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# What's the proposal?

- 750-space car park north or south of the railway line, west of the A10 with new junctions
- Cycleway from Barrington along quarry rail line
- No road bridge or underpass  
(implication is that this is not being progressed)
- 'Upgraded' bus stops (in same locations)
- No pedestrian bridge or underpass
- Cycle parking in car park (not next to station)

## Find out more

- Information and documents on Greater Cambridge Partnership website:  
<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/foxton/>
- Public consultation starts 9 September, running to 21 October 2019
- Exhibitions will be held at Foxton, Melbourn and Addenbrooke's

# Are the villages around Cambridge being made to pay the price to “keep Cambridge special”?

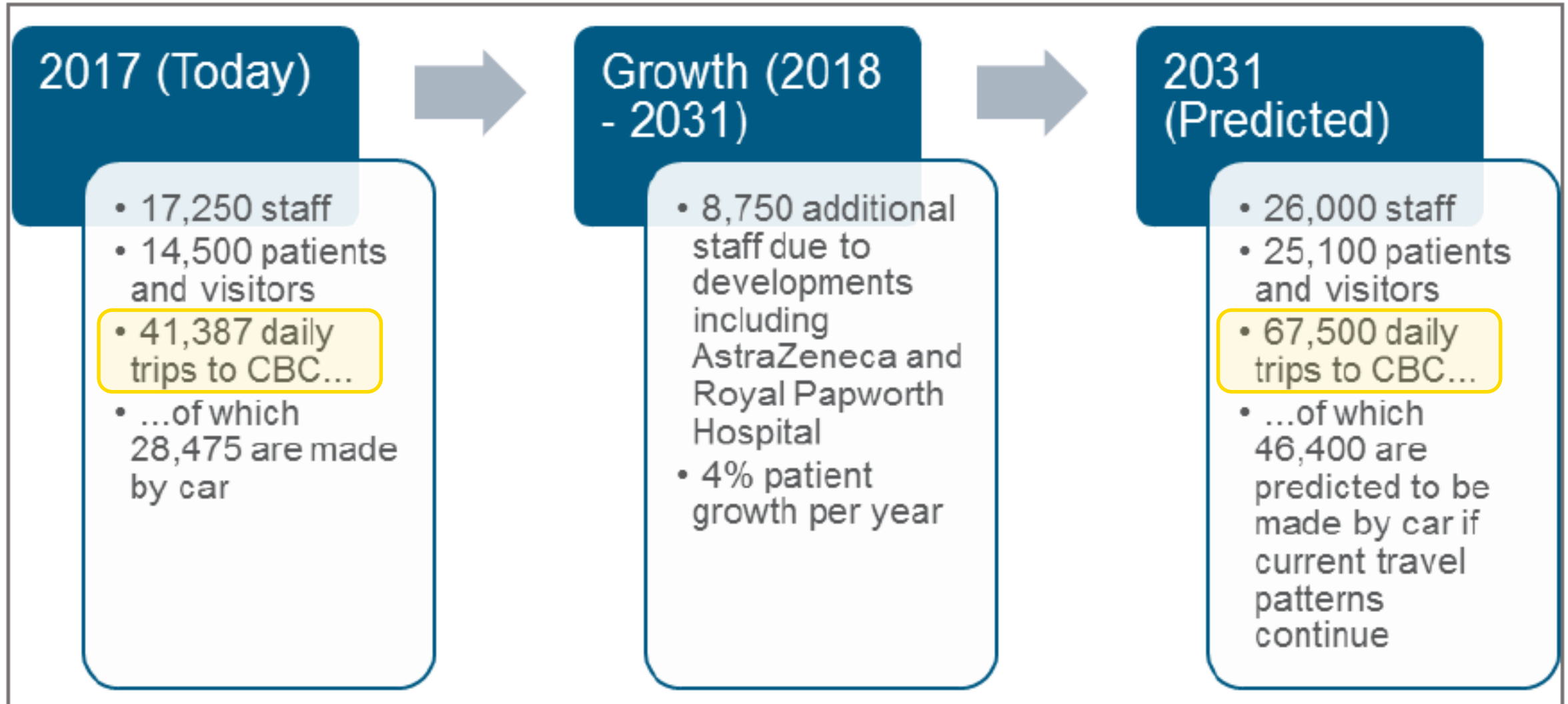
- New car parks: Madingley/Hardwick, Hauxton, Babraham/Abingtons, Foxton
- Free parking draws additional traffic into the area, increasing localised congestion
- New bus-only roads open up land for development

