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GREATER CAMBRIDGE
SHARED PLANNING

Laurence Moore
Senior Planner, Strategic Sites

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Amanda Peters
Estates & Community
Officer
The Land Trust



About the Land Trust

- The Land Trust is the UK's premier green space management organisation offering outstanding stewardship and delivery for clients, communities and the environment. We are the appointed managing agent for Hill, at Marleigh
- We are a charity that provides cost-effective management solutions for open space and green infrastructure.
- Our aim is to create and maintain sustainable, high-quality green spaces – not for their own sake, but to improve the quality of people's lives and enhance the environment, both now and for future generations.



Our vision and objectives



Our vision is to **improve the social and economic quality of people's lives by creating sustainable, high-quality greenspaces.**

Our charitable objectives are:

- Health and wellbeing**
- Environment and biodiversity**
- Education and learning**
- Economic vitality**
- Community cohesion**

Current action points



Green Angels projects – LT offering free gardening, allotment courses to residents

Events – recent events at Marleigh have included pickleball, art and craft sessions, quiz night. Easter and summer events including storytelling

Defibrillator - awaiting installation within the next few weeks

Allotments - are due to come over shortly

Sports pitches – are due to come over shortly

Allotments – Louis John Drake



**44 allotment plots ranging in size
48m² to 128 m²**

**Potential to split larger plots
depending on demand**

**Expression of interest sent to those
on waiting list**

**Plots allocated on first come first
serve basis, priority to residents**

**Land Trust will manage operational
and maintenance and support the
establishment of an Allotment
Society**

Playing fields & sports pitches



We will be taking 2 grassed sports pitches into management shortly

Currently reviewing quotes for the maintenance of the pitches

Local teams interested in using the grounds

Booking system

NEAP play area

Access currently available through Kinsley Woods

Update – Building User Group (BUG)



- From the **Community Facility Management and Maintenance Strategy.**
- The BUG is **chaired by the Land Trust** and includes up to four Marleigh residents/anyone within the immediate vicinity who is interested in the objectives of the group including a representative from the District Council; County Council; Estate Management Company and the commercial units in the Hangar Building.
- The BUG meets quarterly to communicate their views to the Managing Agent and Estate Management Company as to how the management of the Community Facility could be enhanced for the benefit of the stakeholders.



Thank you for your time!
Any questions?

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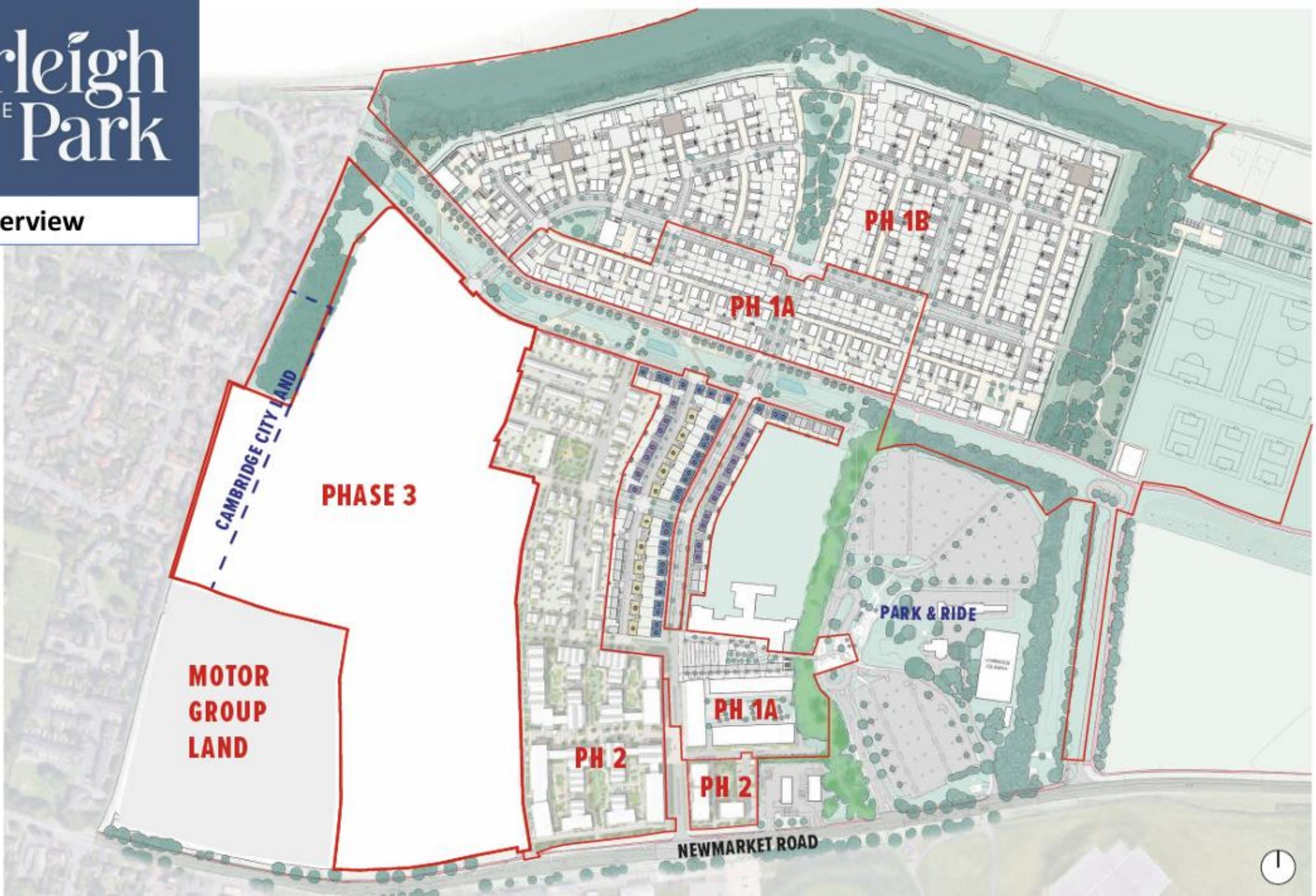
Summary of Updates

- Phase 1
- Phase 2
- Open Space
- Phase 3

Marleigh Park

CAMBRIDGE

Overview



Marleigh CAMBRIDGE Park

Phase 1 Update

View looking north east
from the Park and Ride



Marleigh CAMBRIDGE Park

Phase 1 Update

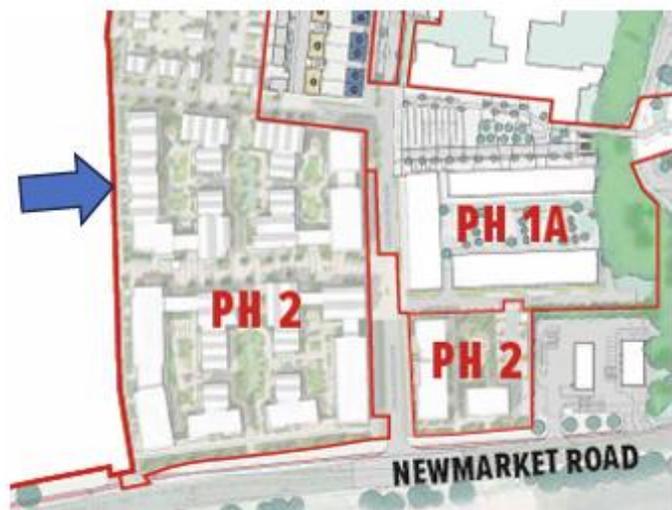
View looking north-east
across The Plains



