



A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme

Have your say on our updated package of enhancements to the A141 and the travel network around the St Ives and Huntingdon areas.

Welcome to the next phase of our consultation on the A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme.

We are consulting on an updated package of improvements to the A141 and to the St Ives and Huntingdon areas.

During October and November 2024, we presented to you our proposed A141 and St Ives Travel Network Improvements Package. We would like to thank you for providing us with your valuable feedback, following which we have developed the package further, carrying out a full review of each of the package themes.

We would now like to share with you our updated package of improvements. We are inviting you to have your say on the updated proposals. Please take part and help us further develop and finalise a range of solutions to reduce road congestion, encourage safer, greener, and healthier ways of getting around and create a travel network to support sustainable growth in Huntingdonshire.

You can also take part in the survey online at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/a141-and-st-ives-improvements-study>

Please see page 18 for further details on how to take part.

The public consultation is open from **8 October 2025** and closes on **19 November 2025**.

Please review this document and give us your feedback.



Scan the QR code above to access the survey.



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Scheme recap

The A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme is the outcome of a comprehensive study to find a long-term, sustainable solution to Huntingdonshire’s transport network issues.

The A141 is the main road between the Fens and Huntingdon. It is a critical part of the Huntingdonshire transport network and a vital gateway into and out of the district.

It creates easy connections to:

- the A14, A1, A1123, B1090, A1096 and A1307 roads
- Fenland towns and villages
- St Ives
- Earith
- local quarries
- RAF Wyton
- the UK’s main travel corridors
- other areas of future local development.

The A141 is already operating significantly over capacity and the local area suffers from:

- traffic jams and unreliable journey times
- road safety issues
- poor noise and air quality conditions
- rat-running on minor roads and nearby villages
- a lack of safe, off-road cycle and walking options
- a lack of good public transport.

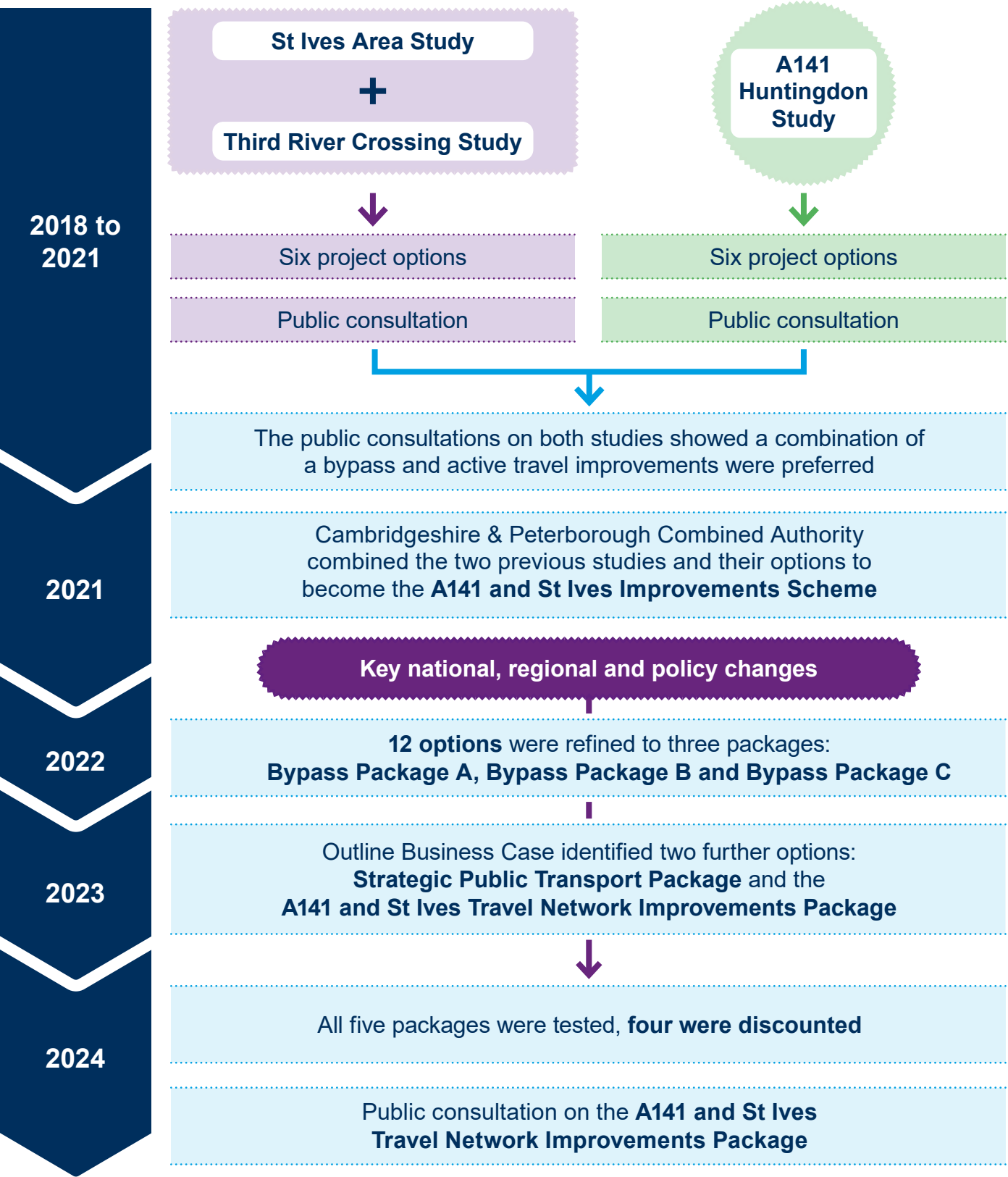
This results in the A141 being a poor-quality environment for all road users.

