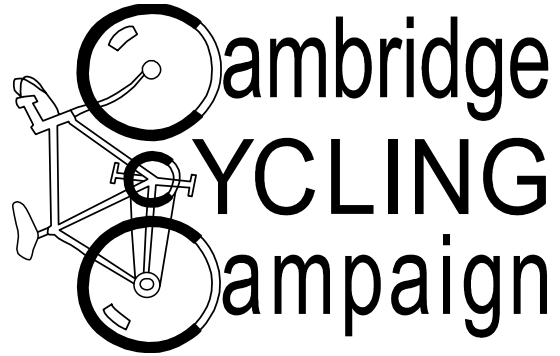


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Dear John,

Hobson's Conduit Footpath from Brooklands Avenue to Long Road

Cambridge Cycling Campaign strongly opposes the plans to upgrade this path and the use of 'South Cambridge Cycleways' GADG monies for the purpose. The Officer's report on Cambridge Cycleways for the 17th October meeting of the AJC clearly states that this Growth Area Development Grant funding "is specifically for the provision of cycleway links" (Agenda Item No.8, paragraph 2.I).

We oppose the plans on three grounds:

1. Monies obtained for cycleway improvements should not be used for footpath improvements. There are other locations where the money could and should be used before April 2006. These were outlined in our response to consultation dated March 1st 2005 regarding 'South Cambridge Cycleways'¹.
2. This footpath, which is narrow and twisty, is totally unsuited to cycling for the vast majority of its length. Nothing should be done which would encourage its use by cyclists or which would spoil its rural character and value as a wildlife corridor.
3. The County and City have over many years suggested a path away from the conduit footpath through the RCHM (now English Heritage) site, the Accordia Site, the University Press playing field, and Clare College playing field. This route has been shown on plans produced in the past. We believe the County Council should take much stronger action, including compulsory purchase if necessary, to create a cycle route along this line. With the expansion of the Addenbrooke's Site and Clay Farm, increasing numbers of people will wish to cycle from the Brooklands Avenue junction with Trumpington Road through this area to the middle section of Long Road.

We believe the only upgrade needed on this footpath is spot maintenance and clearance at a few muddy spots. Anything else will completely change the nature of this path. Funding for this work should come from a maintenance source and not from a capital grant intended for cycle facilities.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

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1 <http://www.camcycle.org.uk/campaigning/letters/2005/NA05004aSouthCambridgeCycleways.pdf>

An updated list of suggestions is available from the Campaign on request.

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