Marleigh CAMBRIDGE Park

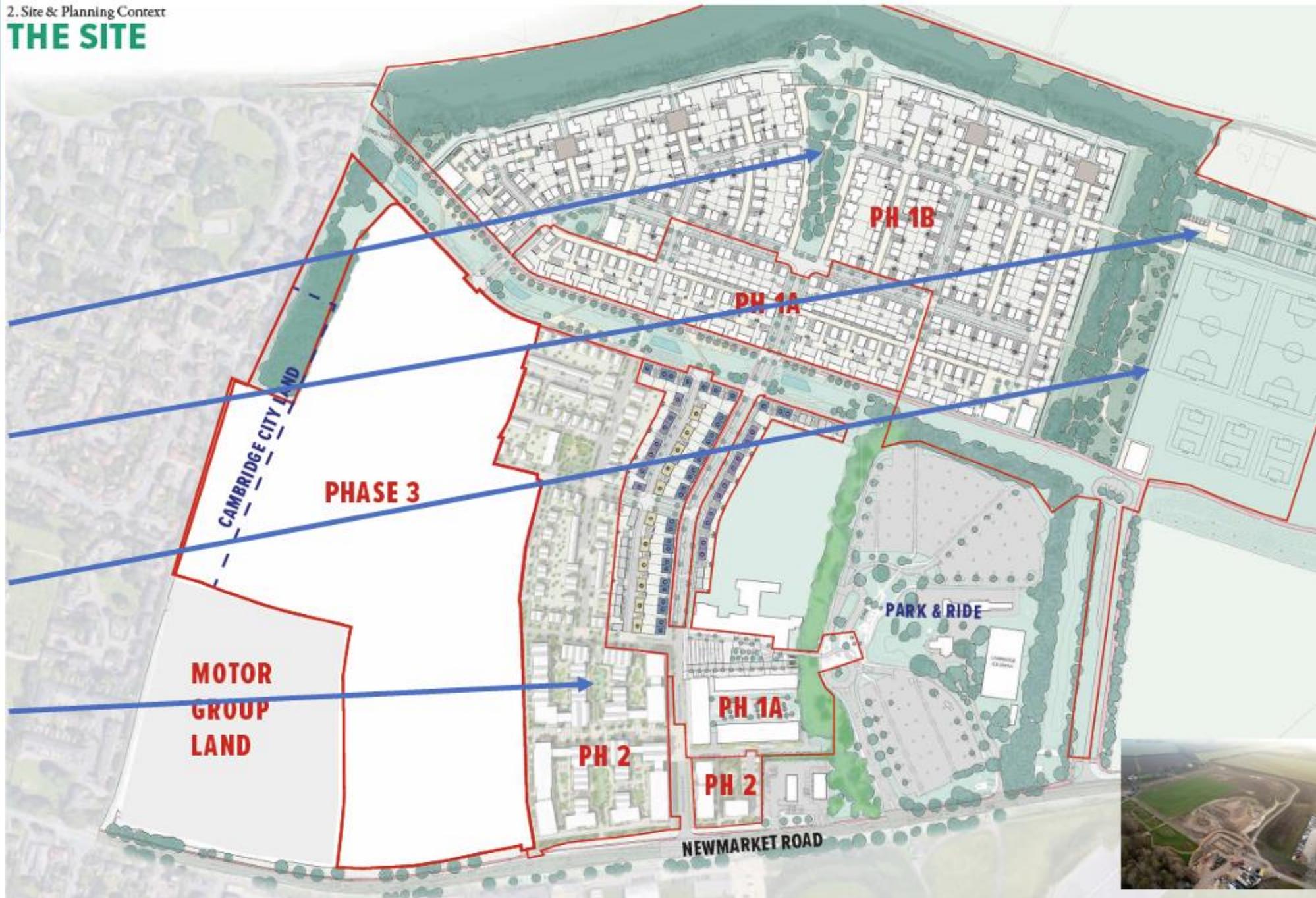
Phase 2 Update

View looking East from
the western edge of the
Phase 2 apartments



Phase 1 & 2 Update

- Copse, wildflower area reseeded ready for Spring.
- Allotments ready for opening in April.
- Football pitches and NEAP have been open since November, formally handing over by end of the March
- Final apartment block due to complete summer 2026, when the remaining part of The Fens will also open



Marleigh CAMBRIDGE Park

Phase 3 Summary

- 423 homes
- The Stoop
- Community Gardens
- Commercial Space
- Beta Park
- Cycle path
connecting Marleigh
to Newmarket Road



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MARLEIGH
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

11/03/2026

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Who is the MRA?



← ↻ 📄 https://sites.google.com/view/marleigh-ra

 **Residents Association**



[Who we are](#)

[Why we exist](#)

[*NEW* Output from the Annual General Meeting 2025](#)

[Events](#)

[Constitution for the Marleigh Residents Association](#)

[Parking Management Survey](#)

Who we are

The Marleigh Residents Association (MRA) was formed in September 2024.

All residents of Marleigh whether renters or property owners, over the age of 18, are considered members of the MRA.

The MRA is coordinated and led by the voluntary efforts of the MRA committee, with a Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary as named positions, as well as a number of general committee members. This initial committee was voted in at an initial Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in September 2024. The intention is to hold a yearly AGM at which there will be an opportunity to choose a new committee to represent the wider community. The MRA was formed under a draft constitution for which the current version can be found [here](#).

All information to reach the MRA and join relevant Marleigh communities will be added to the Welcome Pack for new residents



Moving into 2026 – our objectives

- Continue working with all stakeholders, representing the needs of a growing community
- Increase focus on:
 - Resolution of Estate charge delays by the Land Trust and complaint raised by residents in January 2026 – Accounts for 23/24 under query, 24/25 delayed by 6 months as of today- Meeting with LT CEO WIP
 - Resolution of allotment pricing queries before the allocation process starts
 - Resolution of planning queries, standard of community facilities and delays in handovers including playing fields&allotments



Moving into 2026 – our objectives

- Representing Marleigh residents' views in local public transport decisions and use of funding (part of Section 106)
- Working with Hill finding a solution for parking long term
- Participation in Fen Ditton Parish Council
- Anti-social behaviour escalation brought to the attention of our local PCSO and monitored by Neighbourhood watch