Between 2019 and 2036, it is anticipated 20,100 new homes and 14,400 additional jobs will be delivered in Huntingdonshire. To support this ambition and further growth beyond, we need solutions that accommodate future road demand as well as growth on the network for all modes of transport.

A new solution is needed to address these issues and enable future growth. As well as addressing current road capacity issues, we also need to improve the entire integrated transport network, to enable short, local journeys to be done more efficiently and in a more environmentally friendly way.

Having reviewed and thoroughly assessed several potential options and other improvement measures, we came up with the A141 and St Ives Travel Network Improvements Package which we shared with you between October and November 2024. This package included a set of measures to develop and enhance transport infrastructure on the A141, and around the St Ives and Huntingdon areas.

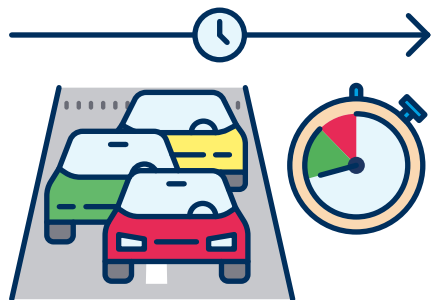
Background and history



Objectives

The proposed updated package still needs to address the same issues of congestion on the network and a lack of sustainable travel alternatives while supporting future growth in the area.

Hence, our objectives remain largely unchanged. These objectives have been used to further develop our proposed package to help determine the right long-term fix. The scheme objectives are as follows:



Addressing congestion issues and delay in the study area, thus reducing journey times and improving reliability, and relieving local routes affected by traffic re-routing from the A141 and A1096/A1123.



Improving sustainable travel alternatives to the private vehicle. This includes improvements to both active travel and public transport:

Public transport: Improving bus service routing, access and reliability across the study area and through St Ives and Huntingdon Town Centres.

Active travel: Improving connectivity and quality for walking and cycling along and across the study area.



Enabling growth and development by ensuring sufficient transport capacity to accommodate transport demand in the study area from new growth including those within the Local Plan and beyond.

Last time we met

During October and November 2024, we consulted on our proposed A141 and St Ives Travel Network Improvements Package.

The consultation took place from 16 October 2024 to 27 November 2024 and was the first public consultation since the merger of the two separate studies for St Ives and Huntingdon in 2021. It provided us with an opportunity to get your feedback on our proposed package of solutions. We met you at three public drop-in events in Huntingdon and St Ives and via two online webinars. We would like to thank you for your participation in the consultation and for giving us your honest feedback.

You can see below a summary of the A141 and St Ives Travel Network Improvements Package that we presented to you during the previous consultation.

A141 and St Ives Travel Network Improvements Package

The package comprised three themes: active travel, public transport, and road. The solutions within these themes were designed to work together to create a sustainable travel network for the A141, Huntingdon and St Ives areas and future developments.

Theme A: Active Travel

Active travel refers to walking and cycling, as well as other ‘wheeled’ modes of travel. As part of the package, we had proposed seven new active travel routes. The proposals were a combination of offline routes and segregated routes along existing roads and were designated walking, wheeling and cycling routes.

Theme B: Public Transport

Public transport can include buses, trains and Park and Rides. The package proposed three new Park and Ride facilities which were geographically spread around the study area, with an aim to cater for as many people as possible travelling between local towns and villages and other potential new developments. Additionally, we proposed three extensions to the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway (CGB) to provide communities with greater access into Cambridge. We also proposed two new bus routes to serve key amenities throughout Huntingdon and St Ives.

