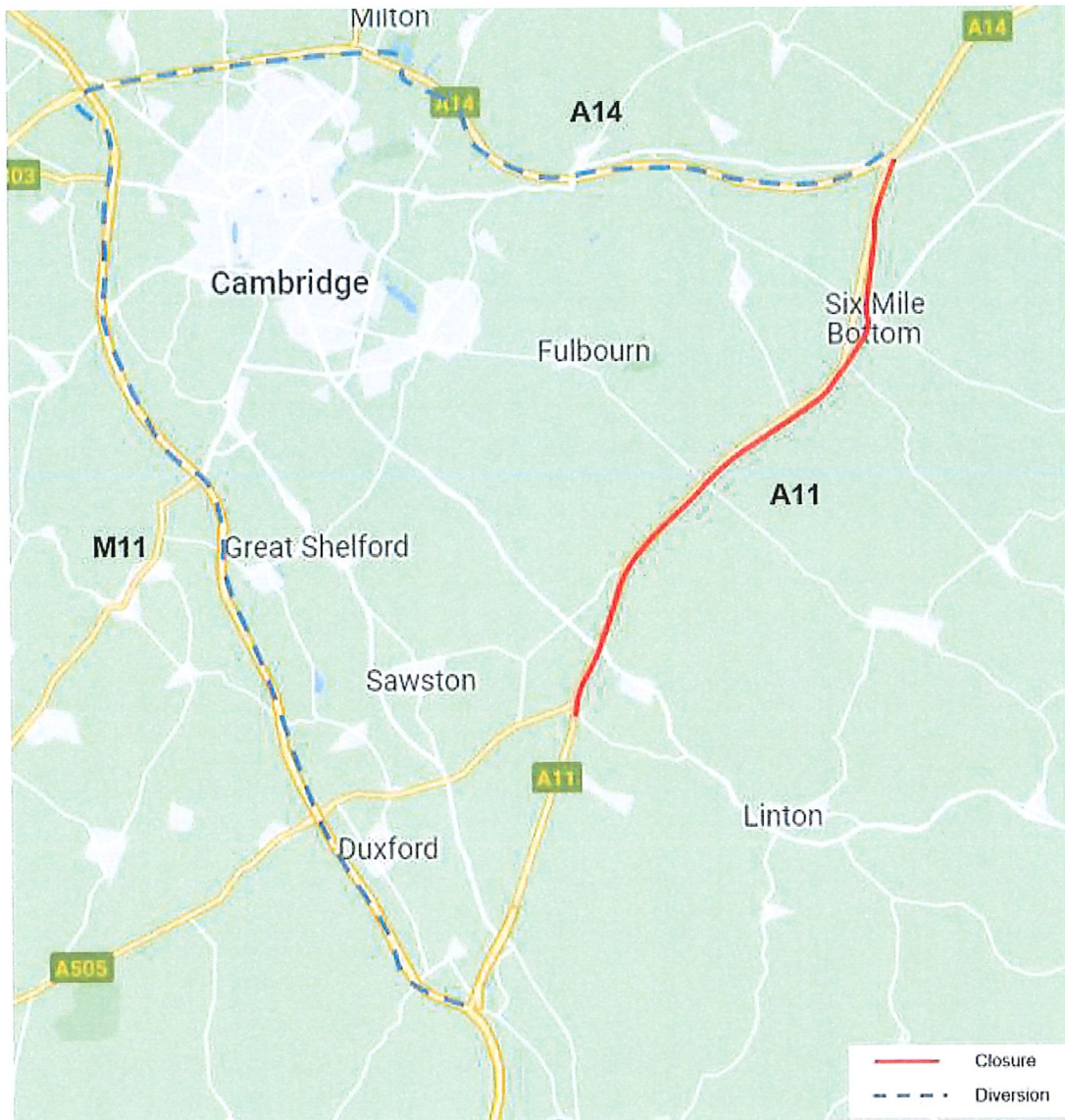
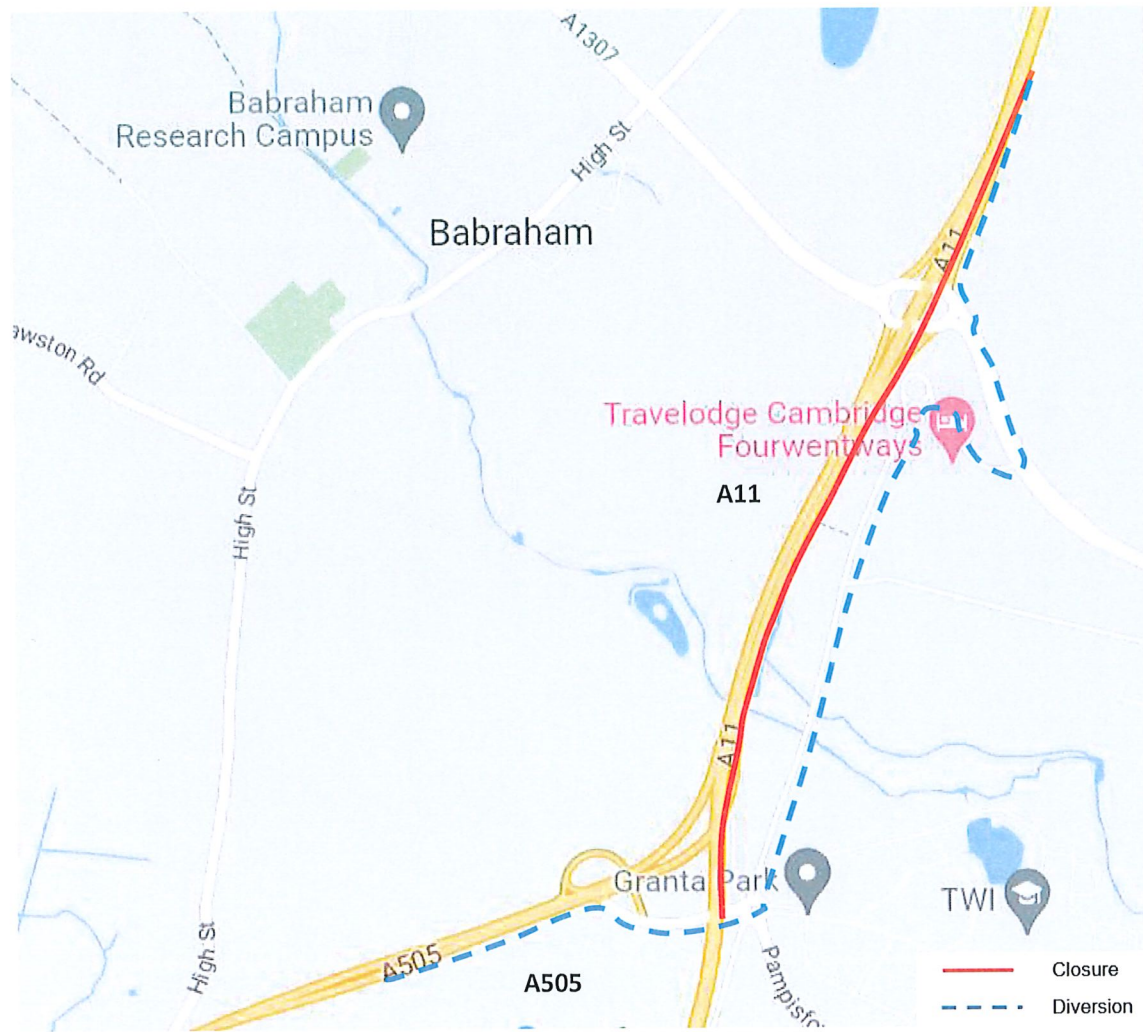


Diagram 1



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Diagram 2



