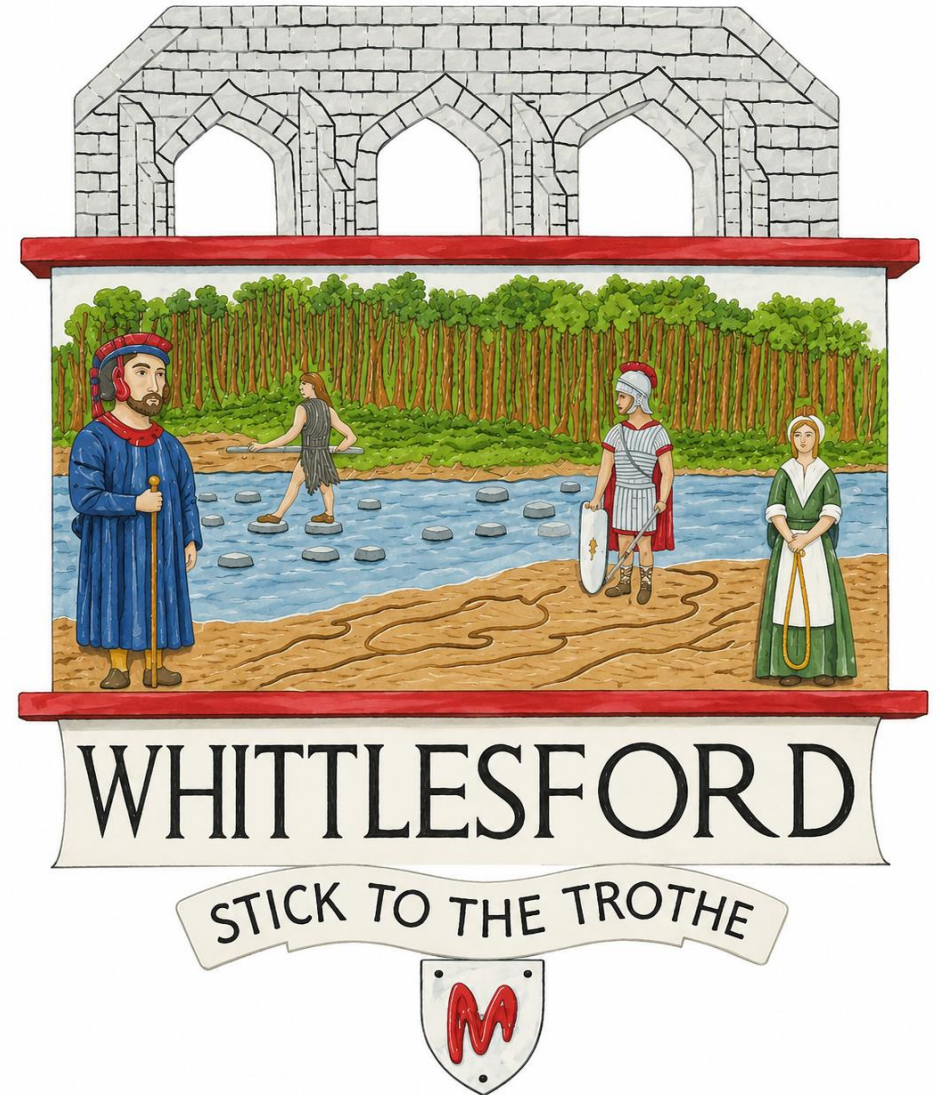


Chair's Update Whittlesford Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Richard Williams

22nd May 2026



2025-26 Municipal Year Overview

Your Parish
Council

Footpath 2
Resurfacing

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Provided

Highways
Matters

Duxford Road
Cycle &
Walking Path

Allotments
and other
projects

Parish
Finances

Your Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Marie Swann

Cllr Richard Williams

(Chair) (Allotments, Finance & GP)

Cllr Philip James

(Vice-Chair) (Highways, Planning, IWM)

Cllr David Cunado

(Planning) (Highways & Lawn Trust)

Cllr Ian Beeby

(Highways, Memorial Hall)

Cllr Felicity de Vries

(Allotments)

Cllr Pamela Freeman

(Highways, Environment, Memorial Hall)

Cllr Jan Holmes

(Planning, Allotments, IWM)

Cllr Michael Kilpatrick

Cllr Marc Van Niekirk

(Finance & GP, Planning)

Cllr Emma Dunn

(Planning, Environment)

Cllr Richard Redman

(Lawn Trust)

Footpath 2 Resurfacing

- Applied for a £25K grant from Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF)
- Great support from village to provide evidence of importance of path to village and benefits of upgrading.
- Grant successful in October 2025
- Work carried out in February 2026
- We are talking to Sawston and other partners about upgrading stretch of path beyond the white bridge (unfortunately REPF funding has been cut by central Government)



Grant Funding

- Parish provided £5k of grant funding to support local clubs and organisations.



Projects Supported

Grant Funding

- Whitsers £1,000 - improving outdoor play area
- William Westley PTA £1,000 - to redevelop the sensory garden at the school
- Whittlesford Warriors £935 - kit and equipment
- Whittlesford United £935 - kit for playing teams
- Whittlesford Cricket Club £1,000 - new cricket screen for The Lawn

Other Support Outside of Grant Scheme

- £2,000 towards new windows at the Pavillion on The Lawn
- Support for refreshments at village litter pick in March 2026 (to Eco Whittlesford)

Highways Matters

- Made Private Highways Initiative application for expanded parking restrictions on Station Road West and Royston Road, Station Road East, Duxford and Moorfield Roads (likely cost around £6-8K)
- Made design and assessment application for improved safety at Ledo Road/A505 junction (budget of 5K)



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- We do a lot of lobbying on potholes and road repairs.
 - West End nominated as priority for full resurfacing.
 - Met with highways to discuss traffic calming in the village, especially on Hill Farm Road and Guildhall Corner.

