

# West Winch Housing Access Road (WWHAR) Sustainable Transport Strategy Appendix 1 – Workshop Results

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#### 1 Workshop Feedback and Results

1.1.1 A series of slides shown at the Sustainable Transport Strategy Workshop event with stakeholders on 24 March 2023. The discussion included interactive content captured by Mentimeter app with graphical results shown on several slides, where feedback was requested from attendees.





### West Winch Housing Access Road Sustainable Transport Strategy

### **Issues & Opportunities Workshop**



24 March 2023

Paula Cuthbertson & Ed Hanks

## **Agenda**

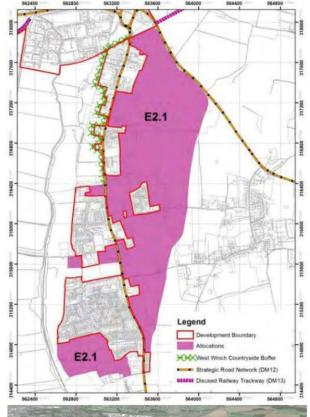
- Scheme Background
- Baseline Conditions
  - Existing NMU Accessibility
  - Public Transport Accessibility
  - Consultation Feedback
- Sustainable Transport Issues / Opportunities
  - Based on established baseline
  - Stakeholder Issues / Opportunities
- Options for enhancement
- Next Steps





## West Winch Development Masterplan

- Strategic Development Site E2.1 within emerging Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan Review
- 4,000 new dwellings on land between the A10 and A47 and 1ha of employment land
- Only location available in the area which can accommodate such a level of growth
- New West Winch Housing Access Road (WWHAR) between A10 and A47 to mitigate the impacts of the additional traffic on the existing A10









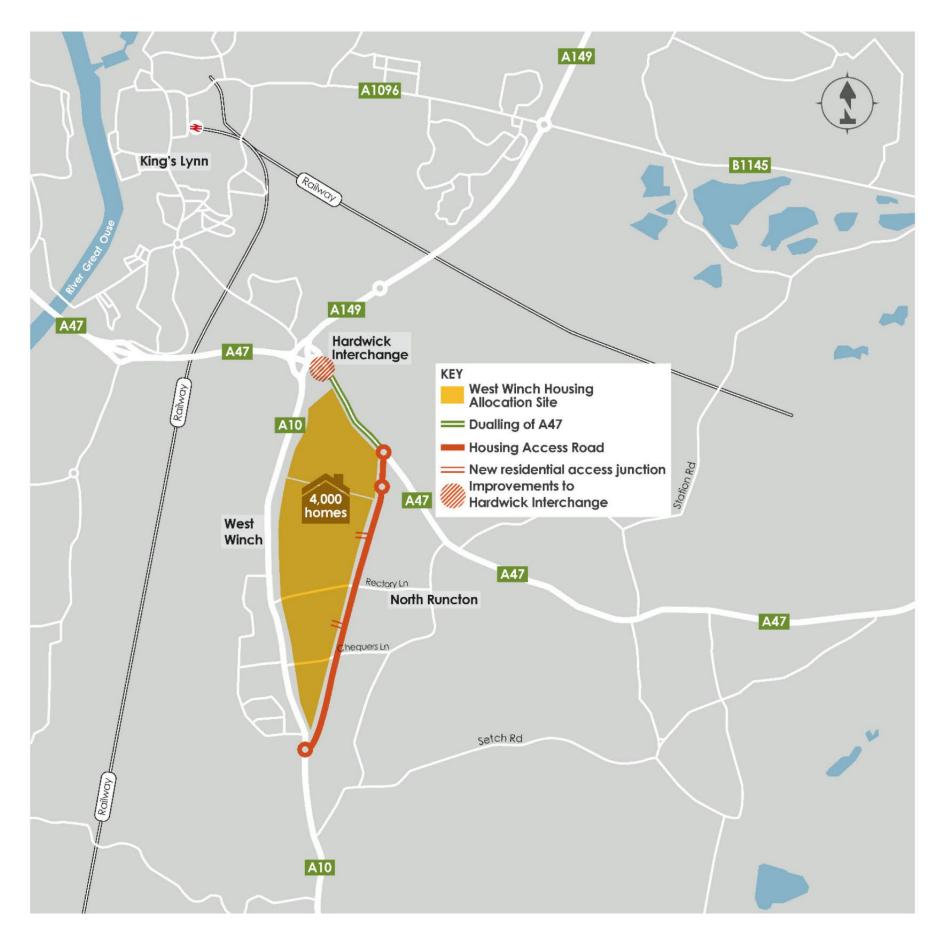
### West Winch Development Masterplan

- New West Winch Housing Access Road (WWHAR) between A10 and A47 to mitigate the impacts of the additional traffic on the existing A10
- Junctions on the WWHAR to access the development site
- Dualling of the A47 between Hardwick Interchange and the housing access road
- Modifications to the existing Hardwick Interchange to accommodate A47 improvements and provide additional capacity
- Treatment of local roads severed by the housing access road
- Traffic calming / speed limits on the existing A10