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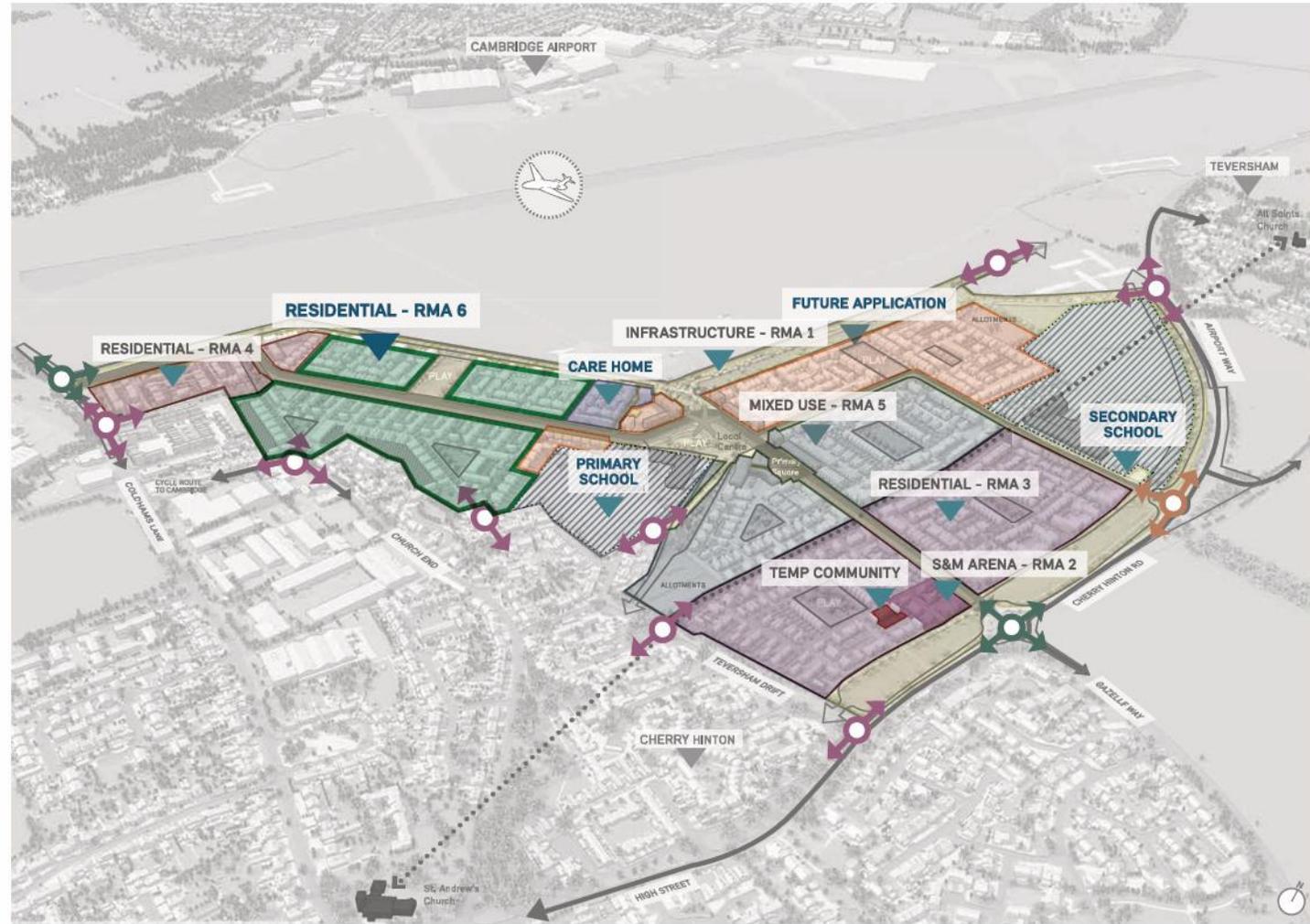
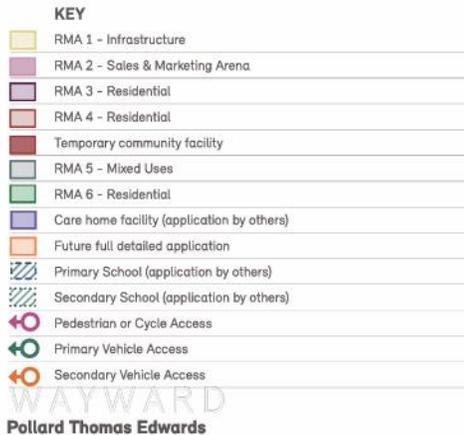
Springstead Village

HEDGEROW HANDBOOK

PUBLIC ART

Introduction: Planning applications

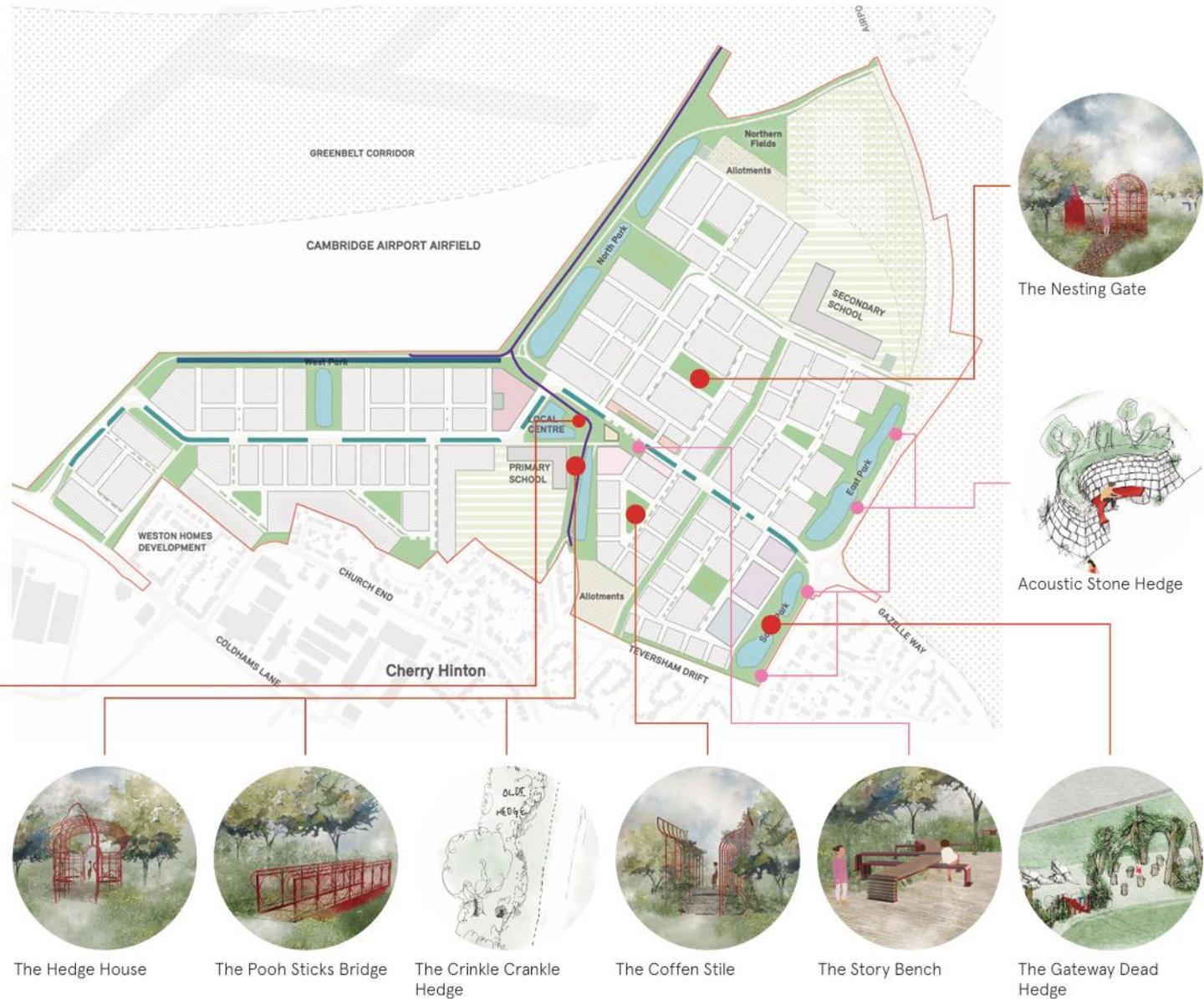
- RMAs 2–5 include 779 homes and non-residential buildings.
- RMA 6 will provide approximately 355 homes, subject to further testing. Including this application, the total number of homes will be 1,134.
- Development testing for future detailed full application will occur in parallel with RMA 6.
- Care home (66 bed), Primary and Secondary schools will form three separate planning applications by others.
- The exact total number of homes will be confirmed once the target applications have been further tested and developed.