Theme C: Road

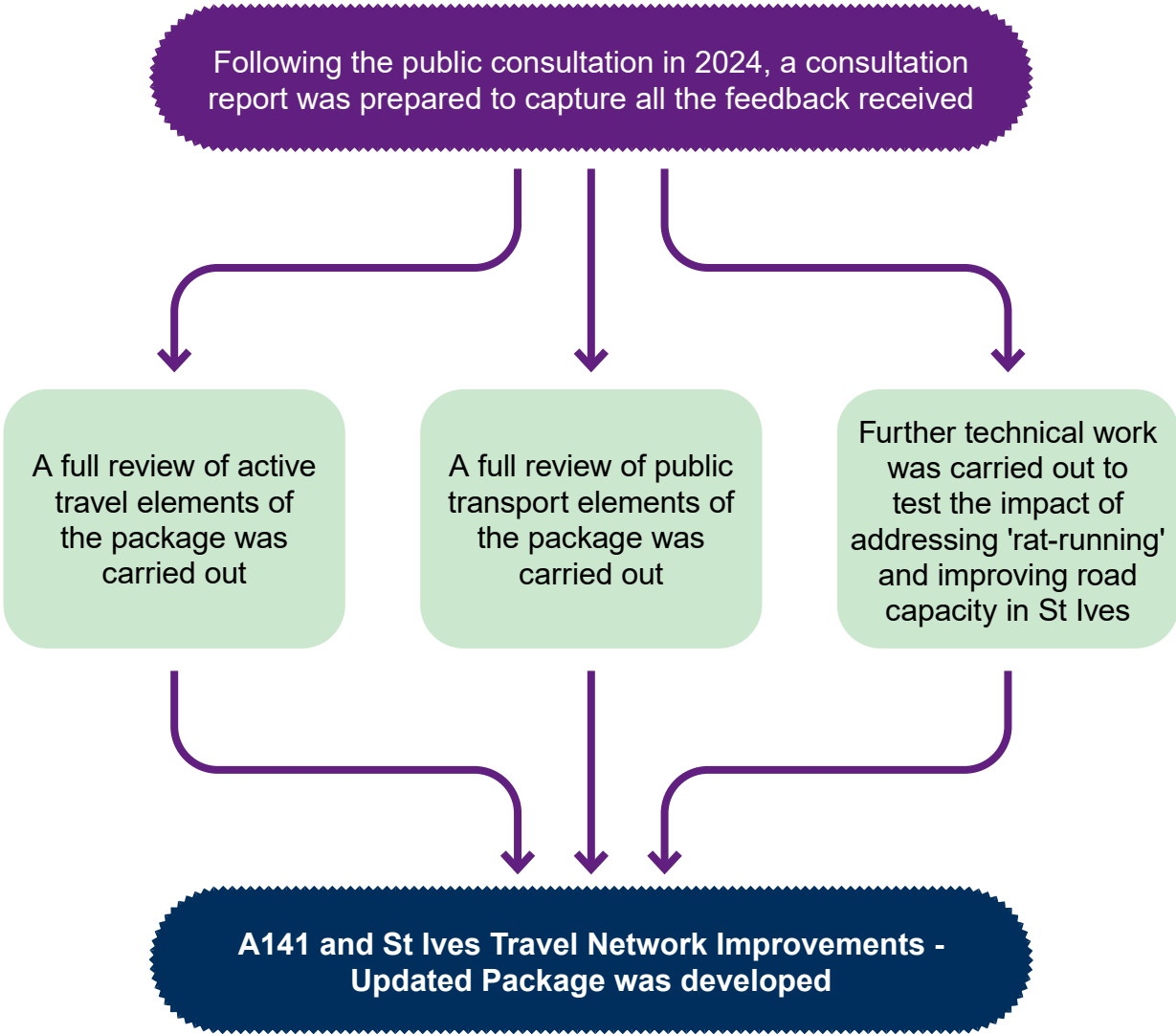
Robust and resilient road infrastructure is vital for economic development and social wellbeing, especially in areas with remote and rural communities, including Huntingdonshire. The package presented a single carriageway bypass that started at Spittals Interchange and carried through to the roundabout at RAF Wyton Airfield. It was designed to travel north of Huntingdon and south of Great Stukeley and to cross the East Coast Main Line (ECML).

You said, we did

Your views are very important to us, and we have worked on the feedback that you gave us during the previous consultation. The below table provides details of how we have implemented your feedback into our updated package of improvements.

	What you said	What we did
Active Travel	1. We should prioritise safe and direct routes.	We have prioritised safe and direct routes between Huntingdon and St Ives as well as improvements around the A141 corridor.
	2. We should also look to improve existing infrastructure.	We have included upgrades to existing infrastructure as well as brand new infrastructure, including along Ermine Street and Harrison Way. We have also included an active travel route alongside the bypass to connect future developments.
	3. There is a lack of intervention in St Ives.	We have aligned the package against a separate active travel study in St Ives and have also carried out a flood risk assessment to understand what mitigations would be required for the southern offline route between Huntingdon and St Ives.
	4. The flood zone between Huntingdon and St Ives would be an issue for the offline route to the south of the A1123.	
Public Transport	1. We should prioritise direct routes and connectivity to Cambridge.	We have updated the public transport services in the package with prioritisation of direct routes between Huntingdon and St Ives, 90% of which would also connect with Cambridge.
	2. Reliability of bus services is poor and impacted by congestion.	We have provided a series of measures to relieve rat-running and congestion within St Ives
	3. The Park & Ride site at Gifford's Farm would not generate significant demand.	We have removed the Park & Ride site at Gifford's Farm where demand was relatively low.
Road	1. The bypass would benefit the A141 corridor and Huntingdon but would not address congestion through St Ives, where there is high HGV traffic.	We have provided a series of measures to alleviate rat-running and congestion in St Ives.
	2. Reliability of journey times through St Ives is impacted by flooding.	

How has the package developed since the previous consultation?



