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### **Haslingfield Greenway Consultation 2018**

Greater Cambridge Partnership  
SH1311, Shire Hall  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Camcycle is a volunteer-led charity with over 1,250 members that works for more, better and safer cycling and walking in the Cambridge region. We are highly supportive of the Greenways project and its goal to renovate existing and open up new non-motorised paths for the towns and villages that surround Cambridge, in a manner that helps people of all ages and abilities.

1. To help foster inter-village links we strongly support a connection between Hauxton and Haslingfield.
2. We strongly support improvements to the pathway.
3. We strongly support the shared use path connecting to the M11 bridge.
4. For the M11 bridge we only strongly support option 4A because only that option would create a bridge that is fully accessible to all people of all abilities, whether they be using cycles, tricycles, cargo cycles, adapted cycles, handcycles, mobility scooters, etc.
5. We strongly support the raised table at Burnt Close.
6. We strongly support priority changes at Coton Road / Broadway.
7. We strongly support option 7A because it creates a safe, accessible and inclusive pathway that is usable by people of all ages and abilities. However we recognise it is the most expensive proposed option, see further discussion below.

We cannot support options 7B or 7C as they currently stand because there would be no protection for vulnerable road users from fast-moving motor traffic (it would be even faster-moving than today if the road became one-way). An unprotected contraflow cycle lane is not safe on a National Speed Limit roadway, and users travelling with-flow would be in danger from fast-moving motor traffic coming up from behind, especially considering the several blind bends present on Grantchester Road.

We are disappointed that the simplest, cheapest and most obvious option is not included in this consultation: removal of all motorised through-traffic from Grantchester Road. There are suitable alternative routes that motor traffic between Newnham and Grantchester can easily use. Access arrangements for

property owners along Grantchester Road can be worked out on a case-by-case basis. This 'option 7D' would provide a safe and accessible Greenway route between Newnham and Grantchester at very little cost and zero environmental impact.

If option 7C were modified to have strong physical protection from fast-moving motor traffic for people walking and cycling then we would be willing to consider it. Given that modification, option 7C is preferable because it eliminates morning rat-running that creates dangerous conditions on Grantchester Road in Newnham where the road has to be shared between people cycling and driving.

8. We would also strongly support a shared-use path behind the hedge, separate from the existing Grantchester Meadows route, as another option for a Greenway route between Newnham and Grantchester. We recognise that it is the second-most expensive proposed option, see discussion above.
9. We strongly support the proposed redesign of the Barton Road / Grantchester Road junction to make a simple and clear connection that prioritises walking and cycling movements over the side roads.
10. We strongly support the proposed one-way system for Grantchester Street and the corresponding improvements to the junction at Barton Road, to create more and better space for walking and cycling.

We strongly support solar studs in all locations indicated. At critical points such as any bollards in the path, junctions and crossings there should also be street lighting for safety purposes.

People with protected characteristics under the Equality Act of 2010 will greatly benefit from a fully inclusive design for non-motorised pathways. This includes people who are slower or more vulnerable while walking or cycling, or who use cycles adapted for disability or mobility scooters. Please ensure that the design of the pathway is usable by people of all ages and abilities.

Yours sincerely,  
On behalf of Camcycle

Matthew Danish,  
Trustee