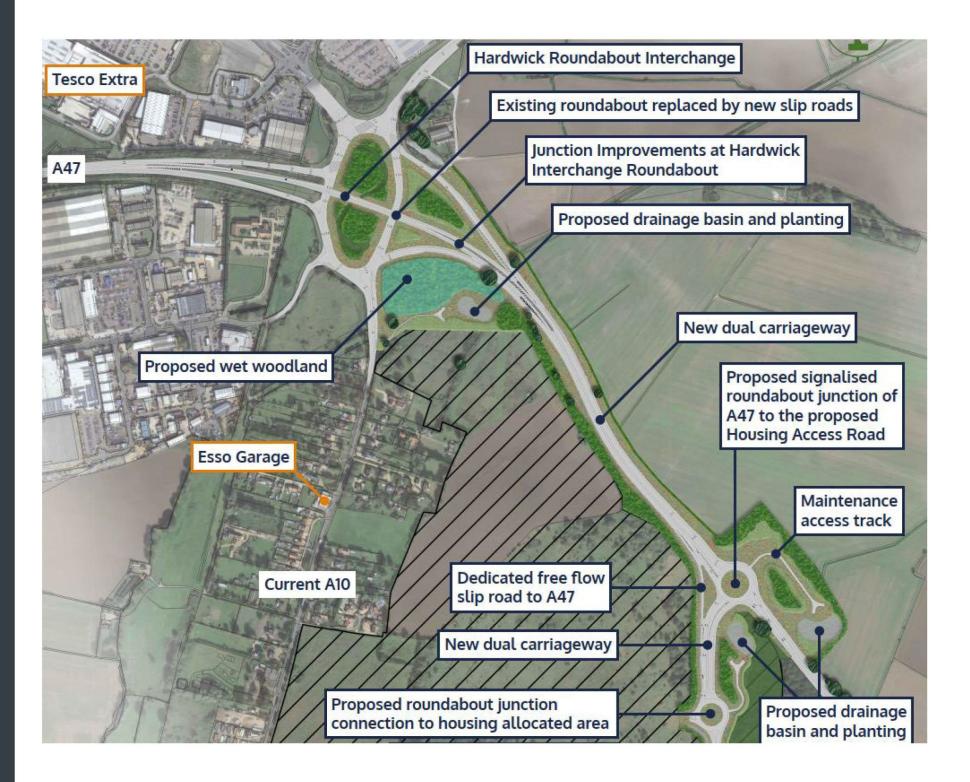








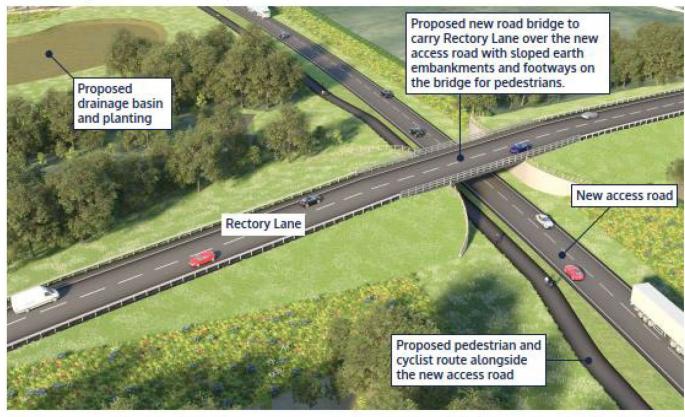






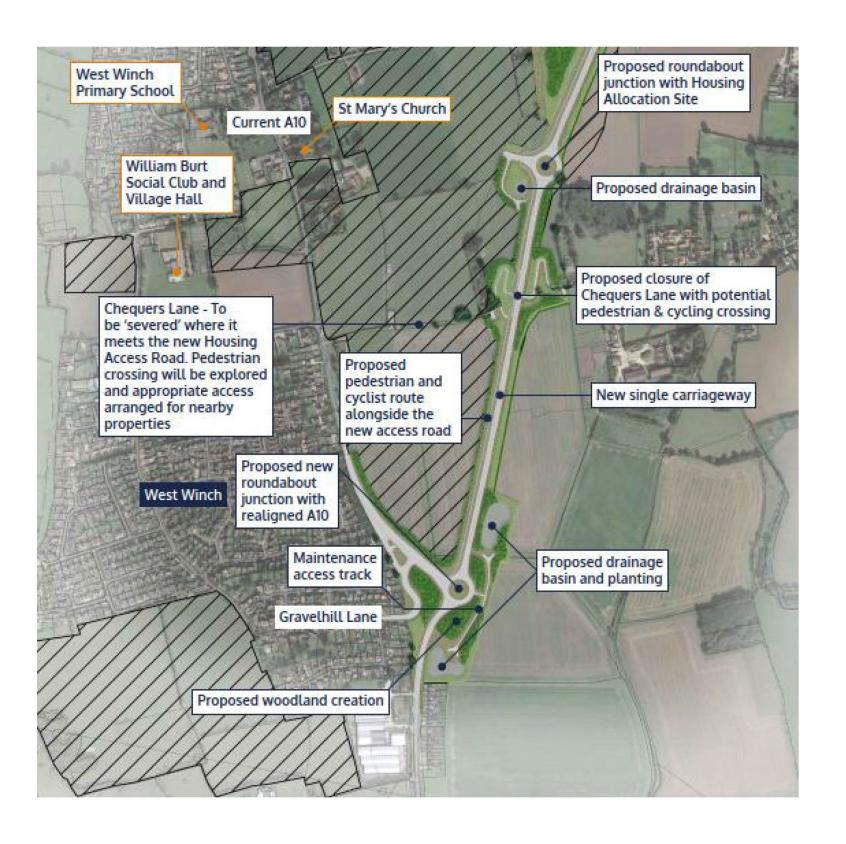


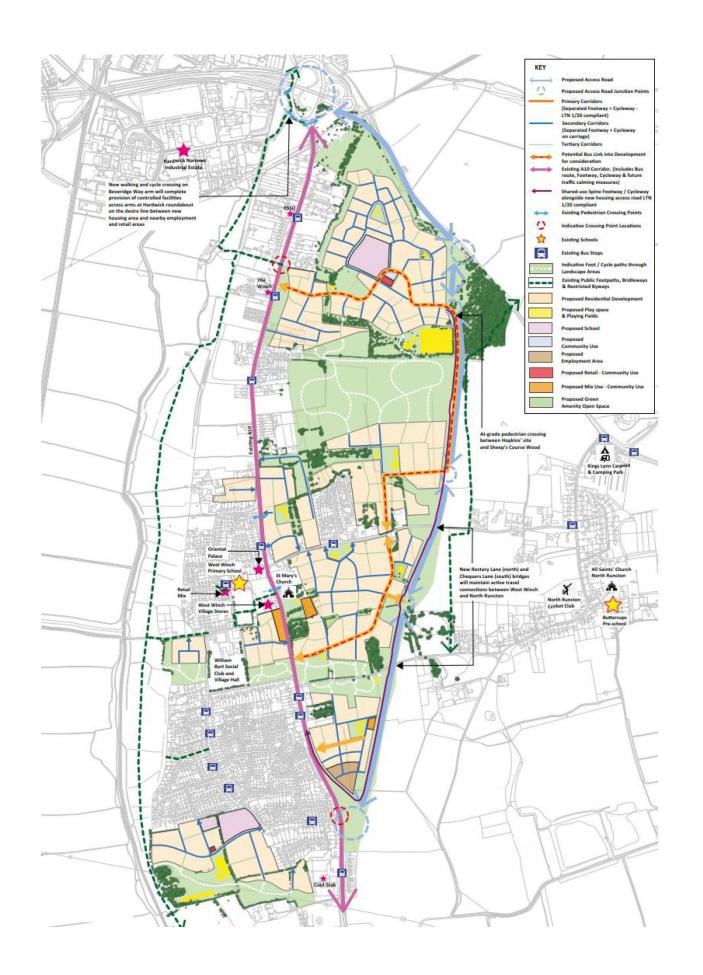
#### Rectory Lane overbridge visualisation



Indicative image only









## **Sustainable Transport Strategy**

DfT requirement to consider improved support for active and sustainable transport choices:

- Public transport and active travel measures to be considered as part of the scheme
- Footway and cycleway provision to be designed to applicable standards
- Investigate opportunities for bus priority measures on the A10 approach to Hardwick Roundabout





## **Sustainable Transport Strategy**

Sustainable Transport Strategy intends to set out the opportunities for active and sustainable transport choices to be delivered alongside the WWHAR.

#### Informed through

- Baseline analysis to understand current travel patterns
- Review of consultation responses
- Engagement with BCKLWN / Norfolk CC officers and Active Travel England