1.2 Public Art Locations

The artworks are steadily creating a network across the site. Dotted in key locations from the village center to the entrance to peripheral parks, they become a familiar visual language that guides you in and around the village. Each with its own distinct character and typology, each exploring a unique aspect of the idea of the hedge, a trail of playful artwork that responds to the full range of types of play from imaginative to play on the way.

Each site / location has been carefully considered and discussed with the various design teams to ensure its feasibility and integrated nature.



The Winding In The Willows

The Hedge House

The Pooh Sticks Bridge

The Crinkle Crankle Hedge

The Coffen Stile

The Story Bench

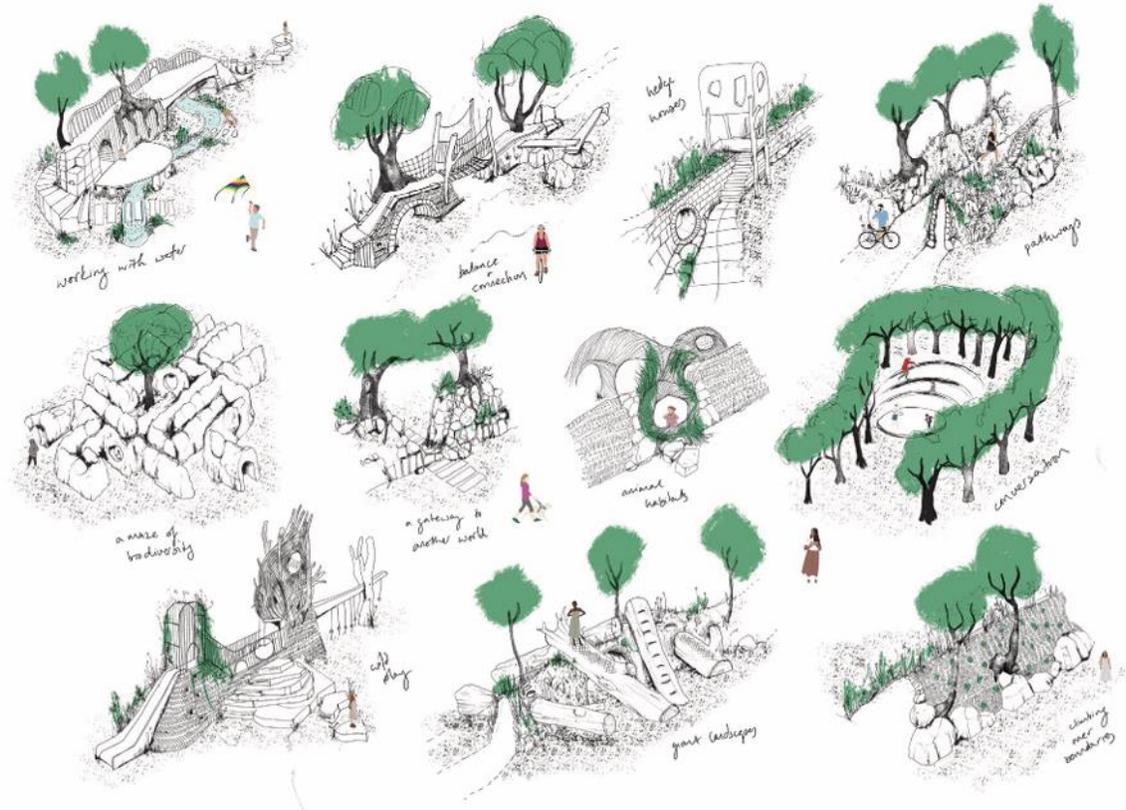
The Gateway Dead Hedge

1.1 Public Art Themes

THE HEDGEROW HANDBOOK

- Iconic feature of the British landscape ingrained in the cultural and historical fabric of the countryside.
- The significance of hedgerows extends beyond their ecological value, in creating wildlife corridors and refuges, cleaning our air, capturing carbon and reducing flooding.
- They are vital conduits that connect landscapes and playing a crucial role in combating the decline of biodiversity and addressing the challenges posed by climate change.
- They are a connector between human and non human species, managed and maintained by us to create amazing habitats and homes for others.
- Strips of ancient woodland dating back hundreds of years, overgrown and full of opportunity, their magic comes when they start to spread, refilling barren fields with wildlife and play.

The hedgerow is a conceptual starting point and an organizing principle that is shaping the approach to public art, nature and play across the village. Creating trails as well as playful, natural spaces, the hedgerow invites rambling walks, gateways and corridors, secret hideaways, bio-diverse experiences and portals to other worlds. While delineating paths and corridors across the village, the hedgerows contain follies embedded in the landscape, a series of kissing gates and stiles with unexpected and irreverent moments that express themselves as bridges, conversation pits, amphitheatres, tunnels, slides, forts, and more that bring out a childhood nostalgia and a community connectedness.

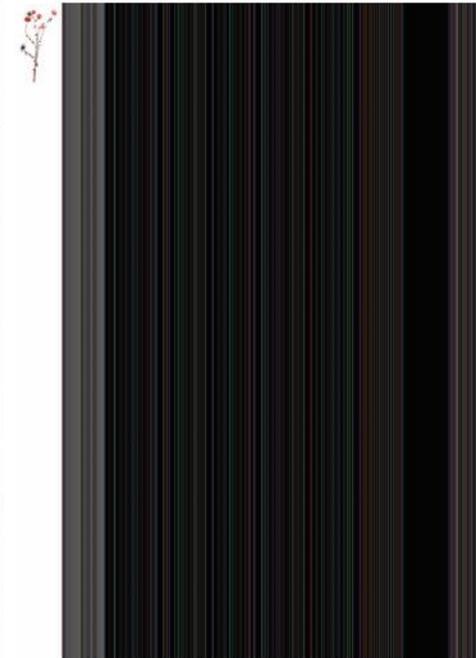
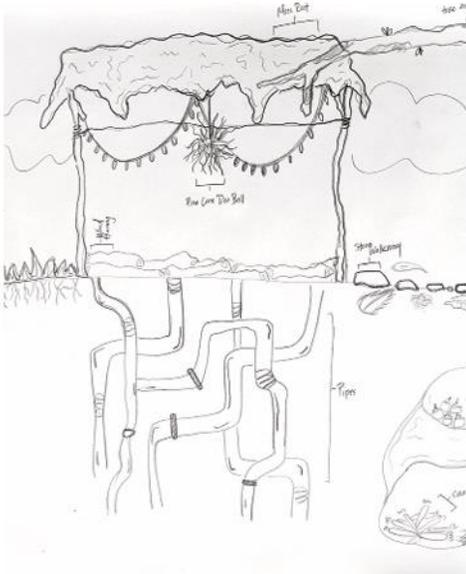


Public Artwork - the designs



WAYWARD

Engagement Summary - Early Hedge House Design Workshops - Local school groups and ARU



Engagement Summary - Hedge drawing - Local schools



Engagement Summary - But who lives in the hedgerow...