# Car parks

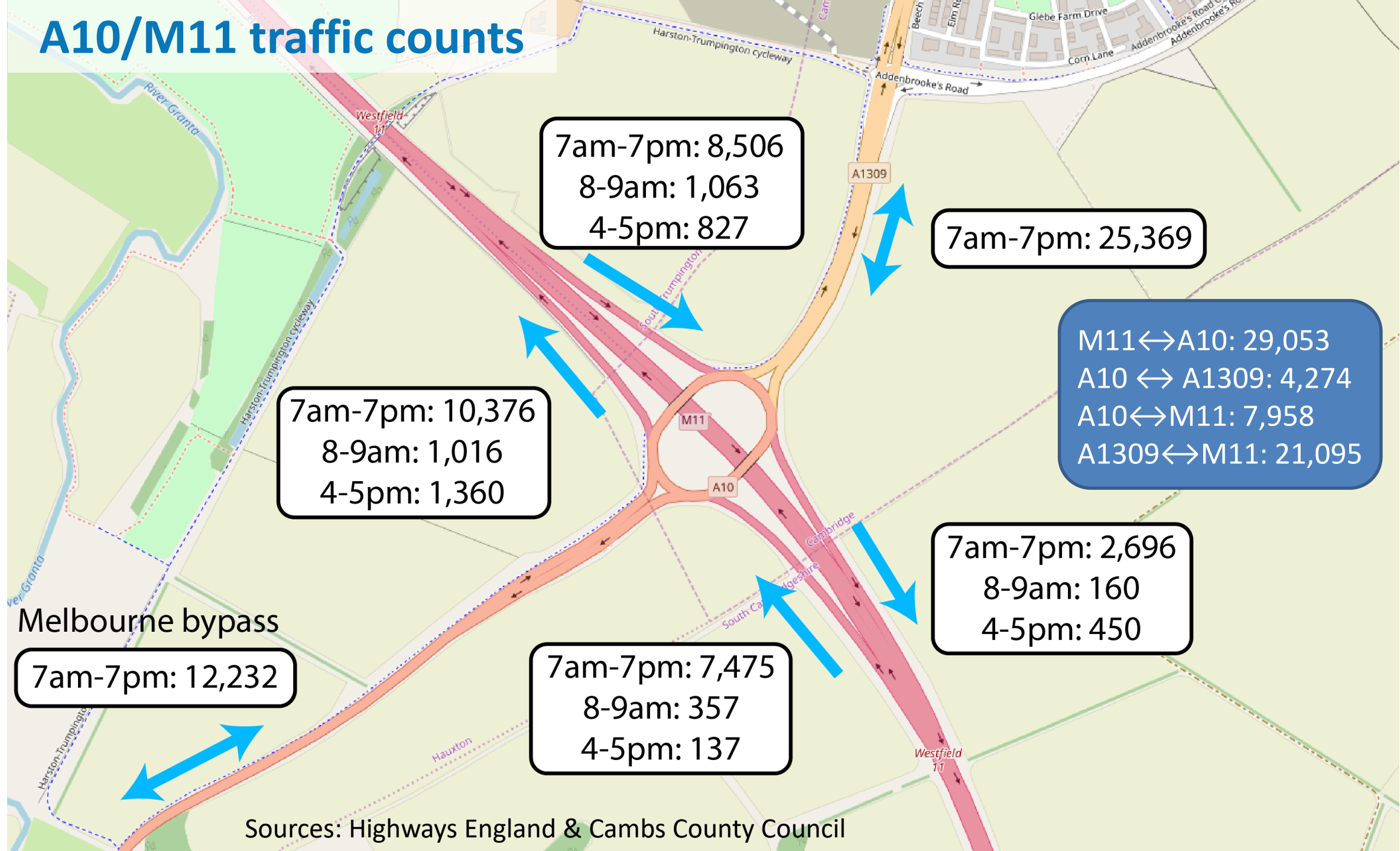
	Spaces
Trumpington P&R	1,614 (1,340 + 274)
Hauxton P&R	2,260
<b>Foxton Parkway<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>750</b>
Cambridge Biomedical Campus	5,922
Meldreth station	45