Duxford Road Cycle Path

- County Council has proposed installing a 3 meter dual use cycle and walking path on the east side of Duxford Road.
- Parish Council and local residents, have serious concerns about the safety matters, particularly crossing over driveways and pedestrian/cyclist conflicts.
- Parish paid for an independent safety assessment at cost of £1,500 which supported resident concerns about the excessive slope of the path, proximity to driveways and poor visibility.
- Parish does not feel County has produced a safe design for the project.



Allotments and Other Projects

- Significant tree work was carried out at the allotments (£7k).
- Parish is supporting Eco Whittlesford in developing a nature reserve at the eastern end of the village allotments
- Work to improve the footpath at the allotments has also been agreed, but has unfortunately been delayed.
- Parish is in the process of acquiring ownership of land that forms part of the Newton Road Open Space. This is kindly gifted to the Parish by Mr Graham Bowles and Mr Nigel Peters



Parish Finances

- Parish Precept kept at £60k for 26/27, so parish part of Council Tax frozen.
- Grant to The Lawn Trust increased to annual £16K (from £12k) and governance relationship between the PC and LT being reviewed.
- Parish remains in a health financial position.

Budget for 2026-27

Income	
Parish Precept	60000
Agency Services	1865
Interest	253
Tenancies - Farm and Allotment	2600
Cemetery Fees	1500
Substation Rent	428
VAT recovery	1500
Refunds and Overpayments	500
TOTAL	£68,646

Expenditure	
A Admin and Services	7000
B Wages, Pension and NI	20800
C Footpath and Verge Maintenance	2750
D Room Hire, Website and Look	1000
E Grant to Lawn Trust	16000
F Maynard's Open Space maintenance	1900
G NR Open Space Maintenance	1,800
H Cemetery Maintenance	3,500
N Allotment and CO Maintenance	3,500
I Streetlights and Utilities	2500
J Subs, Membership and Insurance	1305
K Tree and Hedge maintenance	3000
L General Repairs	2000
M Community Grants Fund	5000
O Miscellaneous	1000
P Parish Projects	4420
TOTAL	£77,475

Parish Balances

• <u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2025/26</u>
• BALANCE B/F	180,141.57	192,635.88
• ADD RECEIPTS	82,401.32	102,800.27
• SUB TOTAL	262,542.89	295,436.15
• DEDUCT PAYMENTS	69,907.01	111,981.23
• <u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£192,635.88</u>	<u>£183,454.92</u>
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• <u>END OF YEAR BANK RECONCILIATION</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2025/26</u>
• NATIONAL SAVINGS & INVESTMENTS	75,818.35	76,576.53
• BARCLAYS COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	78,689.14	68,286.92
• BARCLAYS SAVER ACCOUNT	38,128.39	38,591.47
• PETTY CASH	-----	-----
• UNCASHED CHEQUES	-----	-----
• <u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£192,635.88</u>	<u>£183,454.92</u>