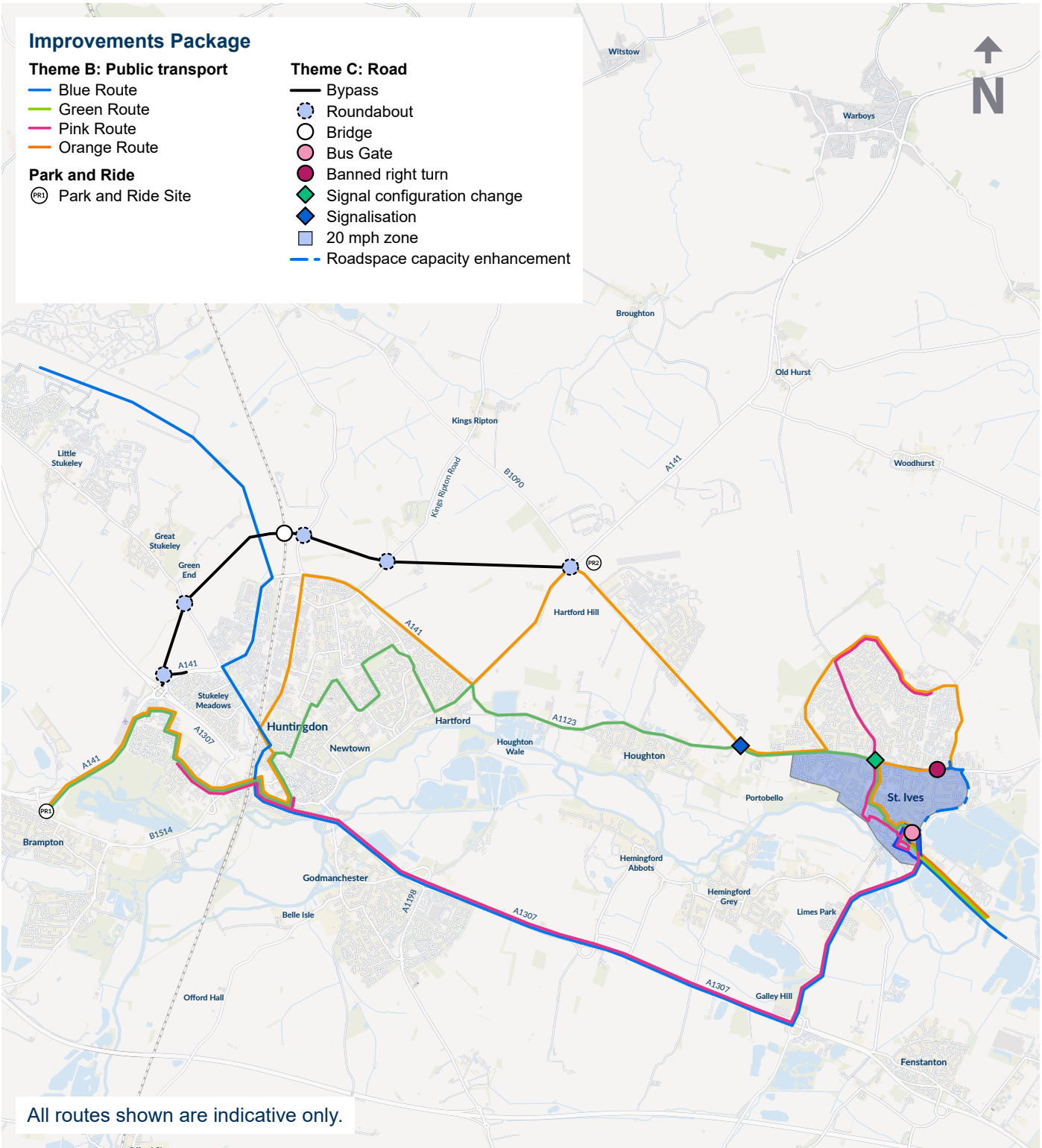
A141 and St Ives Travel Network Improvements – Updated Package

The A141 and St Ives Travel Network Improvements – Updated Package is the name of our new and revised package of improvements. The structure of this updated package is same as the previous one, comprising of three themes: active travel, public transport, and road.

The elements within these three themes will work together to provide the required solutions to enhance the travel network of the A141, Huntingdon and St Ives areas. Our updated package prioritises active travel and public transport measures, with road solutions being proposed where further capacity is required to address congestion and support growth.

What changes have been made to the package and why?