<sup>1</sup>Annual footfall at Foxton station: 102,170, i.e. about 280 return trips/day by 140 people

# Cambridge Biomedical Campus



# A10/M11 traffic counts



Sources: Highways England & Cambs County Council

# Transport alternatives: monthly travel

Modes	Train/bus from	Destination	Parking	Fare	Total
Own + walk/cycle	Trumpington/Hauxton P&R	Cambridge	Free	Free	Free
Own + bus	Trumpington/Hauxton P&R	Cambridge	Free	<sup>4</sup> £57.60	£57.60
Bus	Anywhere SW of M11 Jn11	Cambridge	n/a	<sup>3</sup> £96.00	£96.00
Own + train	Foxton	Cambridge station	Free	<sup>1</sup> £96.80	£96.80
Train	Meldreth	Cambridge station	£21.65	<sup>1</sup> £99.90	£121.55
Own + train + bus <sup>2</sup>	Foxton	Cambridge	Free	£96.80 + <sup>2</sup> £50.50	£147.30
Train + bus	Meldreth	Cambridge	£21.65	£99.60 + <sup>2</sup> £50.50	£171.75

Modes	Train/bus from	Destination	Parking	Fare	Total
Own + train	Foxton	London King's Cross	Free	£473.90	£473.90
Own + train	Meldreth	London King's Cross	£21.65	£473.90	£495.55
Own + train	Royston	London King's Cross	£141.60	£473.90	£615.50
Own + train	Cambridge	London King's Cross	£209.00	£490.40	£699.40

<sup>1</sup>A 50% discount available for 16-17 year olds

<sup>2</sup>PlusBus

<sup>3</sup>megarider Plus Xtra

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# What does the SOBC<sup>1</sup> say?

“The Foxton scheme might also attract trips in the opposite direction, from developments across the Cambridge Southern Fringe (such as Trumpington Meadows), to transfer to rail at Foxton for London.”

“Although a pedestrian bridge or underpass would be beneficial to the success of the Foxton Park & Rail scheme, the provision of a crossing does not form a core part of the scheme ...”

<sup>1</sup>Foxton Park and Rail Transport Hub Strategic Outline Business Case 2019