Reserves and Balances

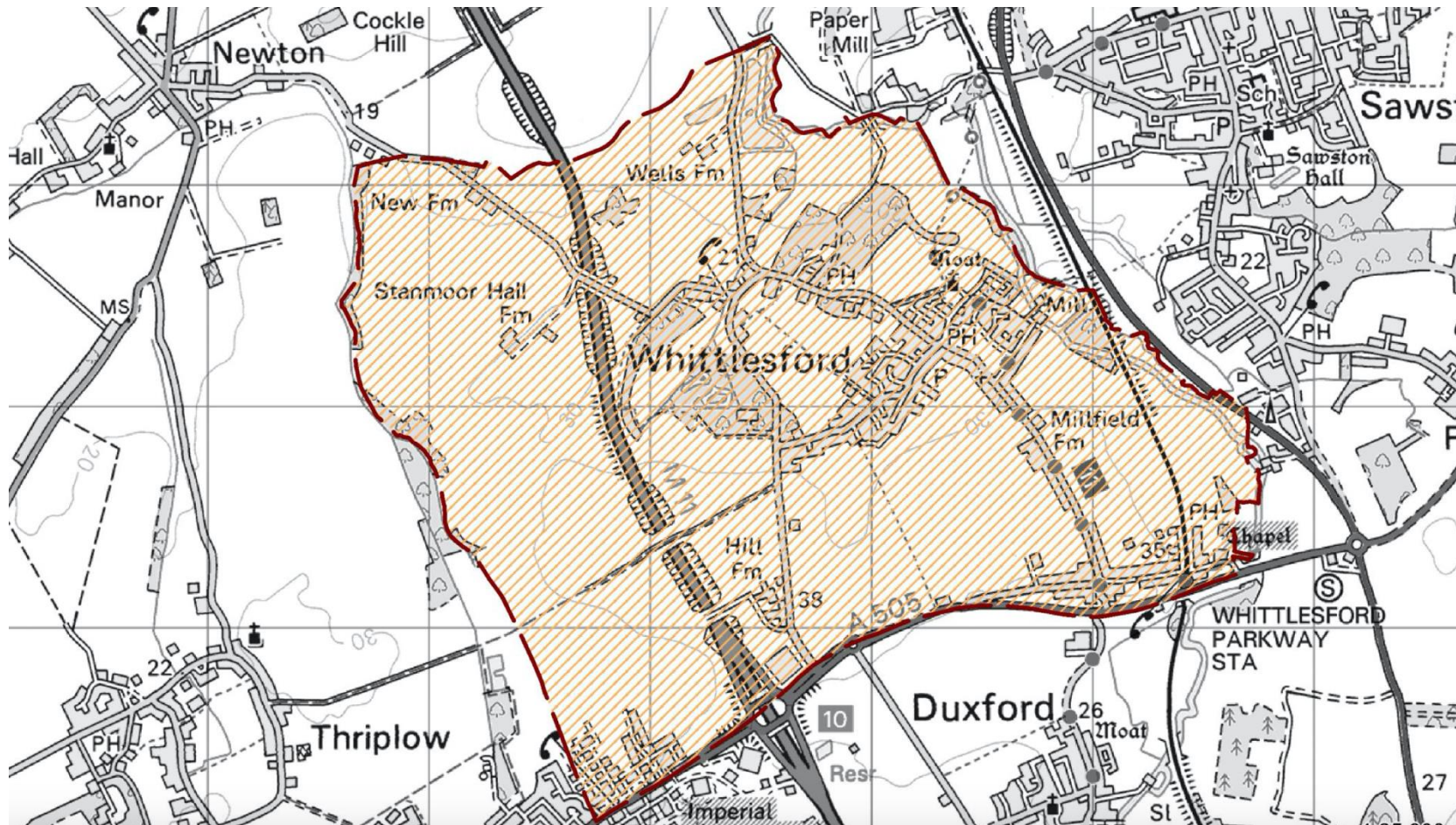
- Of the overall balance of **£183,454.92**
- **£60,000** is the designated general financial reserve.
- **£76,576.53** in the NS&I account is an earmarked reserve of s.106 funding that can only be used for maintenance of the Maynards Open Stape of village infrastructure projects.
- **£20,000** represents a further earmarked reserve for highways projects.
- Leaving a general unrestricted balance of £26,878.39 at of end of March 2026

Questions?



District Council Report and Key Issues

Cllr Richard Williams





South Cambridgeshire Local Plan



Government Planning Reforms



The Cambridge Development Corporation.