Search for the Hedge Witch!

A call was sent out across Cambridge, via community groups and schools, across the fens and into the universities...

We sent out an official sign up call to young minds to come and join this series of workshops in art and ecology. We had a range of ages apply from 14 to 25, all at different stages in life but all equally excited and interested in participating in the search for the hedge witch.

Search for the Hedge Witch

A collective exhibition of forgotten folklore and future visions for a wyld Cambridge

13 - 30 June
The Cambridge Room, Unit 57 Grafton Centre
Private View 12 June 5:30 - 8:30pm
Wild Puppets Workshop 14 June 10am - 1pm

WAYWARD Kirsty Badenoch the cambridge room Bellway cambridgeroom.org

SEARCH FOR THE HEDGE WITCH!

A three-part creative workshop series for young people, exploring art and ecology in and around Cambridge

Sunday 11 May Milton Park **Sunday 8 June Wandlebury Park** **Sunday 6 July Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits**

We are bringing together young minds from across Cambridge to help shape the future of the British landscape. Together, we will adventure, dream, draw and plant; co-creating a brand new environmental myth. Join us!

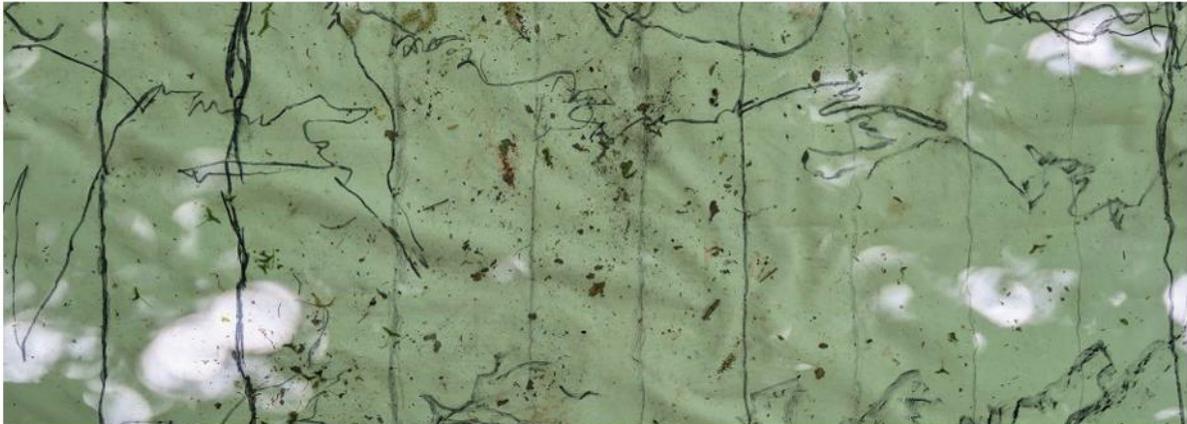
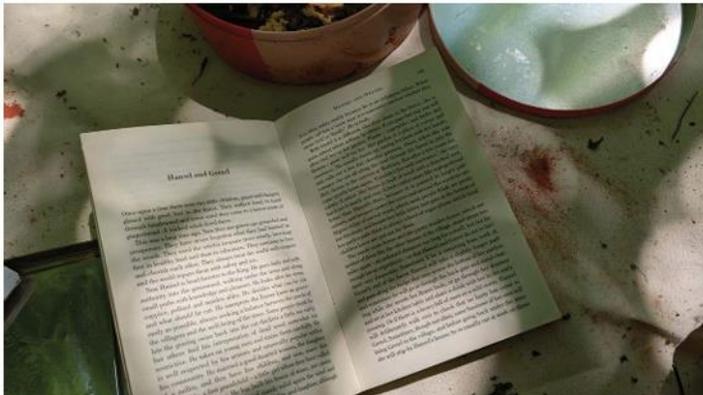
Led by art-duo Wayward and Kirsty Badenoch, together we will:

- Discover the wyld, mythological, and beastly stories hidden within our local landscape
- Learn about native British plants, plant medicine and ecosystems.
- Make drawings, designs and stories
- Share ideas and memories
- Make new friends (both human and animal)

Places are free and limited to 12 people, aged between 14 and 21. To apply, email us with your name, age, why you'd like to be involved and availability dates to: tom@wayward.co.uk. Deadline 10 April, 6pm.

Cambridged Village Public Art
Wayward @theartspace
Kirsty Badenoch @

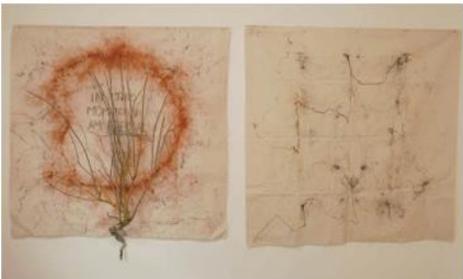
Engagement Summary - Witch Walk 1 - Milton Park



Engagement Summary - Witch Walk 3 - Wandlebury



Engagement Summary - The Hexibition



Engagement Summary - The Hexibition : Puppet Workshop



Phase 1 Summary

The Gateway

This year we have been off in the local wilderness, running through woodlands, crafting stories, making puppets and now we have woven the first installation - The Gateway! This took place over a couple of weekends with a collection of local community members, residents and local students and also included the continued role of local apprentices. This was a great chance to talk to local residents and clarify what these mysterious dead trees were! Once explained the residents were delighted to have something so wrapped up in nature and play, that they could participate in and enjoy. This spirit of ongoing participation, build and planting feels more and more important as the future spaces are developed, even if it is just through the art works.



WAYWARD

Wyld Willow Weaving

At Springs Village

Come and join us for a FREE family friendly weekend of willow weaving, hot chocolate, yummy food, witchy stories and halloween fun weaving the new gateway sculpture at Springstead Village!

Friday 31st October 3.30pm-6pm
Saturday 1st November 10am-4pm
Saturday 8th November 10am-4pm
Sunday 9th November 10am-4pm

Wayward, in collaboration with Cambridge Council Community team, Bellway and Latimer (Clarion), will be running a willow weaving workshop over these haunted weekends as part of the Hedgerow Handbook project. Learn new skills, try out a craft, make friends and help the environment. We would love you to help us weave the first of a series of public artworks live on site!

We will meet at the Springstead Village Community Centre, limited parking is available at Bellway's project office. Drop in any time or stay for the whole day!

Scan the QR code to find out more information and sign up :

WAYWARD Bellway LATIMER

Springstead Village Public Art Engagements -
Awards for the Hedgerow
With Woodland Kinky Redwood

The Installation Weekends

- 23 volunteers from:
 - local schools
 - local universities
 - local allotments
 - local community groups
 - local residents
- 4 were repeats from the Witch Walks
- Several found us through the Eventbrite link being sent to local whatsapp groups
- The local residents and allotment holders came to learn skills that they could take back to their local spaces and gardens including weaving a willow tunnel and arch
- 5 were design and architecture students looking to learn about design and build processes
- Many came for half a day rather than the whole session (good to learn from!)
- We found a local weaver!
- We also used part of the apprenticeship fund to employ two local students help run the workshop sessions, teaching them skills in leadership, presentation, structuring events, community engagement and conversation as well as design and build skills.