- Workshops with stakeholders





# West Winch Housing Access Road – Scheme Objectives

#### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

- Enable delivery of the West Winch Housing Allocation
- Increase the local and regional employment labour pool
- Reduce congestion, queueing and delay along A10, A47 and Hardwick Interchange in King's Lynn and West Norfolk
- Remove through traffic, including HGVs, from West Winch
- Improve road safety for all road users
- Increase levels of cycling and walking in the local area
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the local area, and improve air quality





# West Winch Housing Access Road – Scheme Objectives

#### **OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

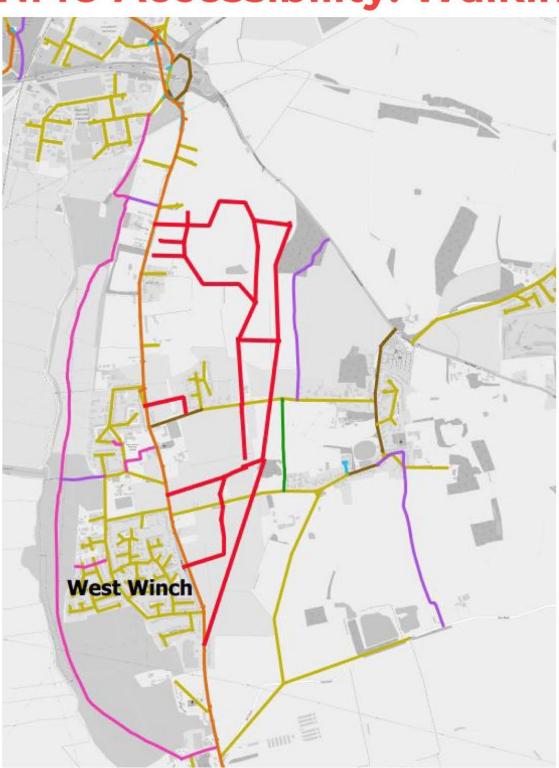
- Deliver the WWHAR scheme to become an alternative to the existing route through West Winch
- Facilitate the delivery of housing in the South-East King's Lynn Strategic Growth Area
- Provide the necessary infrastructure to support the use of active modes