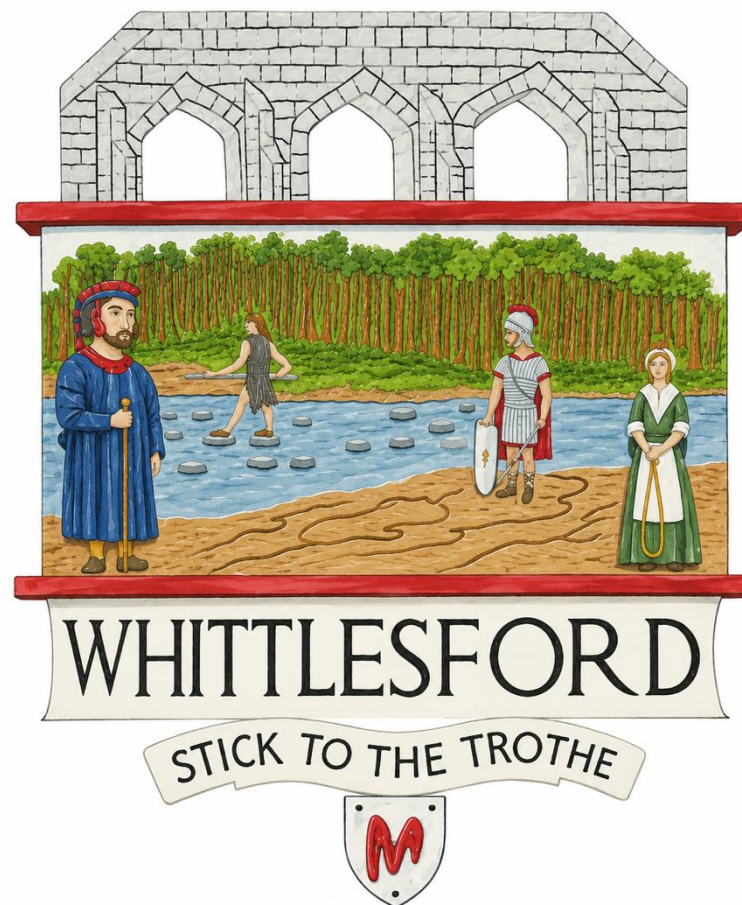
Buses



Local Government Reorganisation

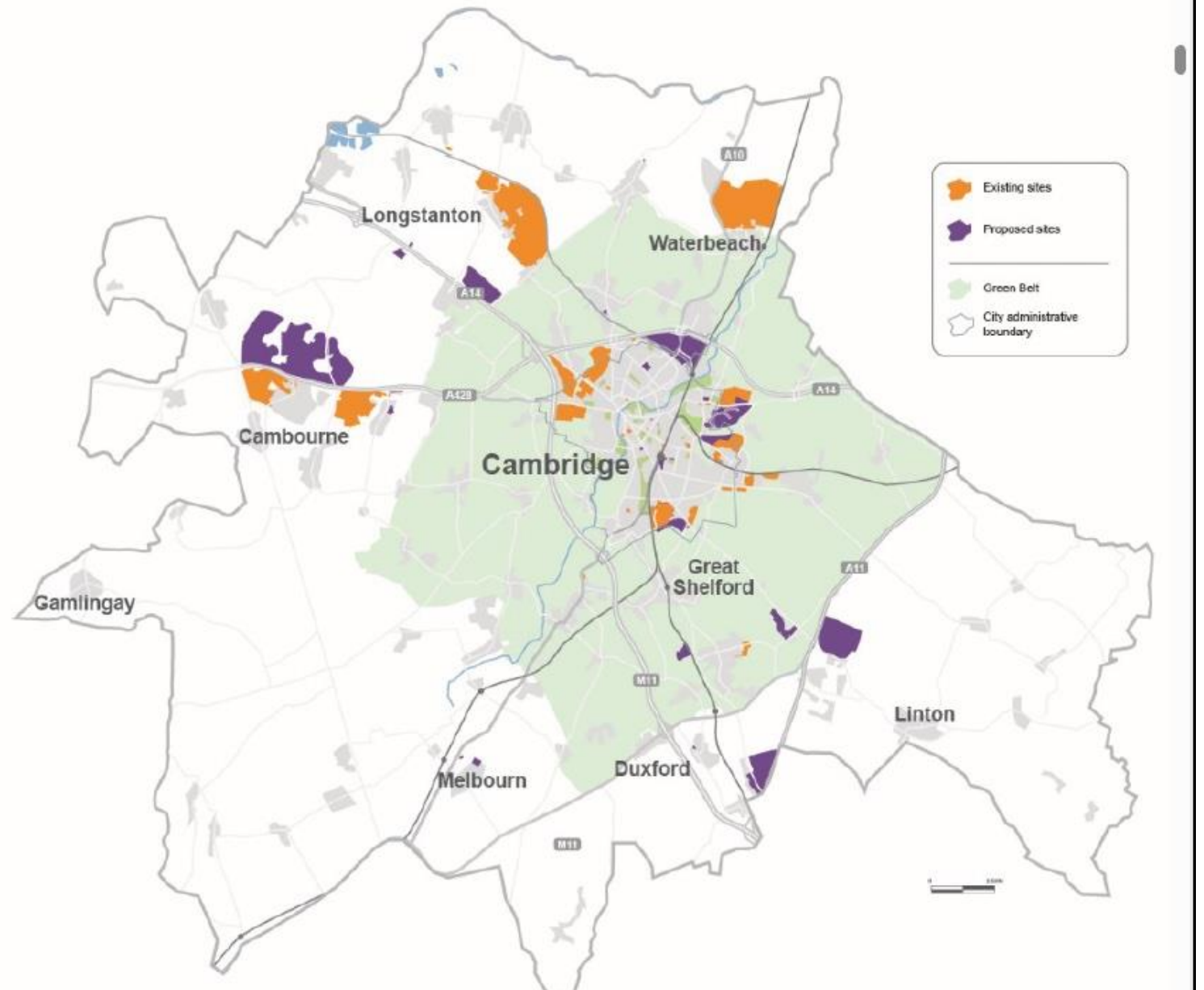


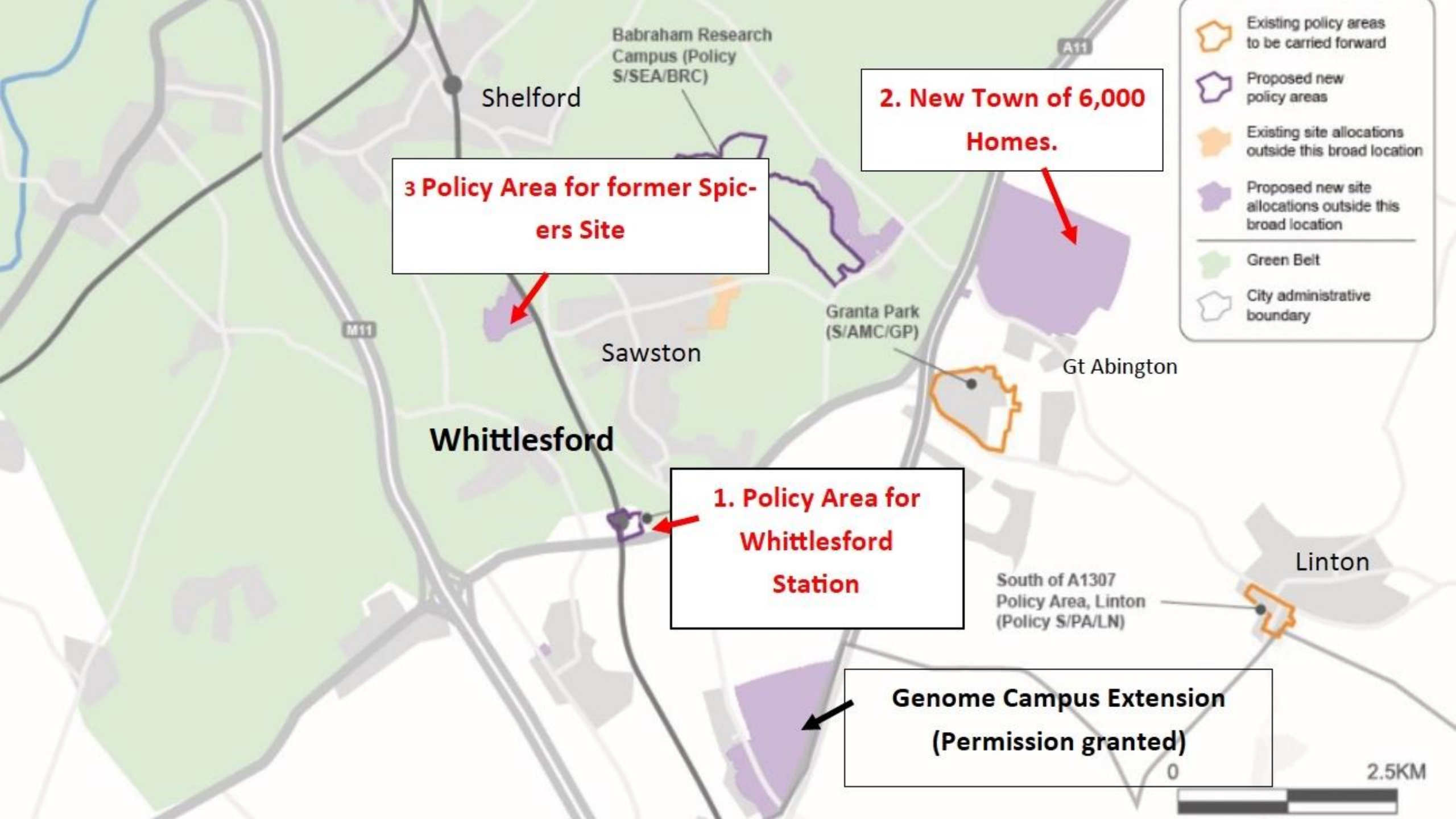
East West Rail



South Cambridgeshire Local Plan:

50,000 New houses by 2040





Babraham Research
Campus (Policy
S/SEA/BRC)

Shelford

3 Policy Area for former Spicers Site

2. New Town of 6,000 Homes.

Granta Park
(S/AMC/GP)

Sawston

Gt Abington

Whittlesford

1. Policy Area for Whittlesford Station

South of A1307
Policy Area, Linton
(Policy S/PA/LN)

