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Dear Mr Whelan,

Northern Corridor Area Transport Plan

Cambridge Cycling Campaign welcomes the approach to funding of transport infrastructure offered by 'Area Transport Plans' but is concerned about the lack of vision regarding cycling provision. In particular we are concerned over the lack of any proposals to provide 'cross boundary' links between adjacent areas for sustainable modes.

Regarding the North to East boundary, currently there is no 'cycleable' crossing of the Cam between Elizabeth Way and Clayhithe a distance of seven kilometres. The proposed Riverside bridge, which forms part of the Eastern plan, will provide an alternative to Elizabeth Way bridge. But there are no proposals for improving the 'Green Dragon' bridge to make it more suitable for cycling and we can see no justification for the omission of such a scheme. Although there are proposals for a bridge over the main rail line there are none for any river crossing to provide a walking and cycling link from the Cambridge Northern Fringe over the Cam to the Ditton Fields area. To create sustainable travel by foot and cycle between these two expanding areas a new link over the Cam in the vicinity of the existing railway bridge is vital in addition to that of the Green Dragon Bridge. We believe there is already significant suppressed demand for such a route.

Regarding the North to West boundary the opportunity to provide a Histon to West Cambridge route using the existing occupation bridge over the A14 at GR 432616 must not be missed. With land likely to be released for housing to the south of the A14 at this point,

and proposed West Cambridge expansion this would provide an excellent link and enable many cyclists to avoid the difficult Histon interchange. Such a link would also allow another link from the Oakington developments, from which even the City centre would be easily cycleable.

We request the opportunity to discuss the many minor schemes which could make walking and cycling in this Northern area safer, quicker, and more pleasant.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

Jim Chisholm