## **NMU Accessibility: Walking**



#### KEY:

West Winch Development Link

Cycling Infrastructure

Shared Use Route

— National Cycle Network

#### PRoW's

— Bridleway

Byway (Unrestricted)Byway (Restricted)PRoW

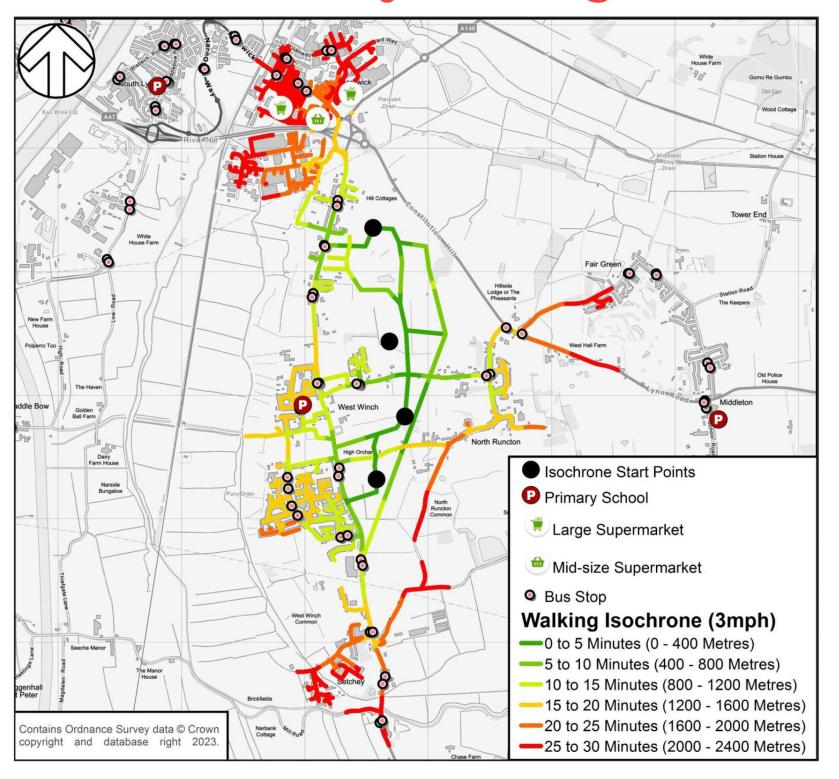
#### Footways

Both Sides

Right Side OnlyLeft Side Only

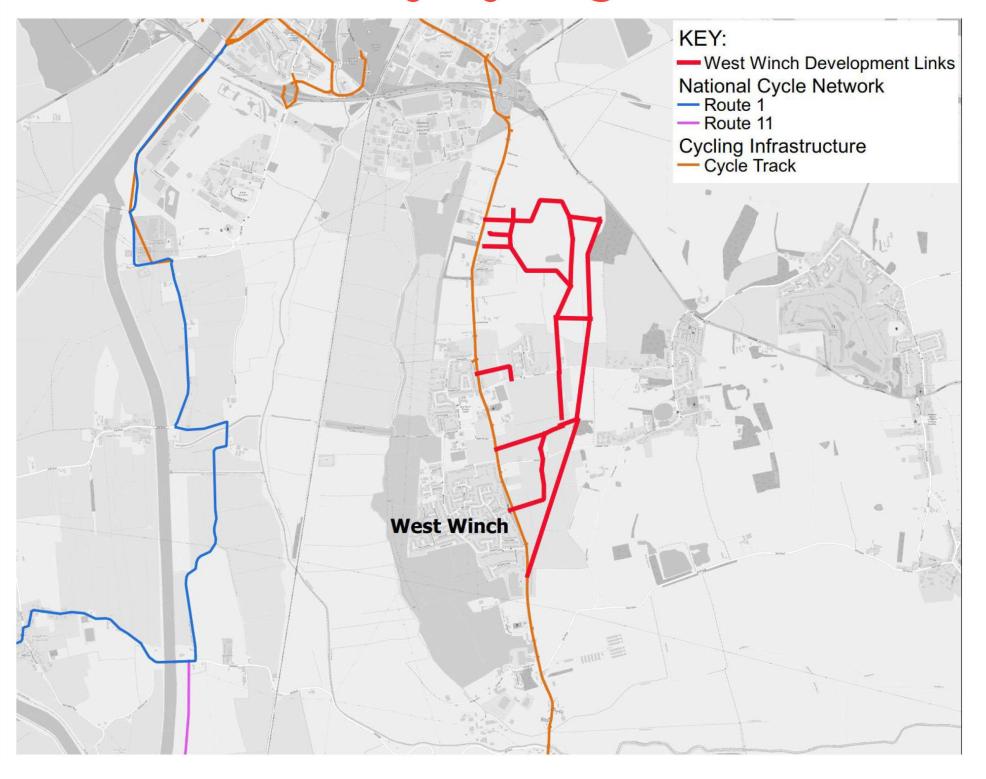


## **NMU Accessibility: Walking**





## **NMU Accessibility: Cycling**





## **NMU Accessibility:**

### Key

Existing Public Rights of Way

Existing Footpath
Existing Restricted Byway

Existing Bridleway

Existing A10 Crossings
Signal Controlled Crossing
Uncontrolled Crossing

Access Road Active Travel Proposals

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Schemes
West Winch- Shared-Use path A10 and Hardwick

Growth Area – Include walk and cycle links

Opportunities for new signalised crossings







What do you perceive as key barriers that may discourage active travel in West Winch?

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 9262 9522



#### Instructions

Goto

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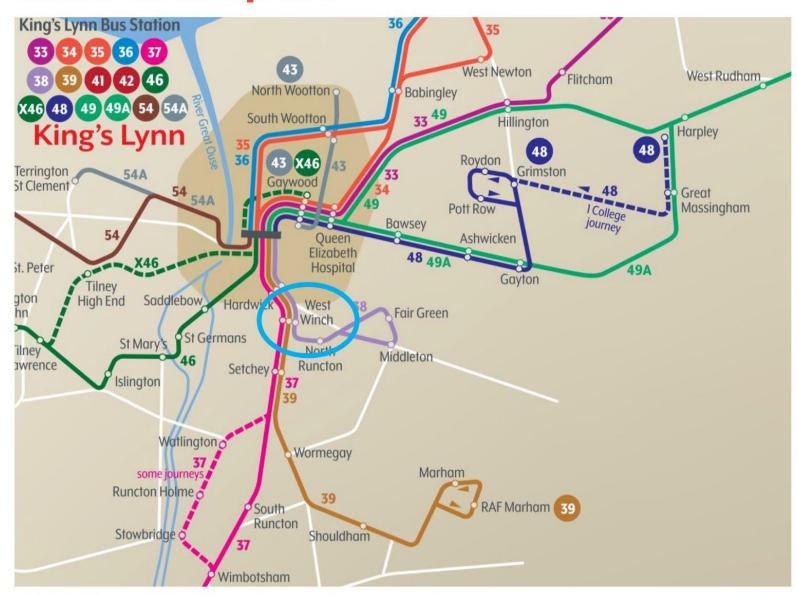








## **Public Transport**



- 37: Kings Lynn-Southery, Mon-Sat
- 38: Kings Lynn-Fair Green (WW by request), Mon-Sat
- 39: Kings Lynn-RAF Marham, Mon-Sat
- 40: Brandon/Thetford-Kings Lynn, Mon-Fri, Sat 1 service