Linton

**Genome Campus Extension
(Permission granted)**

Existing policy areas to be carried forward

Proposed new policy areas

Existing site allocations outside this broad location

Proposed new site allocations outside this broad location

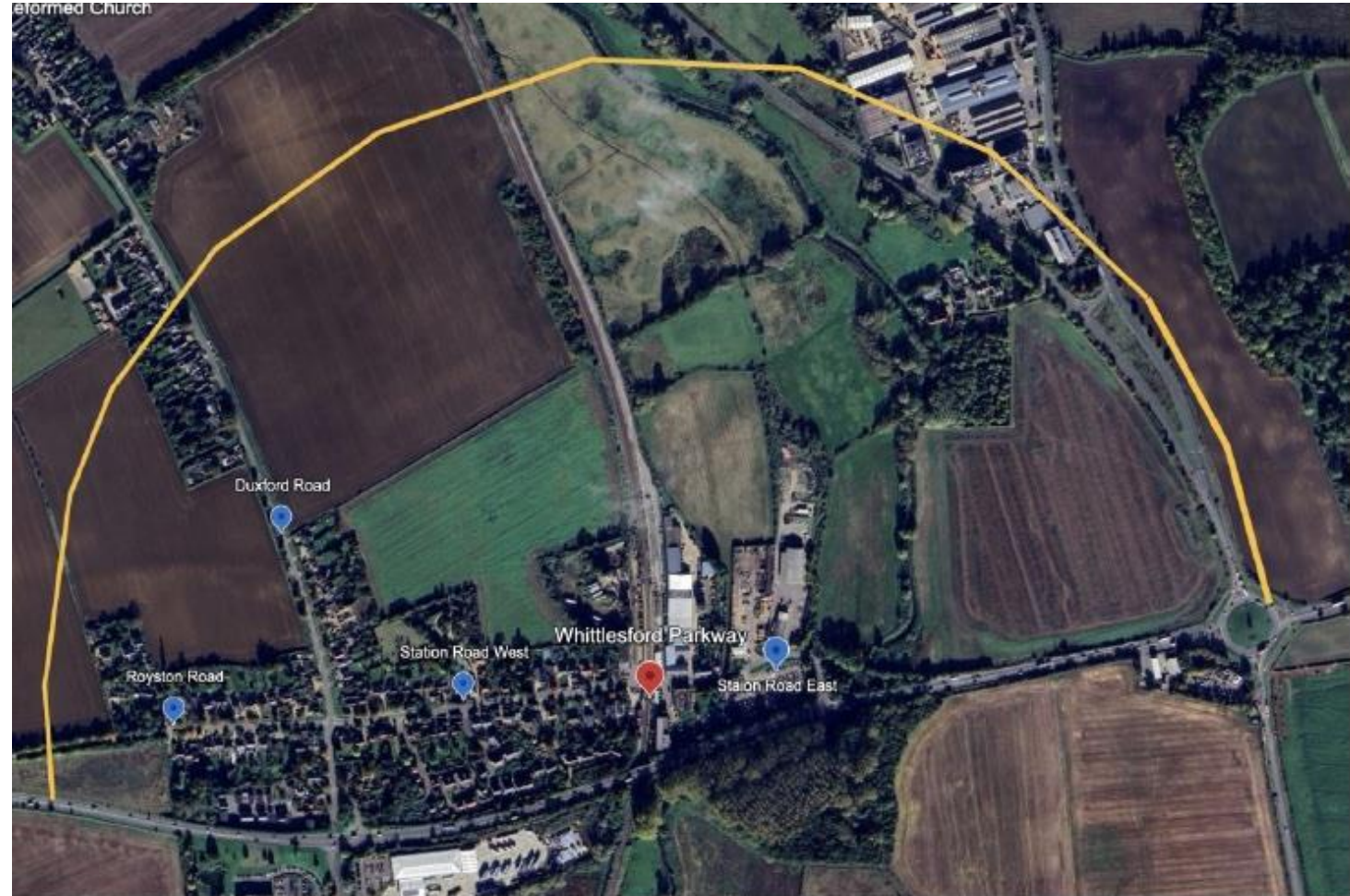
Green Belt

City administrative boundary

2.5KM

Changes to Central Gov Planning Rules

- Proposed National Planning Policy Framework - Default 'Yes' to any development within 'walking distance' of a well-connected train station
- Overrides Green Belt and does not distinguish between urban and rural areas
- Could lead to unplanned development without infrastructure support.
- Parish objected as did the District Council. I submitted an objection as District Cllr.



Development Corporation

- Government has proposed an urban **Development Corporation** for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire
- Planning powers would transfer from elected local councils to a **government-appointed body**
- This would significantly **reduce local democratic control** over development decisions
- Strong objections coordinated at both **local and district-wide level**
- Argument that Government should **work with councils, not override them**
- Seen as a significant change to how future growth and development would be managed in the area.
- Likely to hear results of consultation over the summer



New Bus Service

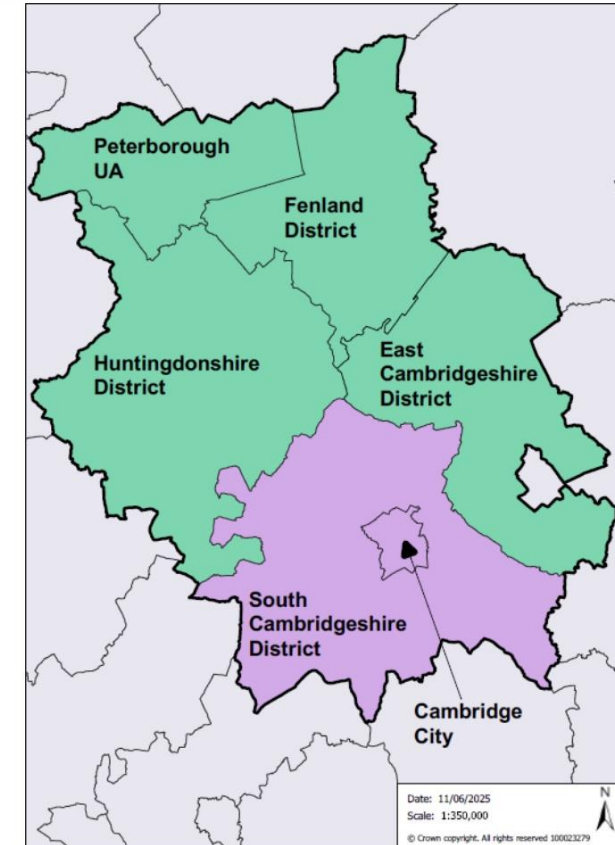
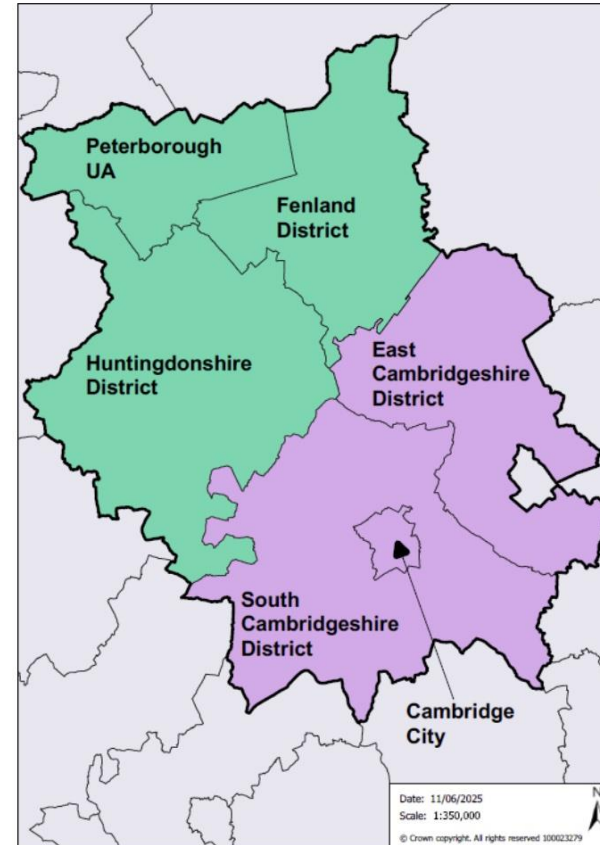
- **Tiger on-demand bus service** due to start over the summer
- Journeys can be booked via **app, website, or phone** instead of fixed timetables
- Uses flexible pick-up points and routes based on passenger demand
- **Affordable fares:**
 - Adult single fares capped at **£2**
 - Child fares available at reduced prices
- **Concessionary bus passes accepted free of charge**
- Intended to improve public transport access where regular bus services are limited.
- Will connect to Shelford, Sawston Trumpington and other areas.



