

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)

Cambridge South East Transport (CSET)

Great Shelford and Stapleford Parish Councils have contested the preferred route promoted by GCP, primarily relating to lack of consultation, the need to explore less environmentally damaging options and issues to do with connectivity, access and value for local people.

The two Parish Councils jointly engaged a transport consultancy (i-Transport) to examine an alternative route using the trackbed of the former Haverhill railway from Fourwentways to its junction with the Liverpool Street line south of Great Shelford and then running alongside the railway track past Shelford station and northwards to the new Cambridge South station. This could be accompanied by a rebuilding of Shelford station as a bus/rail interchange with improved access for persons of reduced mobility and a footbridge over the level crossing.

The i-Transport report in two sections was made publicly available on Great Shelford Parish Council website <https://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/> in April 2021

The i-Transport report identified there are viable alternatives to the current GCP preferred route.

Great Shelford Parish Council have requested that GCP now consult publicly and consider fully a range of options including use of the old railway line and the A1307, as well as their current proposal and to demonstrate clearly that they have fulfilled their legal obligation to consult fully on all potential options.

Great Shelford Parish Council preference currently would be for an on-road solution running alongside the A1307, which we believe would meet objectives with minimal disruption to the environment.

Great Shelford Parish Council recognises the need for improved infrastructure to reduce congestion, notably on the A1307 Babraham Road and to provide sustainable travel options on the south-eastern approaches to Cambridge but does note the cumulative impact of the many infrastructure projects in our locality. Visual considerations and wildlife protection should be considered when a final route is agreed.

Chair Councillor Malcolm Watson
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