# **Existing Public Transport**

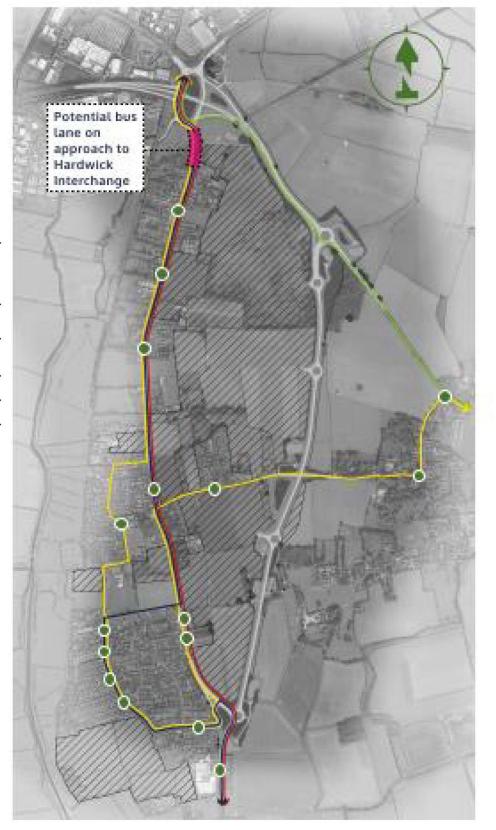
#### First Bus Excel Services along the A47 (Closest Bus Stops Middleton Church):

- Excel A: Peterborough-Norwich (all stops along the route) 8 buses per day
- Excel B: Peterborough-Norwich (limited stops) hourly service
- Excel C: Peterborough-Norwich (Express Service) hourly service

#### Bus Services along the A10 and West Winch:

- Lynx 37 King's Lynn-Downham Market hourly service (8 buses per day)

  Coach Services 40 King's Lynn-Thetford 4 buses per day
  - Lynx 38 King's Lynn-Fair Green 2 buses per day
- Lynx 39 Kings's Lynn 6 buses per day
- Existing Bus Stops







What factors may influence propensity to travel by public transport in West Winch?

higher frequency of buses more direct services increased frequency prompt services increase frequency frequency increase short journey times increase stops destinations affordability lack of service evening and weekend buses closer bus stops shift work demographic bus stop layout proximity to bus stops timing of services speed of bus reduced cost direct services to rail non current design stops reduced time to kl







Are there any other issues impacting on travel choices in the area?

#### demographic groups

car parks in lynn personal security

car domination evening weekend services

distance of key services

overall environment

cost of travel location of shops

frequency of service

proximity of bus stops

where do people work







How do you think we can grow West Winch and maximise travel by sustainable modes?

effective travel plans

better pedcycle facs key employer links

greater advertising buses serve houses

healthy streets park and ride

cycle hubs link to rail station hospital links

out of town parking excellent links to school more frequent buses active travel from outset behavioural change

behaviour change works

sense of place secondary schools

increase local amenities

good active mode routes

secure cycle parking







How would you like to see the existing A10 used in the future with the planned housing in place?

reduction in hav traffic safer env for walk cycle reduce through traffic reduced speed limit active travel infrastruct village environment walking cycling no hgv reduce hgvs elec bike stations better ped facilities slow speeds increased greenery safe crossings quieter local route better lighting bus pull ins more crossings better cycle facilities







What key destinations / services would you like to be connected by active/sustainable modes?

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employment zones
bawdsey country park
    leisure routes schools
                                   medical facilities
 high schools
                                hardwick retail park
               hospital
                               leisure facilities
retail areas
               station
 kl town centre
                  secondary school
      local sport fields
                         libraries
   hardwick employment
                                  rail station
     tourism destinations
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## **Consultation & Engagement to Date**

Consultation undertaken on connected schemes to date:

- West Winch Masterplan Consultation Aug/Sept 22
- West Winch Housing Access Road Nov 22-Jan 23

Responses to the consultations have been received / reviewed as part of the STS development

Masterplan and WWHAR consultation outcomes had similar themes and outcomes

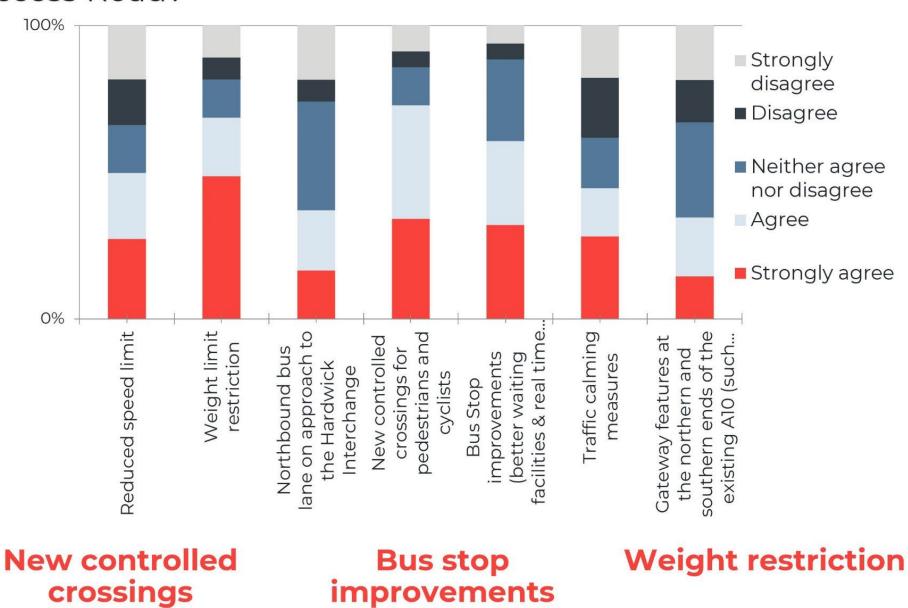
Some of the findings from the WWHAR consultation presented next





# **Consultation Feedback – Potential Traffic Reduction Measures**

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following potential types of measures to improve the A10 through West Winch and encourage traffic to use the Access Road?