The Installation Weekends



PLANTING

The Volunteers!





WAYWARD

The Gateway!



*"It looks
just like
the models
we made!"*
Children from
the youth
group

What Were People Saying?



"we can't wait to see it come to life" - Springstead residents

"we will bring our kids here in the spring to play for sure" - Cherry Hinton resident

"I can't wait to see it grow!" - Emma

"I'm really interested to come back and learn more about how to care for something like this." - Georgie



"I'm a local weaver and I would love to come and help when you need it." - Josh

"this looks boss!" - Springstead resident (child)

"WOOOOOOOOW!" - Yelled at by a child in a passing car



THE STORIES - across the Market Square

TO THE HEDGE, TO THE HEDGE, THE WYLD HOARDE CRIED,
TO THE HEDGE TO THE HEDGE, THE NETTLE STANG TO THE SKIES,
TO THE HEDGE TO THE HEDGE THE ELDER SLOWLY HUMMED AND
THE HAWTHORN STICATO PRICKED HER WORDS TO THE AIR,
TO THE HEDGE, TO THE HEDGE THE DEAD WOOD MULCHED
RUMBLING BELOW TOES,
TO THE HEDGE, TO THE HEDGE, THE HAG, THE HEXE AND THE
HEDGE WITCH CROWED, CROSS THE HEDGE WITH ME, FEED WITH
THE HEDGE WITH ME, HEAL WITH THE HEDGE WITH ME, TRAVEL
THE HEDGE WITH ME,
TO THE HEDGE TO THE HEDGE THE HEDGEHOG SANG, CARRYING
FRUIT ON ITS SPINES CROSS THE BOUNDARY OF THIS WORLD AND
INTO THAT WYLD ONE,
TO THE HEDGE.



THE HANDBOOK

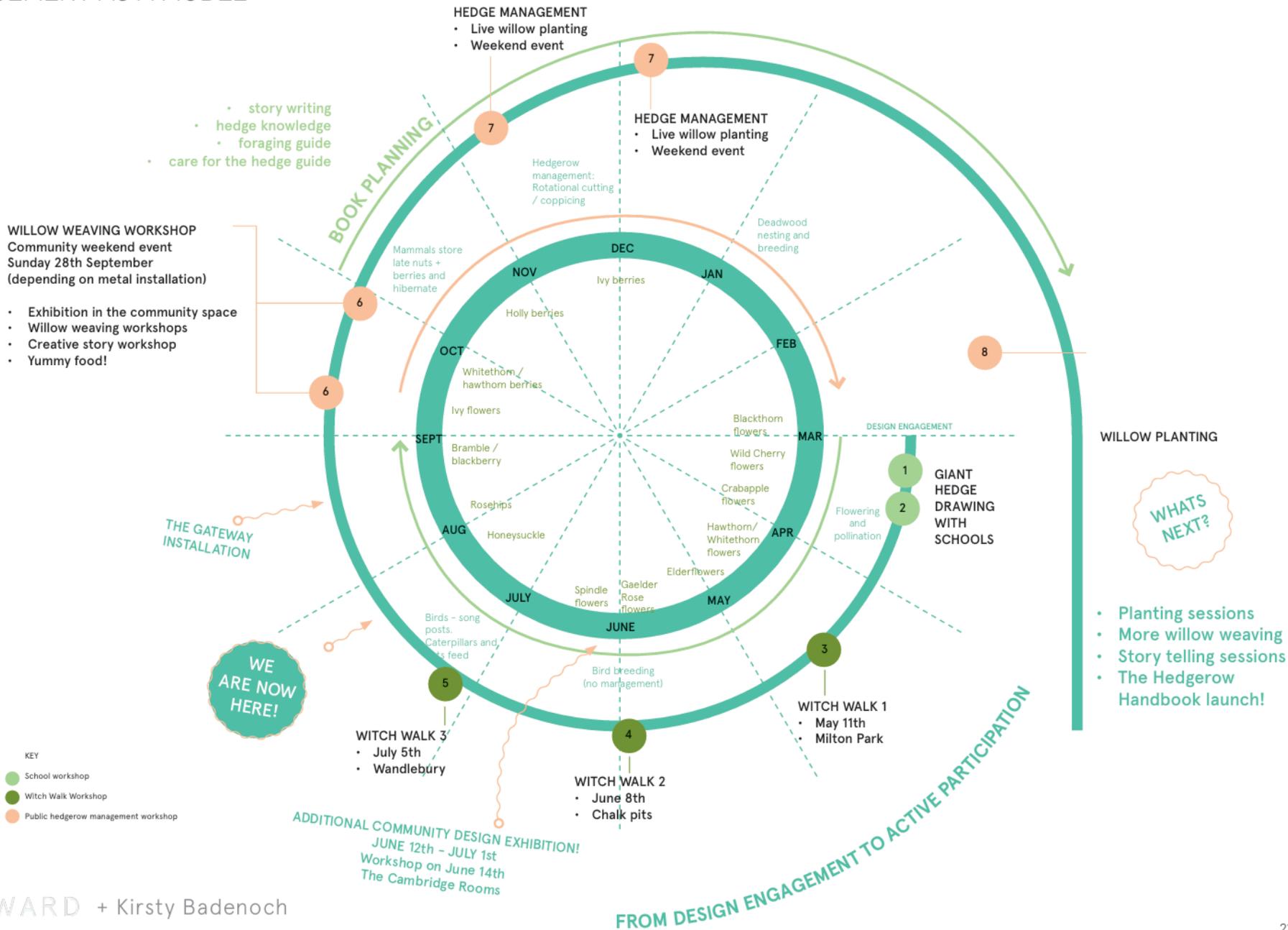
We are pulling the last year of research and workshops into a big cauldron to turn into the hedgerow handbook. Based on conversations this will contain a combination of foraging tips, hedge weaving and countryside stewardship notes, a series of short eco-myths about hedges, each of which will teach people about how to live with and respect nature not just exist alongside it.

The Future

We would love to continue to develop these workshops, both the Witch Walks, and the Wyld Willow Weaving, to see if they can benefit others. The impact so far has been overwhelmingly positive and it would be great to explore ways to further this!



ENGAGEMENT AS A MODEL



THANK YOU

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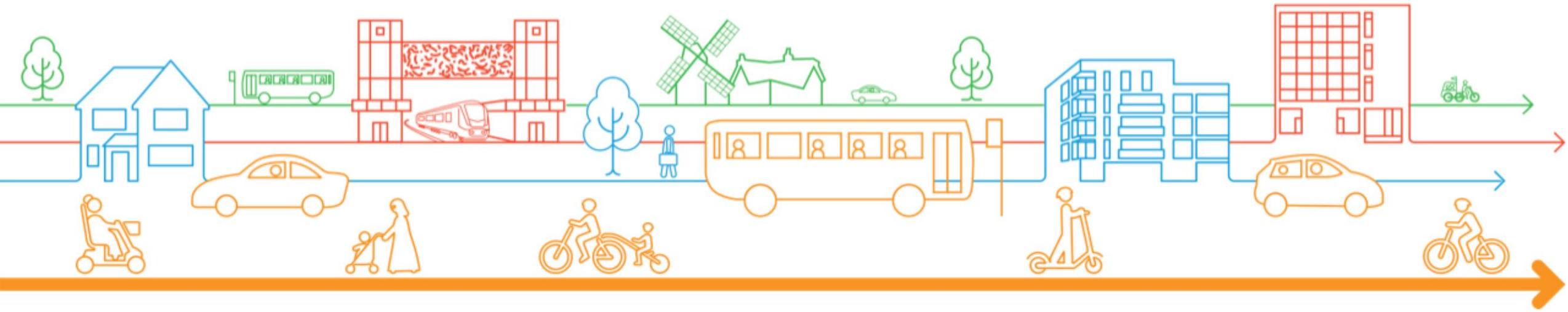


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**GREATER
CAMBRIDGE
PARTNERSHIP**



Newmarket Road travel hub update

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11 March 2026

Travel hub consultation

- Ran from 8 Sept 2025 - 3 Nov 2025
- Focus on travel hub design and facilities wanted
- Followed previous rounds of consultation which considered alternative locations



Purpose of Consultation

- To inform design
- To inform Planning Application
- To inform Environmental Statement
- Not to revisit decision on location
- Not to revisit reasons and need for relocation



Why?

