

## **ABBEY-CHESTERTON BRIDGE AND THE CHISHOLM TRAIL**

### **Note to Members of Cambridge City – East Area Committee**

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#### **THE CHISHOLM TRAIL**

- 1.1 The Chisholm Trail is a proposed new foot and cycle route that links the existing and new stations, as well as each end of the Busway cycle route, thus creating a north-south predominantly traffic free route linking many of the main residential areas and employment centres. In so doing, the route proposed follows as close to the rail line as possible, except where there are blockages caused by buildings or other sites in the way. This is a Greater Cambridge City Deal project, with a budget of £8.4 million.
- 1.2 Public consultation runs from 19<sup>th</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> November, and will include four public drop in sessions, with a questionnaire also available to complete on paper or on line.
- 1.3 Full details of the proposal, including a detailed route document can be viewed at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/qdlarb1>
- 1.4 Features of particular interest associated with the proposals include use of spare bridge arches at Mill Road, a new underpass at Newmarket Road, and a new bridge crossing the river Cam linking Abbey with Chesterton, close to the existing rail bridge.
- 1.5 Land take along the trail may mean that there is scope to provide small areas of public open space and scope to provide seating, tree planting, play equipment, interpretation boards and public art, thus widening the scope and overall appeal of the project beyond simply that of transport.

#### **ABBEY-CHESTERTON BRIDGE**

- 1.6 The bridge element of the Chisholm Trail is being funded by Department for Transport Cycle City Ambition Grant and Section 106 developer funding. A number of bridge options have been developed by a specialist bridge architect. Approval to develop one of the designs further, and to submit a planning application, will be sought from the County Council's Economy and Environment Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> November.
- 1.7 Discussions are ongoing in a bid to seek the land needed for the scheme. The scheme is subject to a planning application. A budget of £4.5m is in place with funding from Department for Transport Cycle City Ambition grant and S106 developer funding.
- 1.8 The bridge designs can be seen at this link <http://tinyurl.com/o5d8ezs> and will be presented at the meeting.