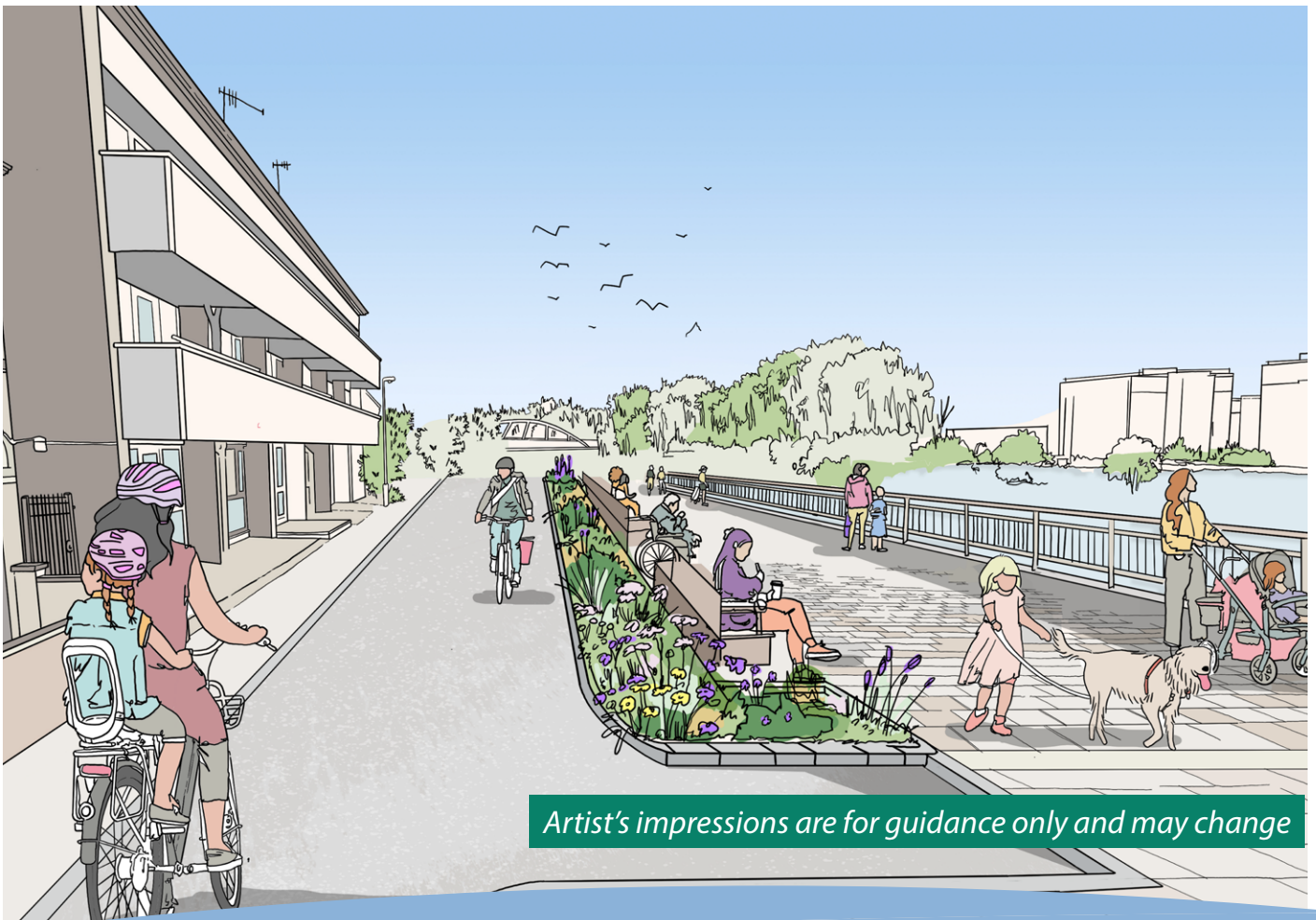


Bottisham Greenway - Riverside

Find out about our proposals for an improved walking,
wheeling and cycling route along the River Cam



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The greenways

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is developing proposals to improve Riverside, part of the Bottisham Greenway, making it easier to use and more welcoming for everyone.

The greenways are a network of 12 schemes providing safer, improved routes for walking, wheeling and cycling.

The aim for Riverside is to create a safer, more accessible and enjoyable through route to the city and its surrounding areas. As part of the enhancements, additional seating and planting will also be provided.

