Cambridgeshire County Council

Cambridge Science Park Railway Station

Cambridgeshire County Council is proposing a new railway station in the north of Cambridge, which will provide links to transport routes for cyclists, pedestrians, and bus users. The station will be built in the area of Chesterton Sidings, close to the Science Park, St John's Innovation Centre and the Cambridge Business Park.

The railway station will provide a huge boost for the local economy, and will kick start development and the creation of jobs by improving accessibility and journey times.

Have your say

We want to know if you would support the building of the new railway station and how you might use it. Your answers will help us to improve our plans and shape the scheme.

Please complete the questionnaire in this leaflet and let us know any further comments you might have by **Friday 30th November 2012**.

Aerial view of the site of the new station and surrounding areas

Why is a new station needed?

The new railway station will provide access to the rail network from the north Cambridge area without needing to travel through the city centre, and include connection facilities for public transport, such as the Busway. Planned links to the Busway will also make the station accessible for those living in Huntingdon, St Ives, Swavesey and Histon, as well as providing a rapid link for the new Northstowe development. It will give people an opportunity to take the train to the north Cambridge area and avoid driving along the congested A14 and A10.

The station will provide a much needed link to one of Cambridge's main business areas, including the Science Park, St John's Innovation Centre and the Cambridge Business Park. This will make the north Cambridge area an even more attractive place for businesses to grow and locate, helping to boost the local economy.

Scheme Objectives - What do we want to achieve?

- Provide for economic growth by improving the accessibility to the Science, Business and Innovation parks by rail.
- Increase greener travel to help cater for growth in housing and business developments in the area.
- Reduce and manage congestion in north Cambridge, on the A14, the M11 motorway and on the A10 north of Cambridge, by transfer of road trips to rail, bus and bicycle.
- Help to manage congestion in Cambridge city centre by reducing the number of vehicles accessing the main Cambridge Station.
- Improve air quality through a reduction in traffic congestion.
- Improve accessibility to jobs, education, healthcare, etc.

Which trains will stop at the new station?

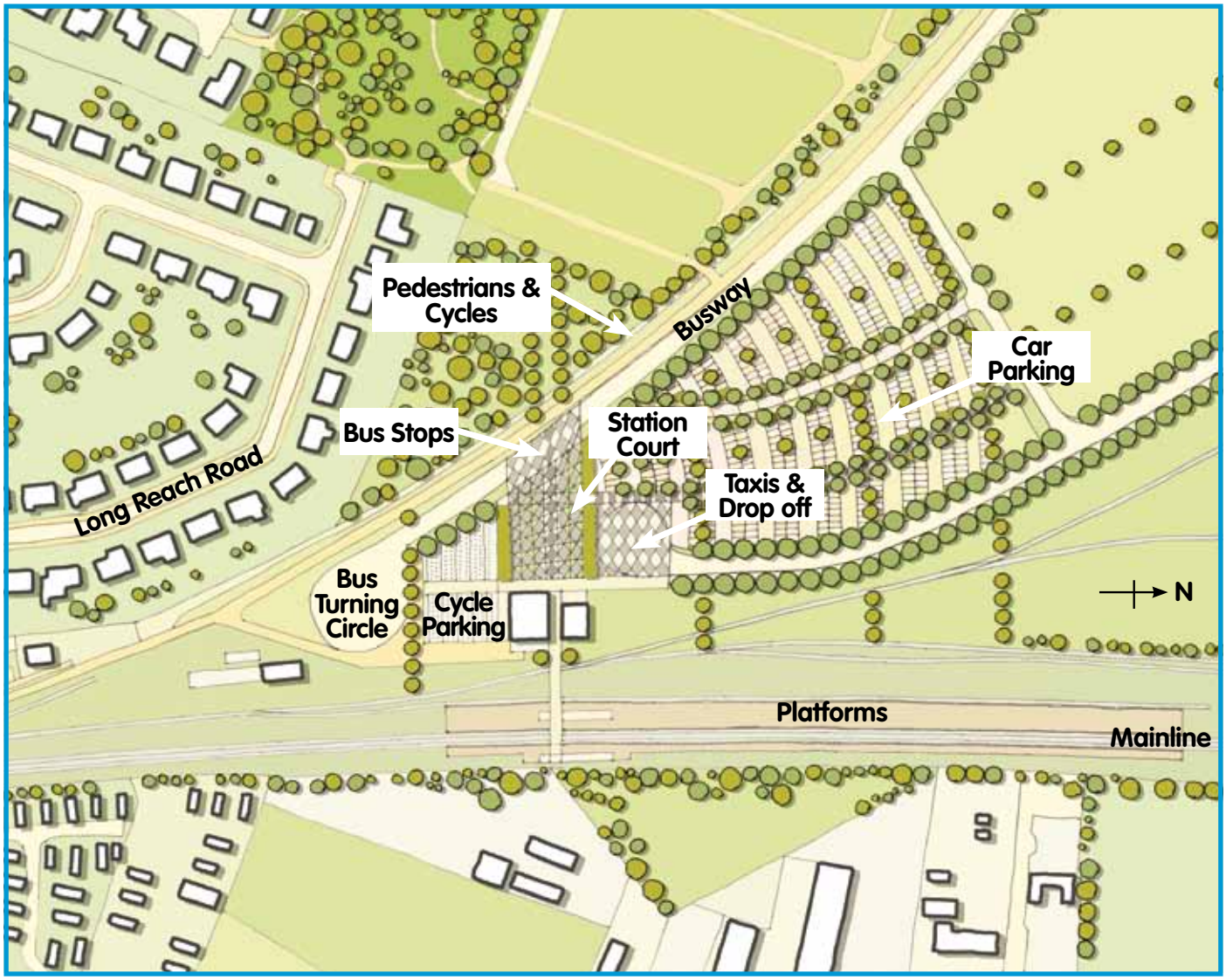
The new station will be on the main line between Cambridge and Ely. It will be served by direct trains running to London Kings Cross, Liverpool Street, Norwich and King's Lynn, as well as connecting into the national rail network. Trains may also be available to Stansted Airport and Birmingham.