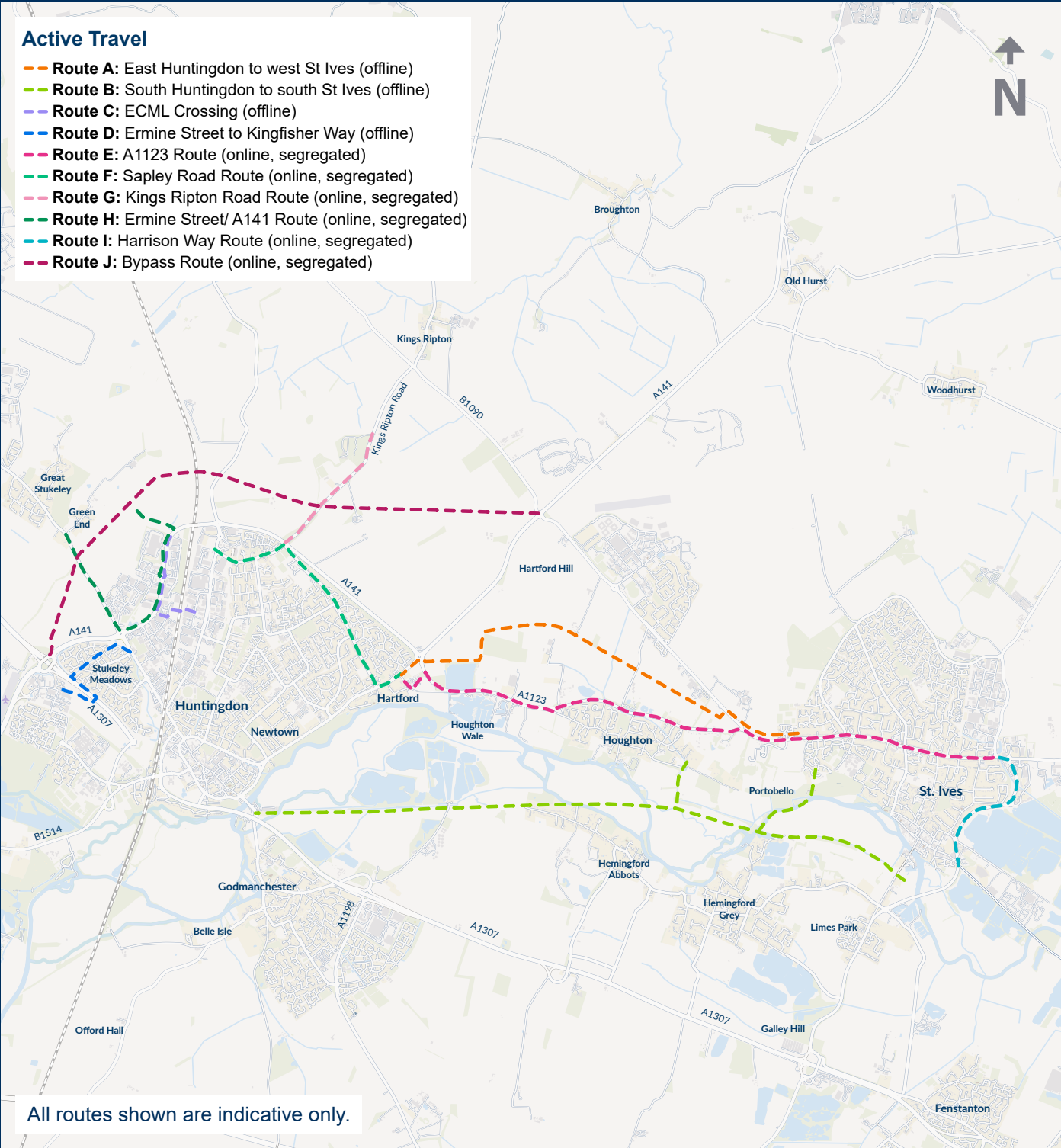
	What changes have been made to the package?	Rationale for changes
Active Travel	- Revision of the A141 route to now include a new route along the A141 between Ermine Street and the existing footpath connecting to St Peters Road/Kings Ripton Road followed by improvements to existing routes along Kings Ripton Road and Sapley Road - Inclusion of an upgrade to the existing route along Ermine Street - Inclusion of a new route/upgrade to the existing route along Harrison Way - Inclusion of an active travel route alongside the bypass.	A combination of feedback from the first public consultation where respondents were keen to see upgrades to existing infrastructure as well as completely new routes, as well as a focus on prioritising routes that will serve demand to and from key business locations and to incorporate active travel provision alongside the bypass to connect future developments.
Public Transport	- Removal of the Park & Ride site at Giffords Farm - Review of all Public Transport services with removal of Huntingdon Park & Ride service and service to Warboys and Chatteris and prioritisation of direct services between Huntingdon and St Ives.	Low demand forecast at the Giffords Farm Park & Ride site relative to the other sites. In terms of the Public Transport services, a focus on ensuring operational viability of the package has led to a revised service strategy being developed.
Road	Additional measures in St Ives: - Bus gate on Meadow Lane in combination with the 20mph zone on all roads south of the A1123 and west of Harrison Way - Improved capacity at B1040/A1123/Harrison Way roundabouts - Banning of right turn from A1123 to Needingworth Road - Increased green time for A1123 at Ramsey Road junction signals - Extra lane southbound on Harrison Way between A1123 and Meadow Lane.	We received widespread feedback at the first public consultation that the package did not address congestion in St Ives and so a series of measures have been tested to address rat-running and improve road capacity.



Theme A: Active travel

Active travel means getting about in a way that makes you physically active. Be it walking to school, cycling to work, or other everyday journeys you make to get from place to place – rather than solely for leisure or fitness.

As well as being essential for many people, choosing active travel can have a positive impact on people’s health, wellbeing and quality of life. It can create pleasant outdoor spaces and allow people of all ages and abilities to access key services.



Active travel can improve the environment, including air quality and biodiversity and be a more affordable way to get to a place of education, work or leisure.

Providing active travel infrastructure in Cambridgeshire and shifting to more sustainable modes of travel contributes to the county council’s target to achieve net zero carbon by 2045. Introducing new active travel routes and enhancing existing ones is key to sustainable growth in Cambridgeshire, through well connected and integrated, sustainable transport networks and supporting infrastructure.

The active travel routes in the package aim to offer communities along the A141 and the St Ives and Huntingdon areas more enjoyable, accessible and affordable ways to get around.

Benefits of the active travel theme

- Improved connectivity for those looking to travel by active modes, especially for direct routes between Huntingdon and St Ives and around the A141 corridor.
- Contribution to increase in non-car mode share between Huntingdon and St Ives.
- Additional crossing of the ECML to overcome severance issues.
- Improved access between key business locations along A141 corridor.
- Improvements to existing infrastructure along key routes such as Ermine Street and Harrison Way.
- Route alongside bypass to connect future developments and encourage use of active modes in those communities.