Riverside

Riverside is a popular walking, wheeling and cycling route alongside the River Cam. It is enjoyed by many people spending time by the river and serves as a gateway to the city, nearby green spaces and key destinations.

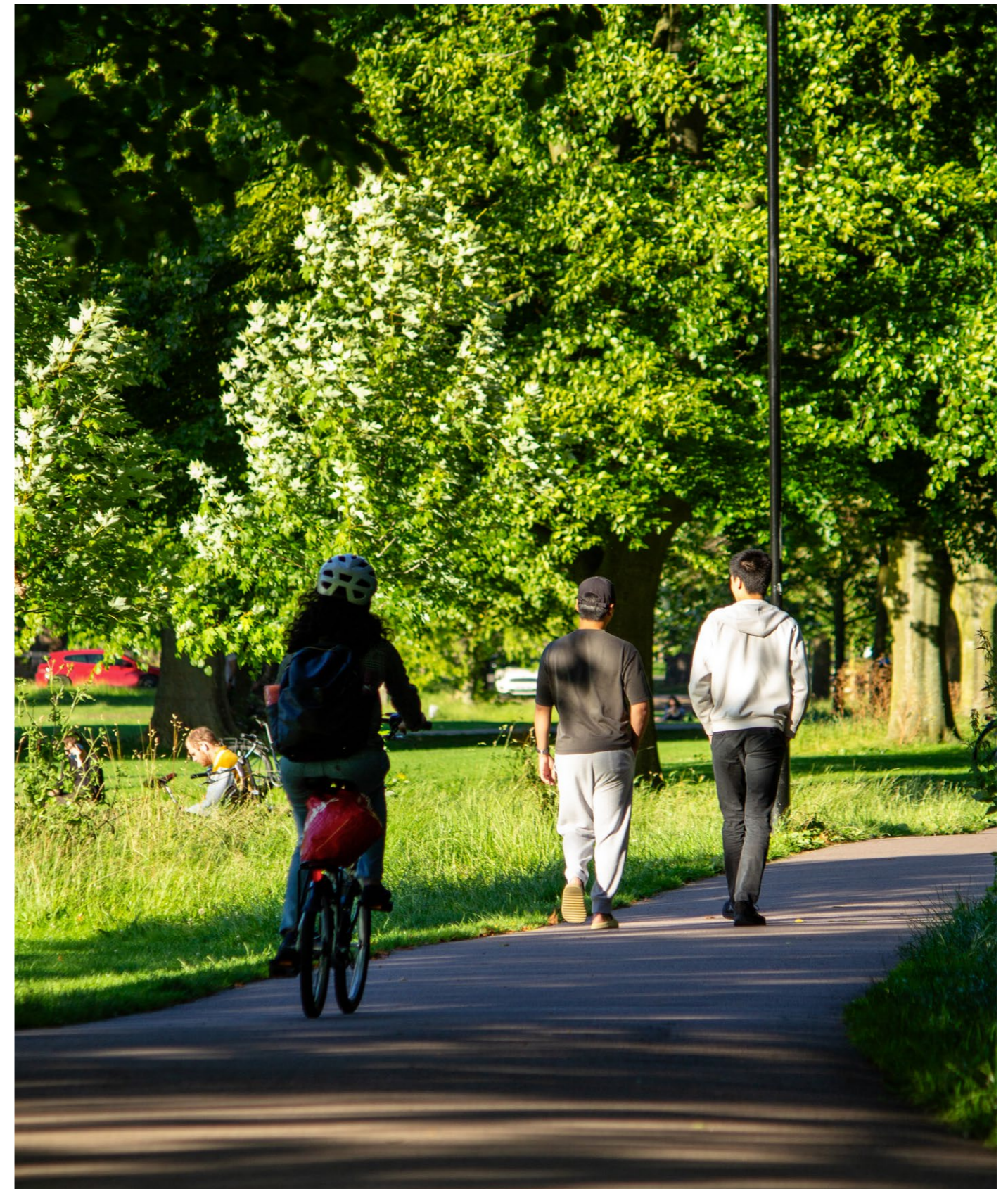
Proposals for Riverside (from Elizabeth Way Bridge to Stourbridge Common) include:

Wider, more consistent footways for people walking and wheeling.

Clearer signage and installation of pedestrian crossings to support wayfinding and help slow down vehicles and bikes.



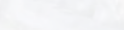

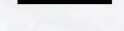
Safe and secure cycle parking along the route to encourage sustainable travel.

Resting places with planting and accessible seating for wheelchair users, people with pushchairs and others.

