CAMBRIDGE CITY ACCESS

A quick guide to the next steps

City Access is a package of measures to tackle congestion within Cambridge by the creation of a transport system that meets the needs of our growing, vibrant city. It plans to achieve a reduction in peak-time traffic levels in Cambridge by 10-15% by 2031.

Taking into account the results of the Tackling Peak Time Congestion engagement in 2016 and the recommendations supported by the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board in January 2017, the City Access team are working up the next steps.

Fast Facts

Largest ever traffic survey in Cambridge was commissioned in June 2017 by the Greater Cambridge Partnership

Over 180 individual sets of traffic signals within Cambridge

Electric buses have zero emissions are low cost and contribute to cleaner air.

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Next Steps

Traffic Surveys

We will use data to support measures to tackle congestion in Cambridge. Our June traffic survey was the largest of its kind in Cambridge and will provide invaluable information on the latest traffic trends and air quality.

Plans are currently being developed for a conversation in the autumn with all residents from Greater Cambridge. We’ll be asking residents on their future plans for travelling and what they need in place to help them choose sustainable travel methods.

We will also be running a full review of the city’s traffic signals to determine any upgrades necessary to ensure the network operates as efficiently as possible.

Electric Buses

Electric buses have low running costs and can form part of a sustainable transport network. We’ve recently completed a feasibility study on the introduction of electric and hybrid buses in Cambridge.

We’re investigating the potential of a pilot scheme with 12 electric buses serving two Park & Ride sites in Cambridge.

This would require funding from the Greater Cambridge Partnership of approximately £1.5m for the buses, with £0.5m for chargers and electricity supply enhancement.

Supporting the Growth of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Around 1800 staff will transfer from Papworth Hospital to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) site in early 2018. We are investigating the use of the current Papworth site and the possibility of a timetabled shuttle bus running to and from the CBC site.

It is estimated that the shuttle bus would require financial support of around £100k per annum over three years.
Updates on the City Access Strategy

**Travel planning**
We will work with Travel for Cambridgeshire in supporting employers to adopt sustainable policies and practices for commuter travelling. A conversation is planned in autumn 2017 with all Greater Cambridge residents in relation to their future plans and travel needs.

**Improved public space and air quality**
In recognition of the strong public support for addressing air quality, we will research options for establishing a Clean Air Zone in Cambridge, and a feasibility study is being undertaken.

**Better bus services and expanded use of Park & Ride**
By working closely with bus operators, we will review and improve the bus network to speed up bus journeys and make them more reliable. This includes reviewing pricing, Park & Ride sites and ticketing. A feasibility study has been carried out on the potential use of electric and hybrid buses.

**Smart technology**
Work will continue with Smart Cambridge to harness emerging technologies to find smart ways to tackle urban challenges, such as transport, air quality, energy and health care.

**Cycling provision**
The City Access team will continue to work with partners on improving cycling routes, facilities and parking.

**Traffic management**
Options are currently being researched to tackle congestion within the city centre and improve sustainable transport. The data gathered from the travel surveys will provide evidence to inform future plans.

**On-street parking controls (including Controlled Parking Zones)**
We are supporting partners to manage on-street parking in residential areas.

**A Workplace Parking Levy**
We will work closely with employers to develop and co-design a practical and effective Workplace Parking Levy scheme that works for businesses and organisations.

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