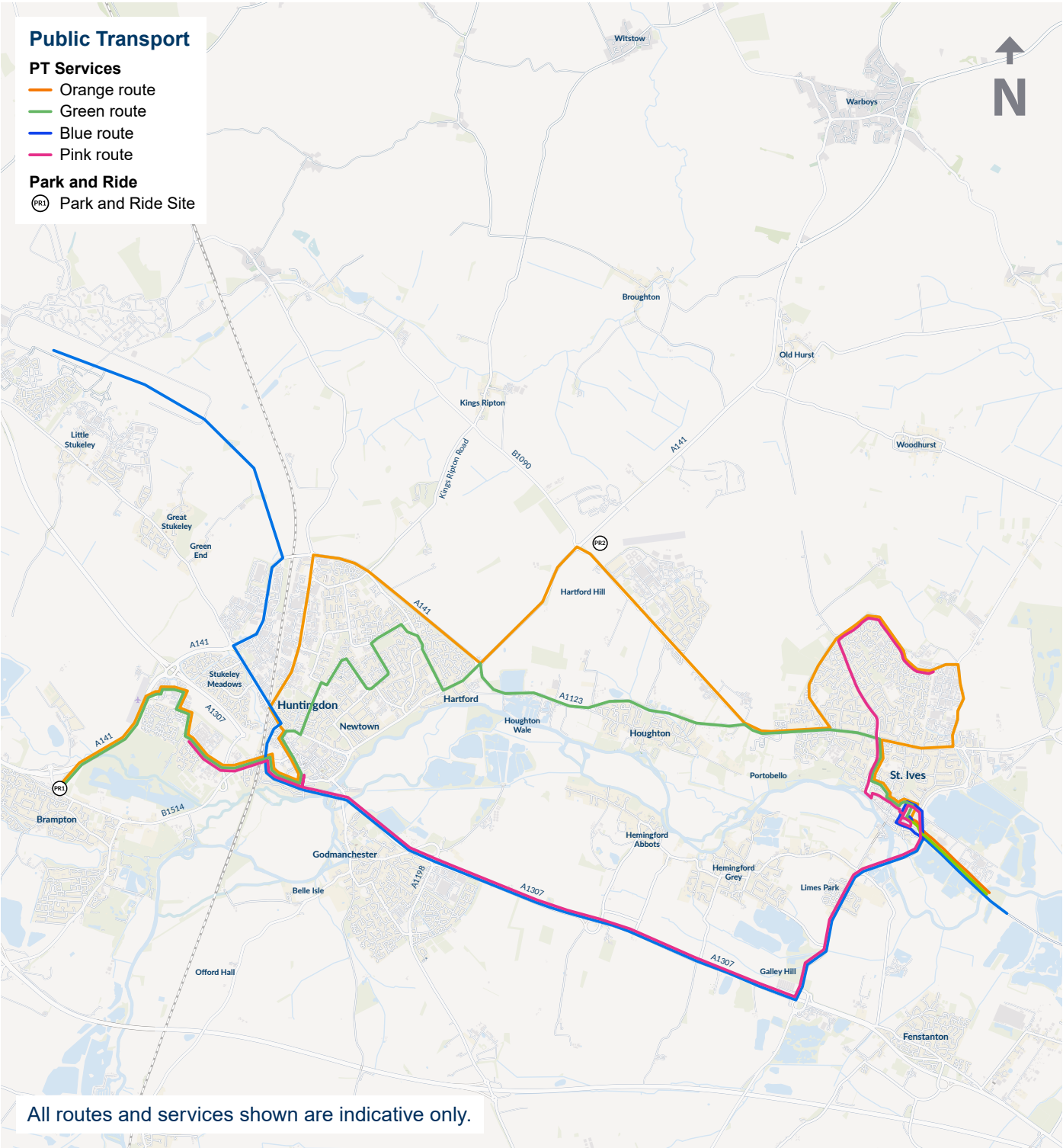
The updated package includes the following routes:

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| Route A:
East Huntingdon to west St Ives (offline) | Route F:
Sapley Road Route (online, segregated) |
| Route B:
South Huntingdon to south St Ives (offline) | Route G:
Kings Ripton Road Route (online, segregated) |
| Route C:
East Coast Main Line (ECML) Crossing (offline) | Route H:
Ermine Street/A141 Route (online, segregated) |
| Route D:
Ermine Street to Kingfisher Way (offline) | Route I:
Harrison Way Route (online, segregated) |
| Route E:
A1123 Route (online, segregated) | Route J:
Bypass Route (online, segregated) |

Theme B: Public transport

For many people, public transport is their only form of transport, whether for travelling to work, going shopping, meeting friends and family or accessing vital services. Public transport can include buses, trains and Park and Rides. Public transport has many benefits: it's often

cheaper than owning a private car, reduces congestion in towns and cities, reduces carbon footprint, and helps people get to work and education. It also opens social connections for those feeling lonely and isolated.



For it to be beneficial for people, the public transport network must work efficiently and reach the places people want to go.

The updated package includes the following public transport initiatives with a focus on bus travel:

Park and Ride (P&R)

The updated package proposes two new P&R facilities, each anticipated to have a capacity for 400 vehicles.

- PR1 **P&R 1: Huntingdon Racecourse Park and Ride**
- PR2 **P&R 2: Wyton Airfield Park and Ride**

Routes:

- Orange route:** Linking Cambridge to St Ives P&R and Huntingdon Racecourse P&R via St Ives Bus Station, Wyton Airfield P&R and Huntingdon Bus Station (3 buses per hour).
- Green route:** Linking Cambridge to St Ives P&R and Huntingdon Racecourse P&R via St Ives Bus Station, A1123 and Huntingdon Bus Station (3 buses per hour).

Revised bus service strategy

We are proposing to revise bus services across Huntingdon and St Ives, connecting key locations with direct services while maintaining connectivity to Cambridge.