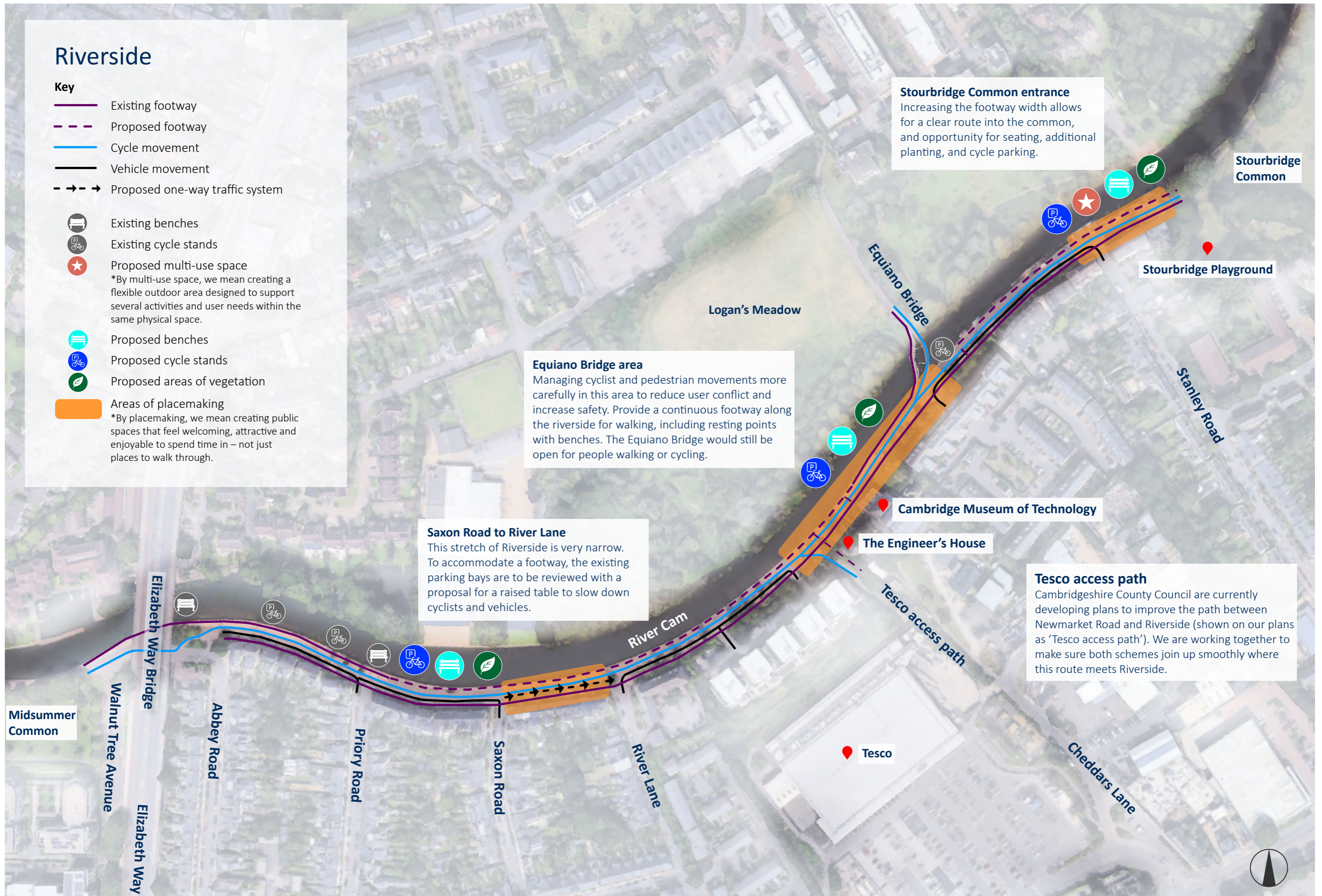


Riverside

Key

-  Existing footway
-  Proposed footway
-  Cycle movement
-  Vehicle movement
-  Proposed one-way traffic system

-  Existing benches
-  Existing cycle stands
-  Proposed multi-use space
*By multi-use space, we mean creating a flexible outdoor area designed to support several activities and user needs within the same physical space.
-  Proposed benches
-  Proposed cycle stands
-  Proposed areas of vegetation
-  Areas of placemaking
*By placemaking, we mean creating public spaces that feel welcoming, attractive and enjoyable to spend time in – not just places to walk through.