Funding

To fund this project Cambridgeshire County Council has decided to borrow to invest the money. The train companies will then repay the Council through their contracts to run the trains.

Detailed analysis by the Council has shown that the income from the extra passengers using the railway station will comfortably exceed the costs of building the station. The Council will then be able to recover the money invested and in the meantime residents of Cambridgeshire will benefit from the economic growth.

The illustrative plans show some early options of how the station and interchange could look



We are drawing up early plans by working with local groups and interested parties and want to know your comments to make sure we get this right.

Facilities

The new Cambridge Science Park Railway Station interchange will consist of:

- Two mainline platforms for stopping rail services,
- One bay platform for terminating and starting rail services,
- Station building with accessible, cycle-friendly footbridge to the platforms,
- Covered platform waiting areas with modern communications and security equipment,
- Public transport interchange with Busway and on-road buses, passenger information and high-quality bus shelters,
- 450 space car park including disabled and short stay,
- Extensive cycle parking,
- Busway extension from Milton Road and vehicle access via Cowley Road,
- Dedicated taxi and drop off area.

Possible timeline of key events

Before any construction work can begin the scheme is subject to the full planning applications and orders process. Network Rail is likely to be able to use their permitted development rights for the necessary railway works. A planning application will be required for the other items such as the station building, parking areas and access routes.

The timescales given below are indicative and may be subject to change.

Public consultation	November 2012
Franchise negotiations with Department for Transport	early 2013
Planning Application submitted	Spring 2013
Outline design	Autumn 2012 to Summer 2013
Planning Application determination	Summer 2013
Detailed design	Autumn 2013 to Spring 2014
Earliest possible time for start of construction	Summer 2014
Earliest possible time for scheme opening	Winter 2015

Finding out more

Visit an exhibition – view plans and ask us your questions. Your answers will help us to improve our plans and shape the final scheme.

Date	Time	Where
Wednesday 14th November 2012	4.30 – 7.30pm	The Shirley Centre, Nuffield Road, Cambridge CB4 1TF
Thursday 15th November 2012	12noon – 2pm	1st floor atrium, St John's Innovation Centre, Cowley Rd, Cambridge CB4 0WS
Monday 19th November 2012	4.30 – 7.30pm	Milton Primary School, Humphries Way, Milton CB24 6DL
Wednesday 21st November 2012	12noon – 2pm	Boardroom, Innovation Centre, Unit 23, Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 0FZ

Contact

If you have any queries or need further information, visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scienceparkstation**

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