# What are GCP's aims?

Figure 1: Scheme Objectives<sup>9</sup>

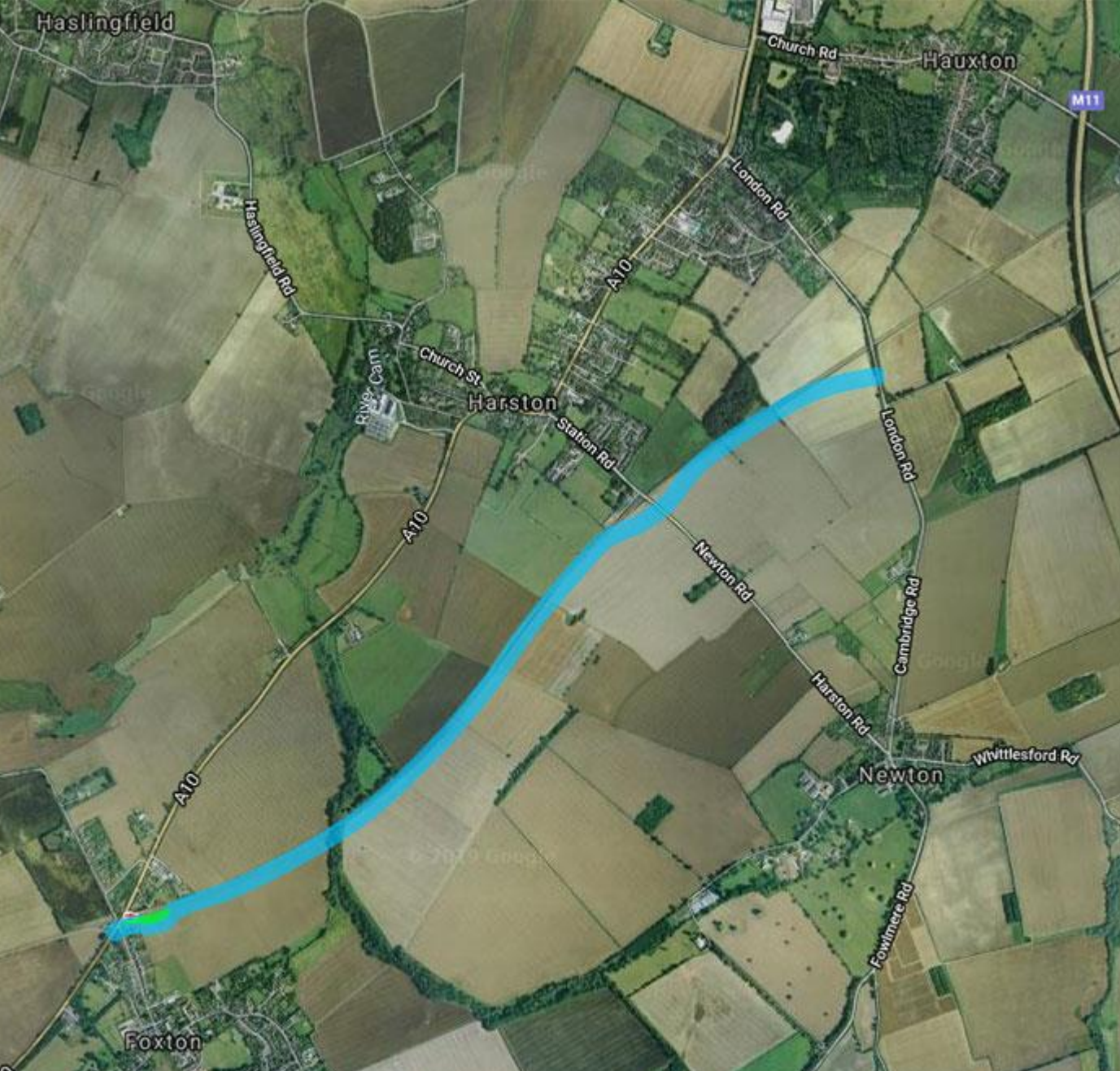
- 1** Maximise the potential for all journeys to be undertaken by sustainable modes of transport
- 2** Improved overall connectivity and accessibility within Greater Cambridge to support economic growth
- 3** To accommodate future growth in trips along the Royston to Cambridge route and reduce impact on traffic levels and congestion
- 4** Contribute to enhanced quality of life for those living and working within Greater Cambridge

Source: Mott MacDonald

# What's does SCT propose instead?

- Cycle parking adjacent to platforms
- Bus bays next to station for local and feeder services
- Pick-up/drop-off area for private cars and taxis
- Small station car park, primarily or exclusively for disabled users
- New A10 route along south side of railway to London Rd, Harston (which bridges the railway)
- Pedestrian bridge with cycle gutters (to enable crossing when barriers are down)





# A10 Harston bypass?



**Travel hub**  
Bus interchange, cycle parking, pick-up/drop-off, small car park, footbridge between platforms



# Pros & cons of A10 options

## Do nothing

- Delays on A10 increase as more frequent train services (Thameslink and East West Rail) increase the time barriers are down
- Emergency service response times worsen, with life-threatening consequences
- Traffic growth through Harston is inhibited

## Railway bridge at Foxton

- A10 delays reduce
- Traffic volumes through Harston increase
- Visually intrusive
- Inconvenient for pedestrians and cyclists accessing the station

## Bypass along railway line to London Rd

- A10 delays reduce
- Pollution, noise and road danger reduces in Harston
- Traffic increases on London Rd, affecting different residents
- Avoids the expense and disruption of building a new bridge (potentially halving cost)
- Entails loss of home adjacent to station

# Stand united!

A coalition of parish councils?

Barrington

+ Fowlmere

+ Foxton

+ Harston

+ Haslingfield

+ Hauxton

+ Newton

+ Shepreth