Stourbridge Common entrance
Increasing the footway width allows for a clear route into the common, and opportunity for seating, additional planting, and cycle parking.

Stourbridge Common

Stourbridge Playground

Logan's Meadow

Equiano Bridge area
Managing cyclist and pedestrian movements more carefully in this area to reduce user conflict and increase safety. Provide a continuous footway along the riverside for walking, including resting points with benches. The Equiano Bridge would still be open for people walking or cycling.

Saxon Road to River Lane
This stretch of Riverside is very narrow. To accommodate a footway, the existing parking bays are to be reviewed with a proposal for a raised table to slow down cyclists and vehicles.

Cambridge Museum of Technology

The Engineer's House

Tesco access path
Cambridgeshire County Council are currently developing plans to improve the path between Newmarket Road and Riverside (shown on our plans as 'Tesco access path'). We are working together to make sure both schemes join up smoothly where this route meets Riverside.

Tesco

Midsummer Common

Elizabeth Way Bridge
Walnut Tree Avenue
Elizabeth Way

Abbey Road

Priory Road

Saxon Road

River Lane

Tesco access path

Cheddars Lane



The proposals

Our plans for Riverside have been split into five key areas. Plans for each area respond to the specific conditions along the route and focus on how the space could be improved. The artist's impressions next to some of the areas show how we could achieve these results.

Area 1 - Priory Road to Saxon Road

Plans for this area focus on improving the experience for people as they access the route along the River Cam. Proposals include:

- A clearer and more consistent segregated footway to create separate pedestrian and cycle routes. This aims to provide a path of around two metres in width where space allows
- Better use of existing space to prioritise people walking, wheeling and cycling
- Planting and accessible seating to create spaces where people can pause and rest



Area 2 - Saxon Road to River Lane



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This area runs closest to the river and helps shape the Riverside experience. Proposals include:

- A continuous riverside footway reducing narrow or awkward pinch points
- Raised tables at crossing points to help slow traffic and improve safety for all users
- Reallocation of parking spaces along the river edge to create a clearer, more direct walking route

The proposed improvements address the current lack of a dedicated footway for people to walk or wheel alongside the river. This creates a barrier to movement and limits access to the riverside. The proposed changes aim to create a safe and accessible route, helping to better connect this section of the corridor for people to enjoy walking and wheeling along the river.

Area 3 - River Lane to Cambridge Museum of Technology

This stretch of the riverside has limited space and is currently difficult for different users to share comfortably. Proposals include:

- Making better use of the space so it's clearer where people should walk and where they can safely stop, sit and spend time
- Reviewing whether changes to road space and the removal of a number of parking bays could help create clearer footways that are easier to navigate
- Use of planting to enhance scenery
- Placement of street furniture, including benches and cycle stands