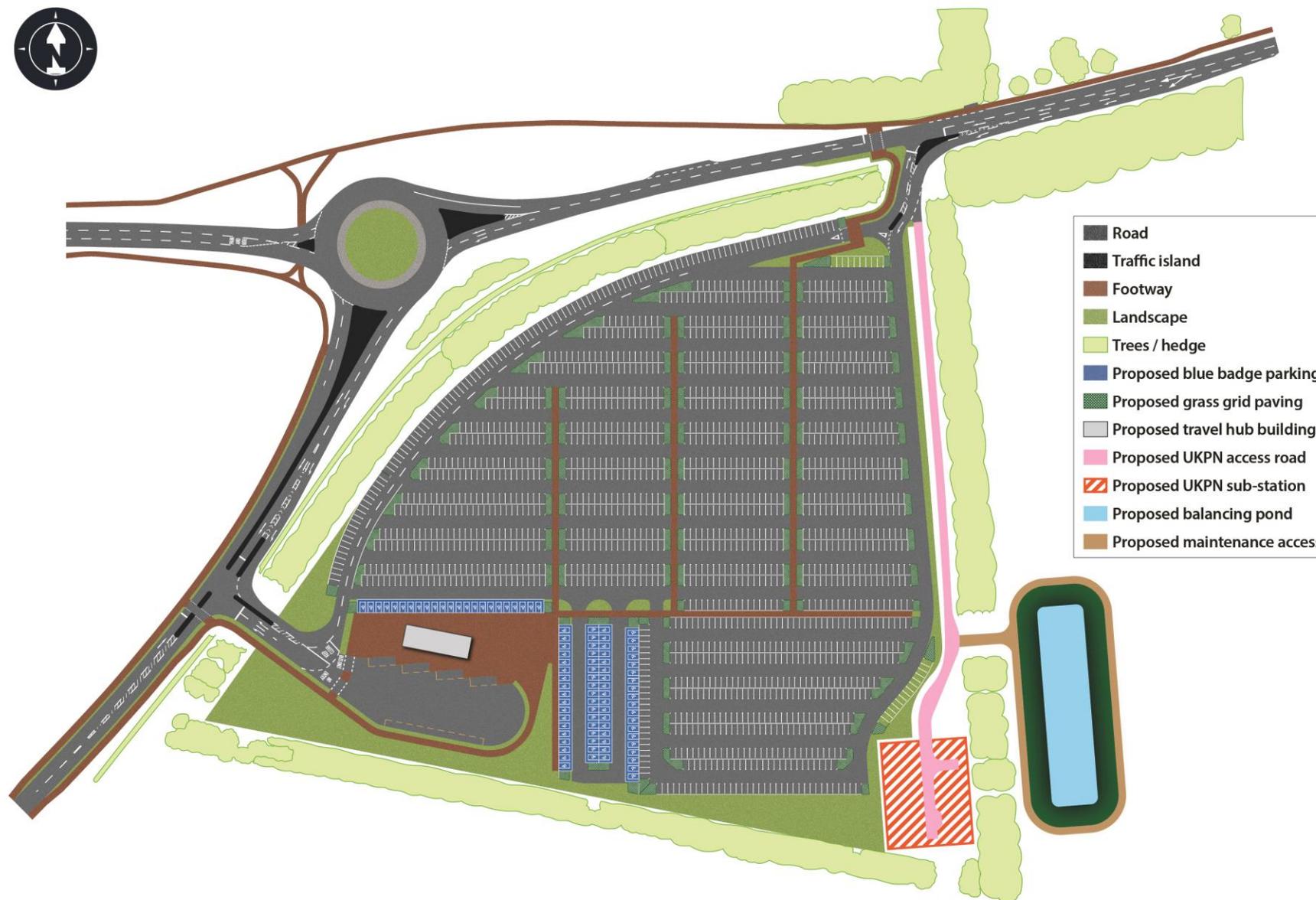
- Lease on existing site has end 2026 breakpoint
- Existing site is space constrained
- Existing site is likely to be allocated in new Local Plan
- Extended site review and analysis undertaken
- No suitable non Green Belt site available



Proposed Travel Hub location



Proposed site layout



Travel hub facilities

- **Double the car parking:** Our proposed new travel hub would have approx. 1800 parking spaces, double the number at the current site.
- **Sustainability:** There will be charging facilities for electric vehicles, and the site has been designed to provide flexibility for additional complementary future uses.
- **New cycle parking:** The new site will have cycle parking and storage facilities, and space for cycle/scooter hire schemes.
- **Buses and coaches:** The site will provide a bus interchange with sufficient bus stops to accommodate future demand as well as facilities for coach parking.
- **Passenger facilities:** Our travel hub building will have a designated waiting area, toilet facilities, and real time travel information.
- **Connectivity:** Access to the site on foot and by bicycle will be provided by crossings on Airport Way and Newmarket Road and an extended shared-use path to Teversham.

Travel hub benefits

- Better travel choices – attractive options for walking, wheeling, cycling, and bus travel.
- Improved connectivity – links to greenways, the Chisholm Trail, Newmarket Road, and better access from the east.
- Stronger bus connections – potential new services to key destinations such as the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, city centre, and rail station.
- Supporting growth – increasing transport capacity to meet the rising travel demand and boost Cambridge's economy.



Emerging Feedback

- Safe, direct and well integrated walking and cycling routes
- Reliable, frequent bus services to key destinations such as the City Centre and Cambridge Biomedical Campus.
- Efficient access arrangements at the Newmarket Road and Airport Way junctions that minimise queuing at peak times
- Convenient access to the Cambridge Ice Arena
- Facilities – including toilets, covered waiting areas, lighting, CCTV, food/drink options and safety
- Environmental considerations such solar panels and landscaping



Next Steps

- Refine travel hub plans as necessary, using consultation feedback to inform design
- Prepare Planning Application including Environmental Statement
- Report to GCP Executive Board (July 2026)
- Subject to Executive Board approval submit Planning Application to County Council (Summer 2026)



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Any questions?