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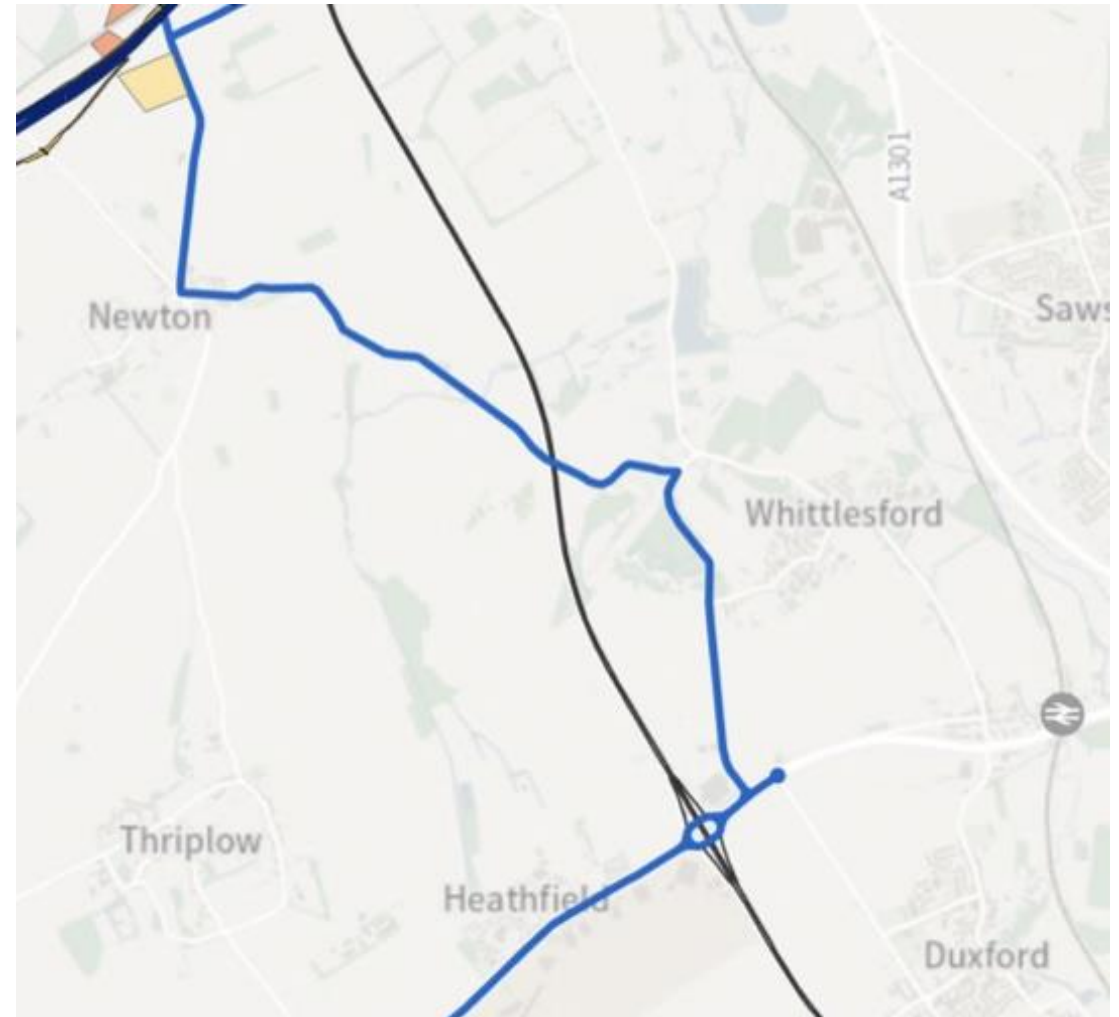
Local Government Reorganisation

- Government plans to abolish District and County Council and replace them with single Unitary Councils that deliver all District and County services.
- New Council initially scheduled to take over services in 2028, with elections in 2027 to body that will operate as a 'shadow council' for first year.
- South Cambs will either be merged with Cambridge City alone, or with Cambridge City and East Cambs.
- Gov proposals due to be published in July