Current Riverside

Area 4 - Equiano Bridge

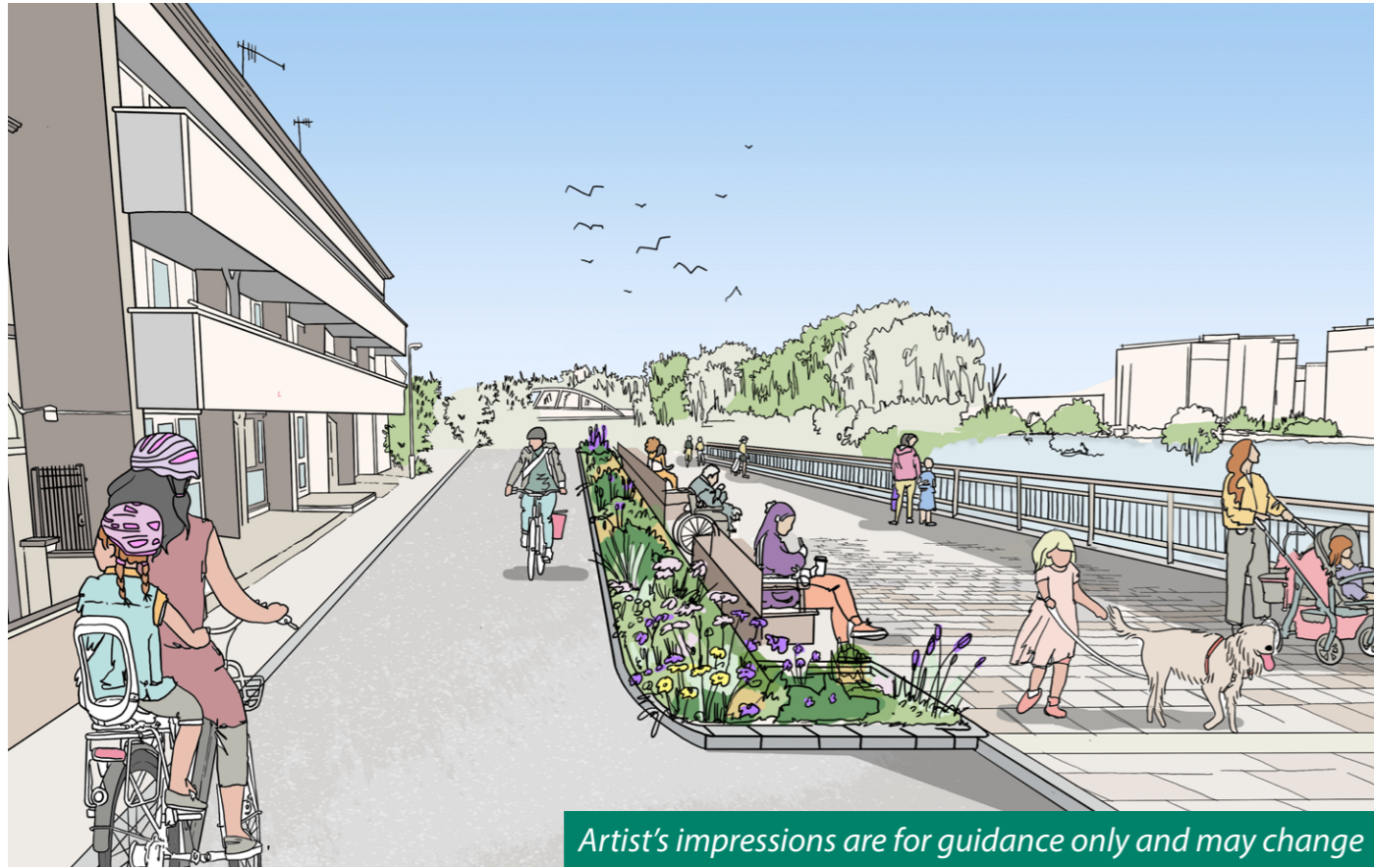


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Around Equiano Bridge, Riverside becomes busier and more complex, with higher levels of movement and activity. Proposals include:

- Clearer walking routes and pedestrian crossing points
- Placement of street furniture, including benches, bollards and cycle stands
- Changes to cycle paths and footway surfaces to reduce conflict between users, enhancing movement for pedestrians and cyclists
- Improvements to the entrance to the bridge and clearer signage for people walking, wheeling and cycling
- Continuous footways that will make it easier for people walking along the riverside by foot

Area 5 - Stourbridge Common



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This area marks the connection between Riverside and Stourbridge Common. Proposals include:

- Wider paths, improved alignment and wayfinding signage to support movement along the riverside
- A small shared multi-use space with accessible seating and planting to support various activities including resting, gathering and enjoying the views
- Convenient and secure cycle parking

Examples of walking and cycling infrastructure



Secure cycle parking - Introduce high-quality cycle stands to support demand and prevent informal parking, improving accessibility and the overall appearance of the area.



Improved pedestrian crossings - Upgrade crossing points and surrounding spaces to provide safer, more direct, and accessible routes for all pedestrians.

Have your say

This consultation will run for six weeks, until 11.59pm on Monday 13 July 2026.

You can share your feedback by:



Filling out the online survey at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/riverside



Downloading or requesting a paper survey and return to: **Greater Cambridge Partnership, PO Box 1493, Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB1 0YR**

Alternative formats:

If you require any of the consultation materials in an alternative format or language, please email:

hello@greatercambridge.org.uk or call **01223 699906**

Events and further information

To find out more about our proposals and speak to a member of the team, you can attend one of our events listed below.



Speak to a member of the team at our in-person consultation event:

Date: Wednesday 17 June 2026

Time: 4.30pm - 7pm

Venue: The Pye Building, Cambridge Museum of Technology

Address: Cheddars Lane, Cambridge, CB5 8LD



Register for our online event on 23 June from 6pm to 7.30pm

To register, please visit:

www.greatercambridge.org.uk/riverside

What happens next?

After the consultation closes, all feedback received will be carefully reviewed. A summary report of responses will be published on our website and sent to the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board for a decision on how to proceed with the next stages of design for Riverside.



Engage with public and stakeholders



Develop designs



Construct and build

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