Benefits of the public transport theme

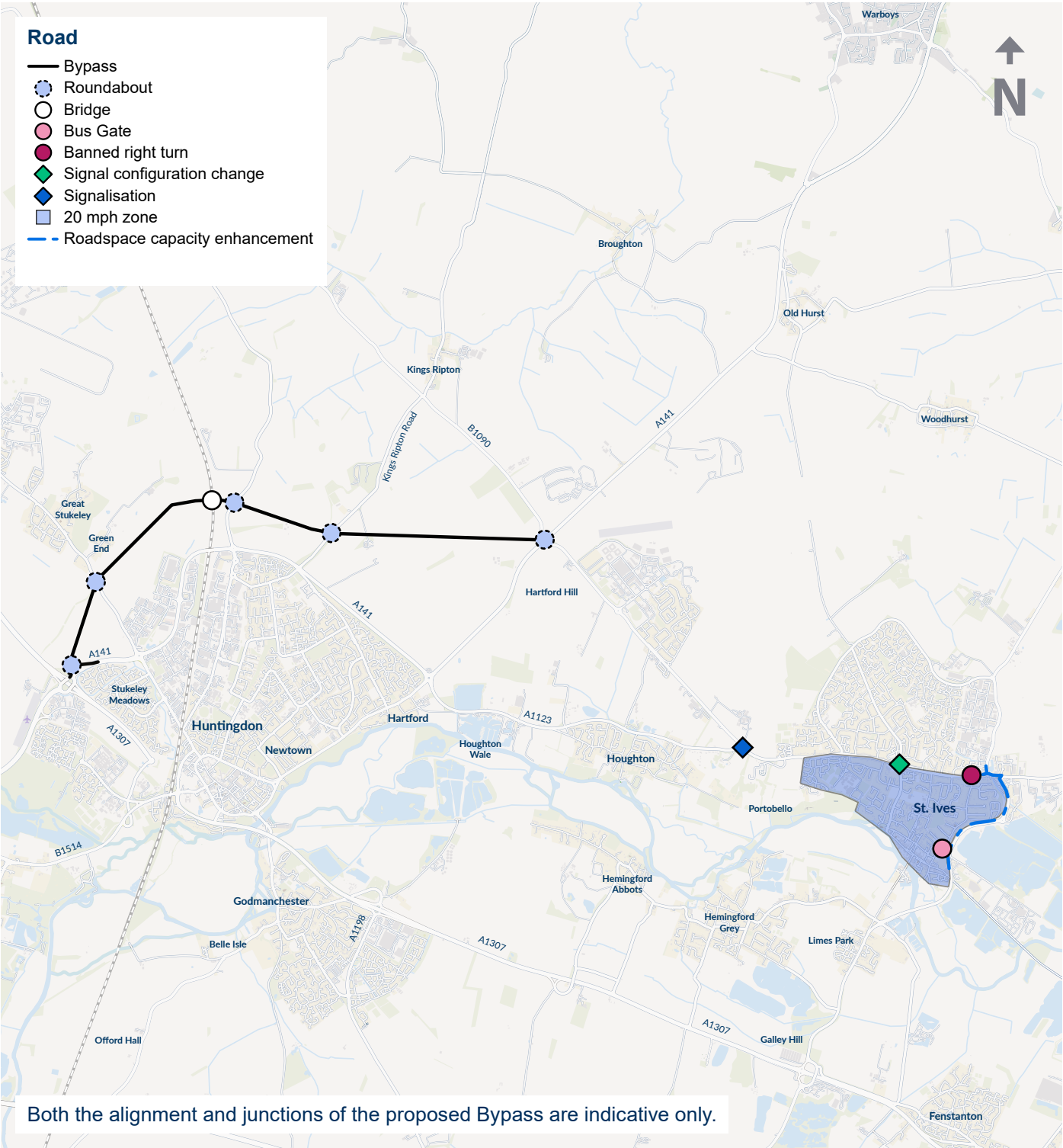
- Improved connectivity for those looking to travel by public transport, especially for direct routes between Huntingdon and St Ives with links to Cambridge.
- Bus services that meet the needs of a wide range of trips by connecting key locations.
- Contribution to an increase in non-car mode share between Huntingdon and St Ives.

- Blue route:** Linking Cambridge to St Ives P&R and Alconbury Weald via St Ives Bus Station, A1307 and Huntingdon Bus Station (3 buses per hour).
- Pink route:** St Ives to Hinchingsbrooke Hospital via St Ives Bus Station and Huntingdon Bus Station (1 bus per hour).

Theme C: Road

A safe, high quality and well-maintained road network makes it easier for people to access essential services, leisure opportunities and visit family and friends. It allows businesses to transport their goods and services more efficiently.

This reduces time and cost and makes products and services more widely available. It can open more employment opportunities, stimulate new start-ups, help develop the housing market and encourage growth.



Anticipated growth in Huntingdonshire requires improved road infrastructure to support it, alongside other sustainable modes such as walking, cycling or taking the bus.

The updated package includes the following measures:

- Bypass from Spittals Interchange to RAF Wyton Airfield (single carriageway with intermediate junctions)
- Bus gate on Meadow Lane
- 20mph zone on all roads south of A1123 and west of Harrison Way
- Improve capacity at B1040/A1123/ Harrison Way roundabouts
- Banning of right turn from A1123 to Needingworth Road
- Increased green time for A1123 at Ramsey Road junction signals
- Extra lane southbound on Harrison Way between A1123 and Meadow Lane.

Benefits of the road theme

- Reduced congestion along the A141 with reduced journey times and improved reliability between Huntingdon and St Ives
- The bus gate in combination with the 20mph zone addresses rat-running and improves public transport reliability through St Ives
- Improved flow of traffic at A1123/B1040 and A1123/Harrison Way roundabouts and reduced queuing along the A1123
- Increased flow and reduced congestion southbound along Harrison Way with improved access to St Ives Park & Ride.



Have your say

We want your feedback about the proposed A141 and St Ives Travel Network Improvements – Updated Package.

We value your feedback very much, and this public consultation is an opportunity for you to help further develop and finalise a package of solutions and create a travel network that sustainably supports growth in Huntingdonshire.

The consultation period will run until 11.59pm on Wednesday 19 November 2025.