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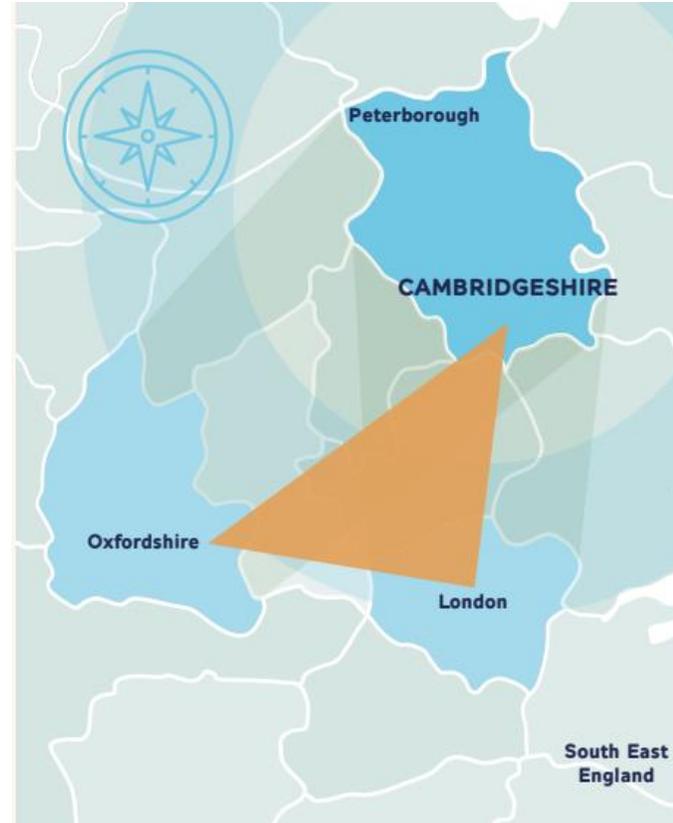
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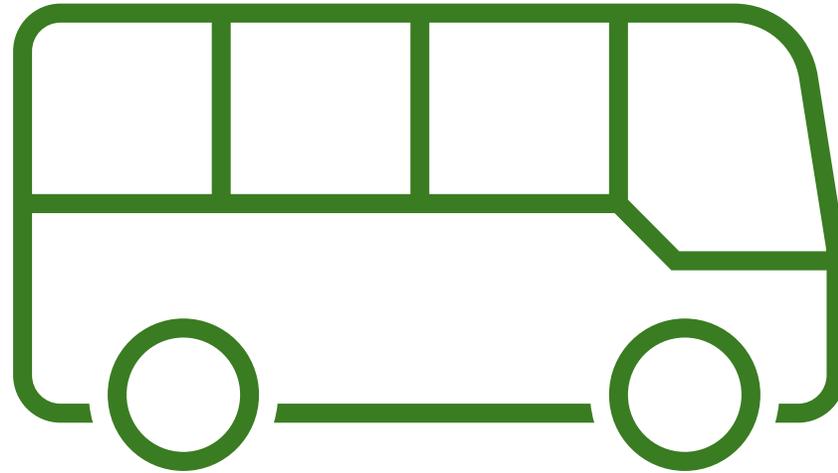
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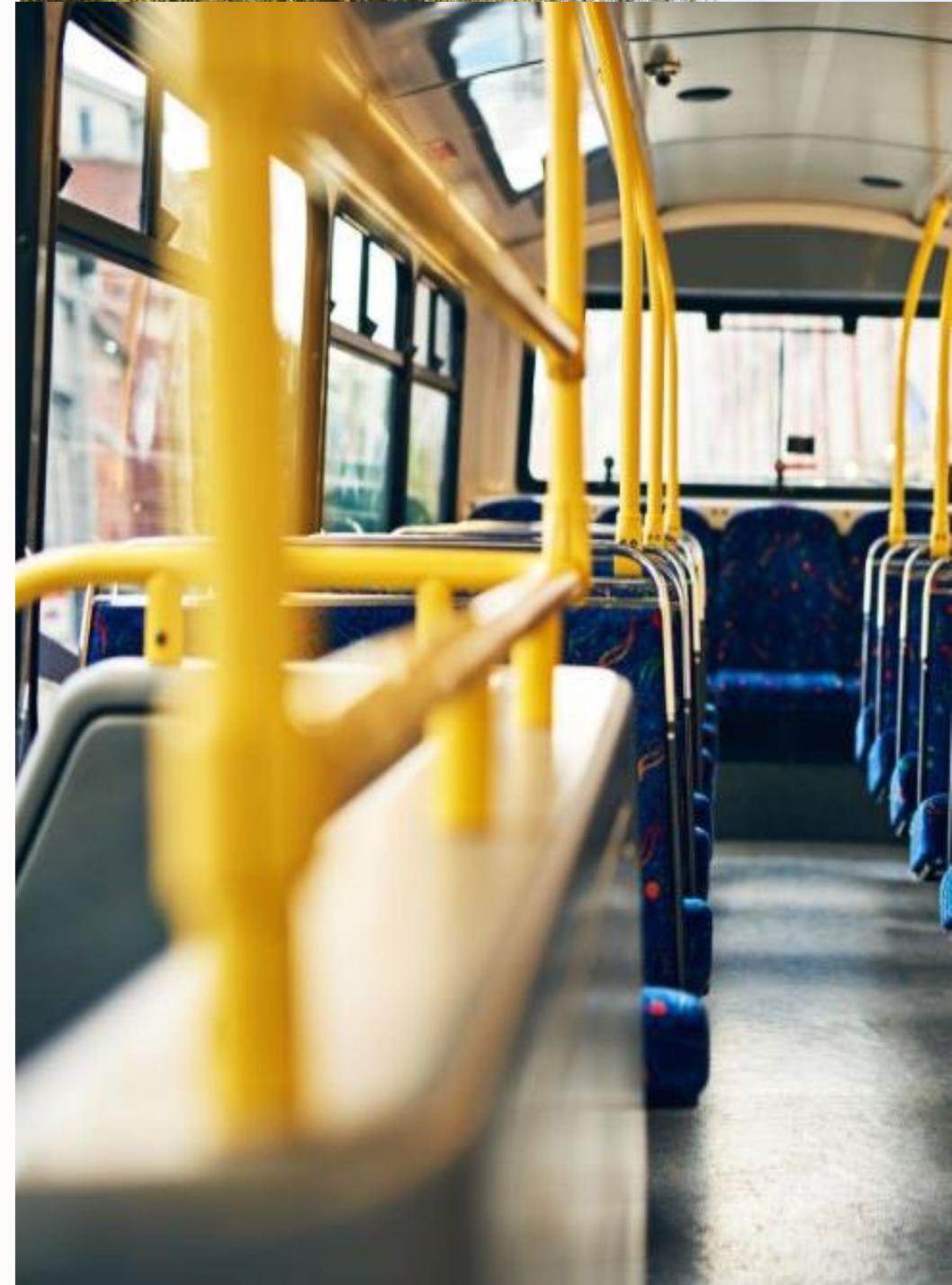
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BUS SERVICES IMPROVEMENT

Metric	% Weighting
Social Value	20
Demographics	20
Minimum Service Level	20
Value for Money	40

Assessment Grade	Description
0-35%	'Terminate or significantly amend' service.
35-50%	'Significantly amend service', if not viable then terminate if required.
50-65%	'To note and constantly monitor performance'
65% +	'No further action at this time'



Your Services

Service	Assessment Score	Action
T2	53%	To Monitor
T3	55%	To Monitor
T4	68%	No Action
T5	74%	No Action
16A	60%	To Monitor
18	49%	Significantly Amend



BUS STOP IMPROVEMENT & PASSENGER SAFETY



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