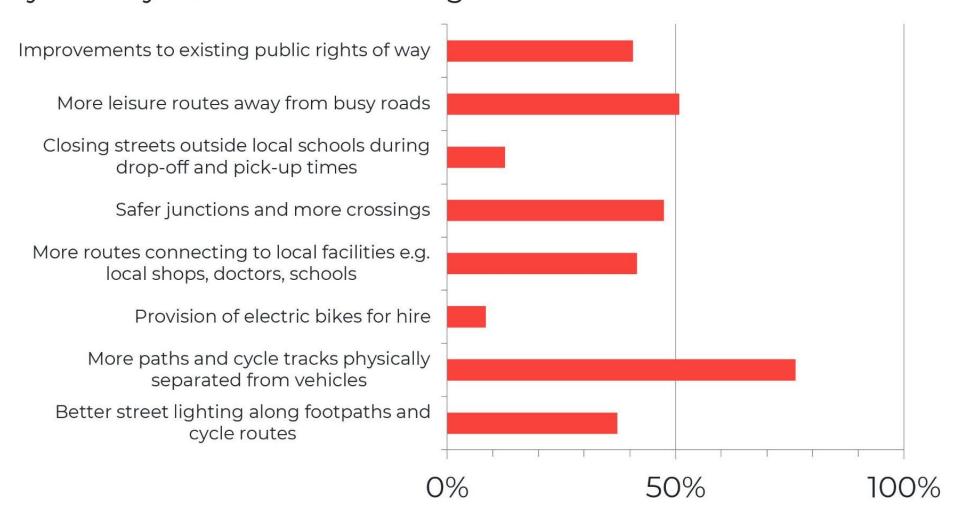






### **Consultation Feedback – Active Travel**

Q: Please select the top three factors that would encourage you to cycle or walk more in general.





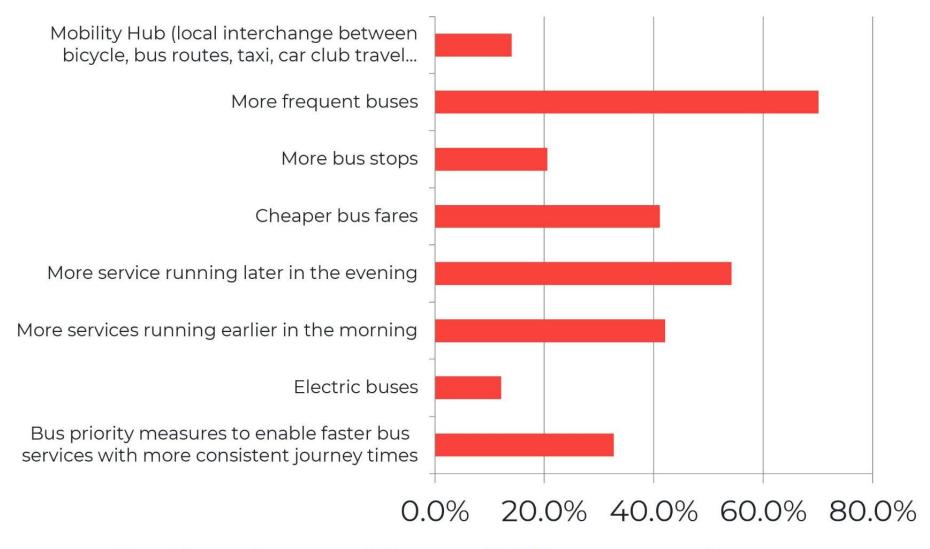
- 2. More leisure routes away from busy roads (51%)
- 3. Safer junctions and more crossings (47%)
- 4. More routes connecting local facilities (42%)
- 5. Improvements to existing PRoWs (41%)





## **Consultation Feedback – Public Transport**

Q: Please select the top three measures that would encourage you to use public transport more.



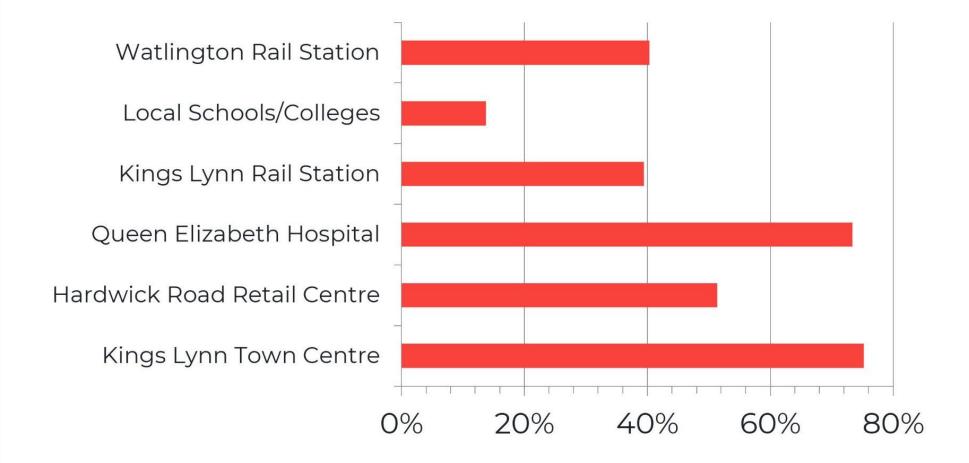
- 1. More frequent buses (70% responses)
- 2. Buses running later in the evening (54%)
- 3. Buses running earlier in the morning (42%)





## **Consultation Feedback – Public Transport**

Q: Which of the following local destinations would you like to be able to access by bus? Please tick your top three local destinations.