Come and find out more

We will be holding four in-person consultation events and one virtual session:

Thursday 16 October 2025, 6pm - 7pm

Online session

Wednesday 22 October 2025, 11am - 3pm

Huntingdon Town Hall, 53 High Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3AQ

Thursday 23 October 2025, 2pm - 7pm

St Ives Corn Exchange, The Pavement, The Old Riverport, St Ives, PE27 5AD

Saturday 8 November 2025, 9am - 12.30pm

The Coneygear Centre, Butts Grove Way, Huntingdon, PE29 1PE

Thursday 13 November 2025, 2pm - 7pm

Burgess Hall, One Leisure, Westwood Road, St Ives, PE27 6WU

Throughout the consultation, you can also visit our unstaffed exhibition at New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon, PE28 4YE

You can respond and provide feedback in the following ways:



To register to attend an online webinar or complete the consultation survey, visit:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/a141-and-st-ives-improvements-study



Download or request a paper survey (including Easy Read version) and return to:

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You can also pick up a paper survey at one of our in-person drop in events or from our unstaffed exhibition.

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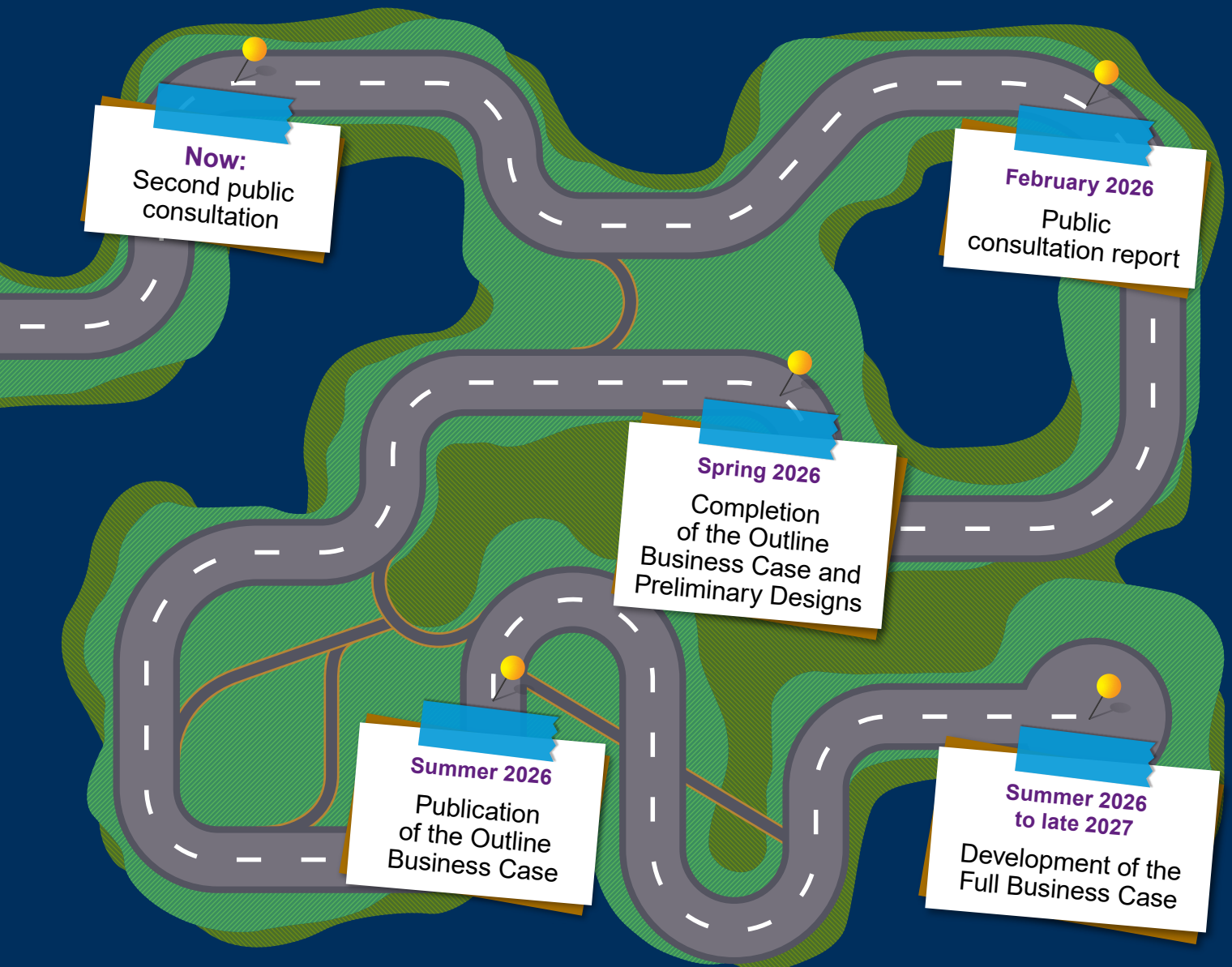
Decision-making process

At the end of the consultation period, we will analyse your feedback and use it to inform our decision about the A141 and St Ives Travel Network Improvements – Updated Package and any potential changes to our proposals.

Other factors that will form part of the decision-making process are detailed in the figure below.



Next steps



We know that residents, visitors and businesses in Huntingdonshire want a solution to issues faced by the A141 and St Ives travel network as soon as possible.

Following the publication of the Outline Business Case, the next stage of the project is dependent on:

- the outcomes of the business case
- future available funding
- development of designs of the selected solution
- seeking the required agreements such as planning permissions.