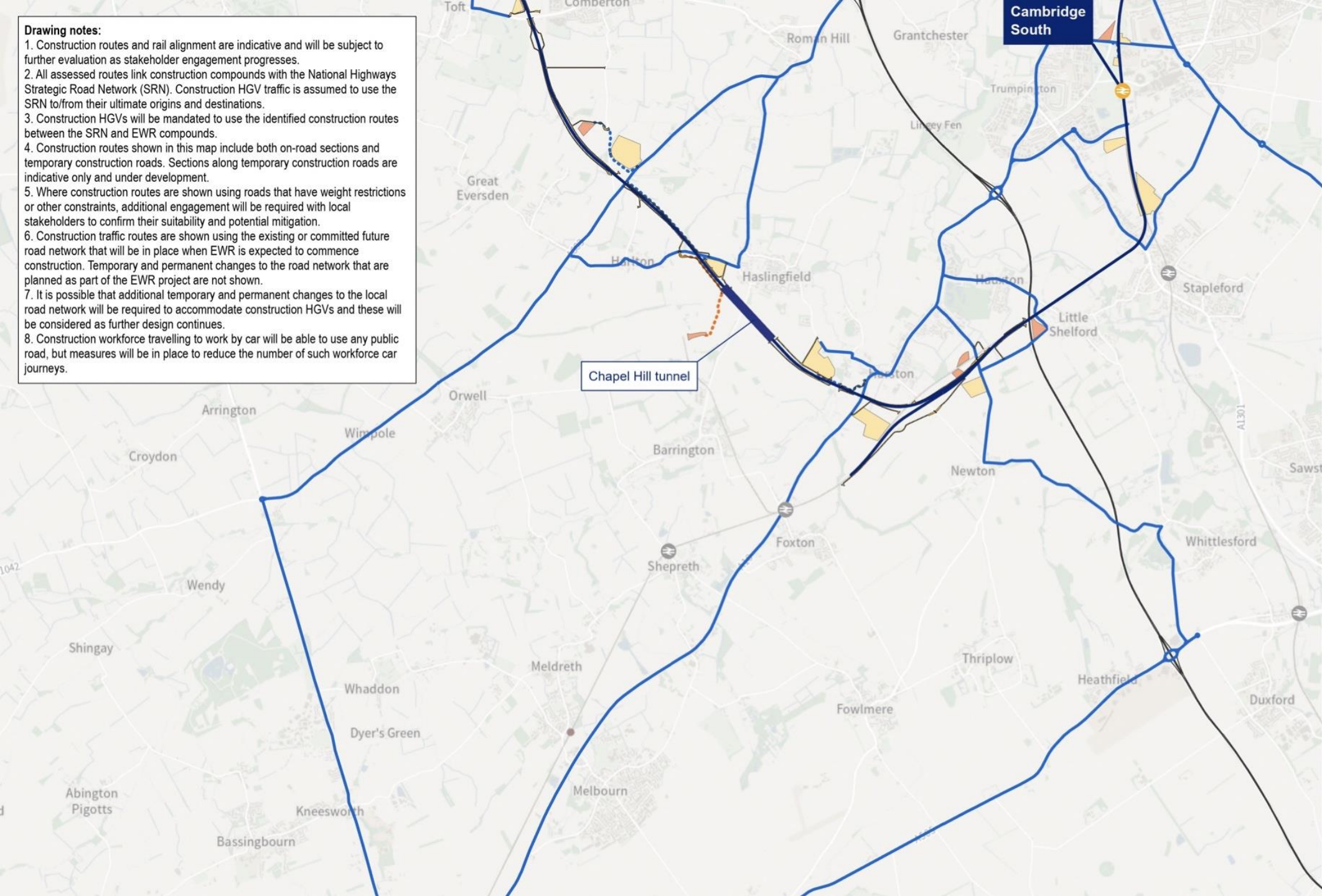
East West Rail

- Proposed route for HGV traffic during construction through the village.
- Inappropriate route through the village on unsuitable roads.
- Parish is joining consortium of Parish Councils to help oppose proposal.



Drawing notes:

1. Construction routes and rail alignment are indicative and will be subject to further evaluation as stakeholder engagement progresses.
2. All assessed routes link construction compounds with the National Highways Strategic Road Network (SRN). Construction HGV traffic is assumed to use the SRN to/from their ultimate origins and destinations.
3. Construction HGVs will be mandated to use the identified construction routes between the SRN and EWR compounds.
4. Construction routes shown in this map include both on-road sections and temporary construction roads. Sections along temporary construction roads are indicative only and under development.
5. Where construction routes are shown using roads that have weight restrictions or other constraints, additional engagement will be required with local stakeholders to confirm their suitability and potential mitigation.
6. Construction traffic routes are shown using the existing or committed future road network that will be in place when EWR is expected to commence construction. Temporary and permanent changes to the road network that are planned as part of the EWR project are not shown.
7. It is possible that additional temporary and permanent changes to the local road network will be required to accommodate construction HGVs and these will be considered as further design continues.
8. Construction workforce travelling to work by car will be able to use any public road, but measures will be in place to reduce the number of such workforce car journeys.



- Other station not served by EWR
- EWR Alignment
- Mined tunnel
- Primary EWR construction traffic route along public road (more than 10 HGVs/day in each direction)
- Secondary EWR construction traffic route along public road (up to 10 HGVs/day in each direction)
- Primary EWR construction traffic route along future or temporary construction road (more than 10 HGVs/day in each direction). Indicative only.
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- National Highways Strategic Road Network
- Temporary EWR construction service roads
- Main Compound
- Satellite Compound

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My Roles at the Council

- Chair of Scrutiny and Overview Committee
- Joint Development Control Management Committee
- Full Council
- Vice-Chair of Grants Committee
- Civic Affairs Committee
- Environment and Climate Change Committee
- Planning Committee (Substitute)
- Licencing Committee (Substitute)
- Audit Committee (Substitute)
- Staffing and Employment (Substitute)

- I have helped residents with a wide variety of issues during the year:
 - Environmental
 - Housing
 - Planning
 - Licensing
 - Buses (Combined Authority)
 - Liaising with local police and other agencies
 - I regularly meet with council officers to lobby on matters of local interest e.g. plans for traffic lights the 'McDonald's' roundabout.

If you have a local issue that is of concern please get in touch and I will be happy to help:

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