- 1. Kings Lynn town centre (75% responses)
- 2. Queen Elizabeth Hospital (73%)
- 3. Hardwick Road retail centre (51%)



# **Current Issues / Future Challenges – Potential Opportunities**

Current Issues / Future Challenges	Potential Opportunities
Currently Limited connectivity / lower demand	Significant increase in demand due to development
High traffic flows on the existing A10	WWHAR route to cater for through traffic with measures to encourage use
One controlled crossing along the A10	More controlled / uncontrolled crossings
Connectivity across the A10 / between services/facilities / new development	Improved crossings and NMU routes along / across the A10 corridor
No dedicated cycle routes through West Winch	Potential carriageway redistribution to provide improved northbound cycle route





# **Current Issues / Future Challenges – Potential Opportunities**

Current Issues / Future Challenges	Potential Opportunities
Low service levels to Kings Lynn / Watlington stations	Improved bus connectivity along the corridor Improved cycle connections / crossings
Times / service patterns restrict use of existing bus services	Additional AM and PM peak services
Bus journey times similar to driving	Bus priority – bus only lanes, live-lane bus stops





#### Opportunities created by WWHAR

Developing a list of measures related to active and sustainable transport choices.

#### Informed by:

- Our baseline analysis
- Feedback from the public engagement
- WWHAR and Development proposals
- This workshop

#### These include:

- Cycle route along the existing A10
- Improved crossings / connections across the A10 / Development
- Bus priority measures
- Bus service pattern/route changes
- Measures to encourage vehicular use of the new WWHAR





#### Assessing Opportunities for Improvement - NMUs

Using the objectives set out in LTN 1/20\* and WWHAR Objectives to assess opportunities for improvement.

\*LTN 1/20 - Cycle Infrastructure design guidance. The core principles are also considered to be relevant for walking.

#### Accessibility for all Coherent Direct Safe Comfortable **Attractive** De **DO** Cycle routes DO Not only must **DO** Comfortable **DO** Cycle infrastructure conditions for cycling should help to deliver should be planned and should be at least as cycle infrastructure be



DO Cycle networks should be planned and designed to allow people to reach their day to day destinations easily, along routes that connect, are simple to navigate and are of a consistently high quality.

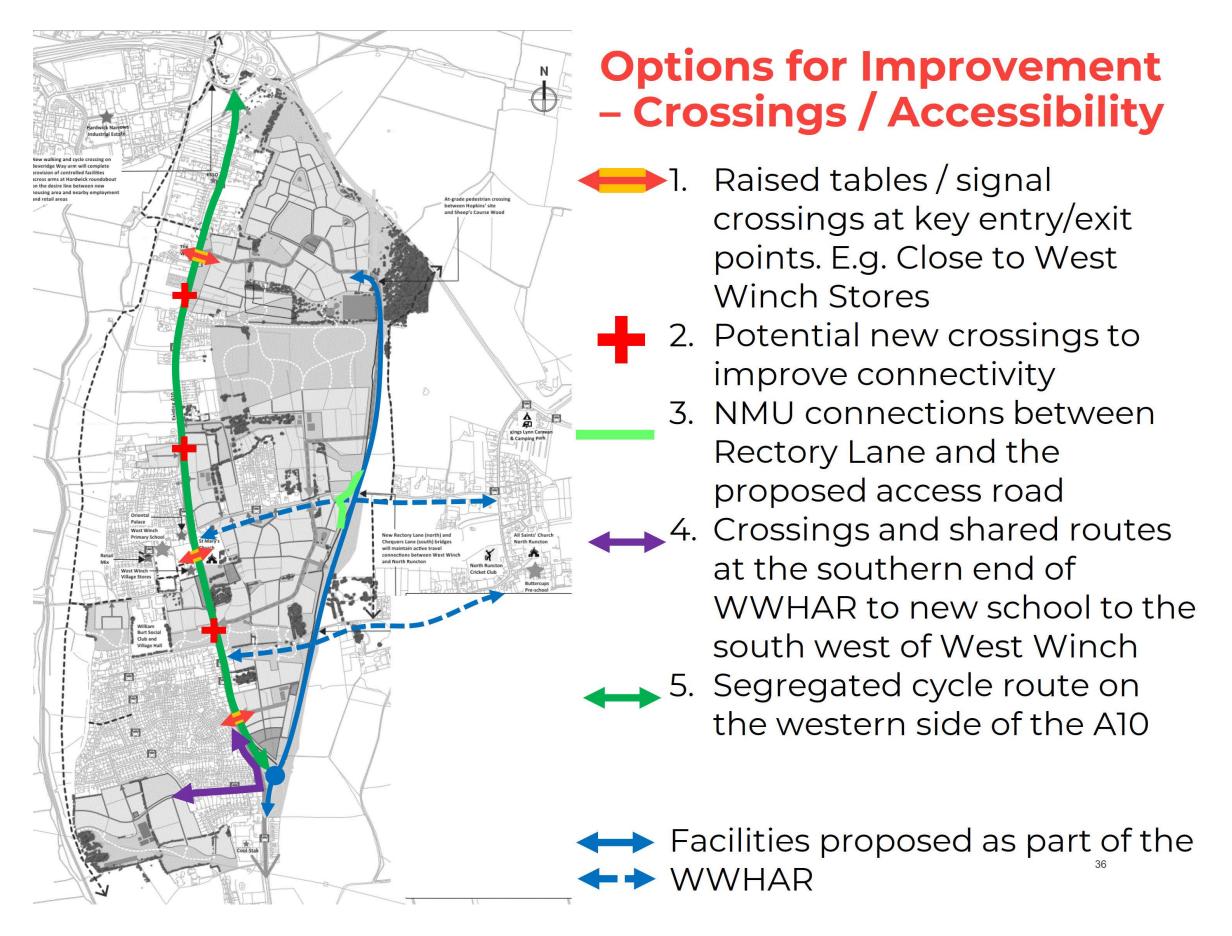
should be at least as direct – and preferably more direct – than those available for private motor vehicles.

cycle infrastructure be safe, it should also be perceived to be safe so that more people feel able to cycle.

conditions for cycling require routes with good quality, well-maintained smooth surfaces, adequate width for the volume of users, minimal stopping and starting and avoiding steep gradients.

should help to deliver public spaces that are well designed and finished in attractive materials and be places that people want to spend time using.

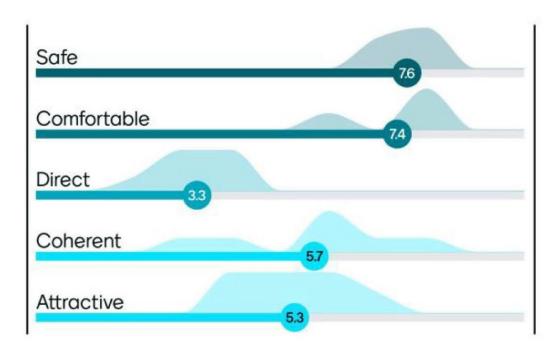


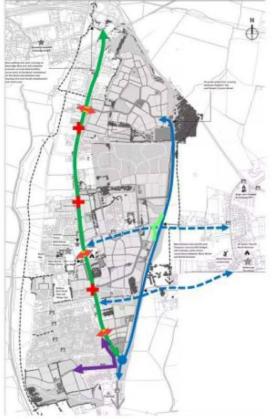




# Options for Improvement – Crossings / Accessibility

How well do the proposed crossings/accessibility options fit the following objectives?









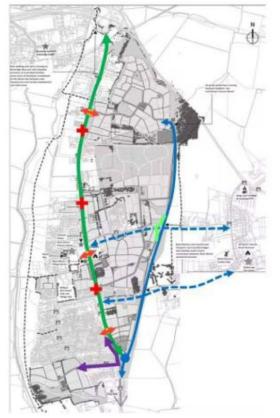


#### Options for Improvement - Crossings / Accessibility

How well do the proposed crossings/accessibility

options align with the WWHAR objectives?

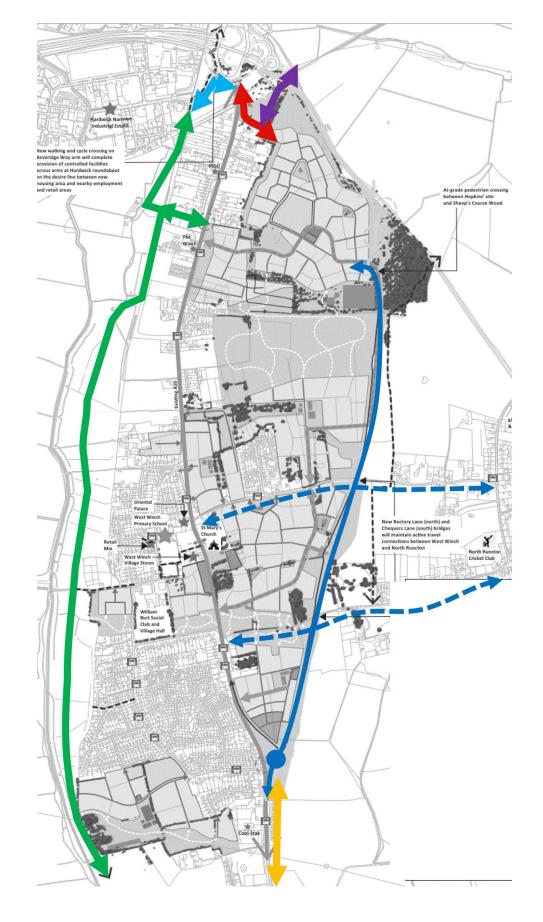
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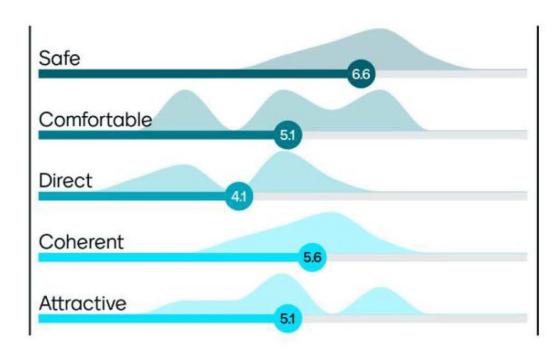
### Options for Improvement - NMU Routes

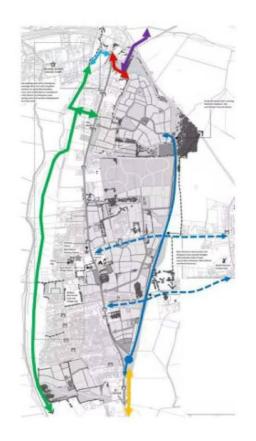
- 1. Pedestrian/cycle route from the north of the development towards Hardwick Rbt
- 2. Connectivity with Hardwick Industrial Estate – no existing route for cyclists
- 3. Cycle route from West Winch towards Watlington station
- 4. NMU routes via former railway lines towards East Kings Lynn / Under A47 and beyond
- 5. Upgrades to FP1 / FP2 / RB2
- Facilities proposed as part of the
- **◆ →** WWHAR



### Options for Improvement – NMU Routes

How well do the identified NMU routes fit the following objectives?









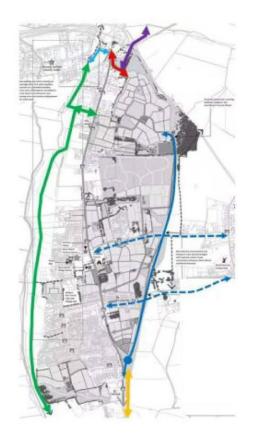


#### **Options for Improvement - NMU** Routes

How well do the identified NMU routes align with

the WWHAR objectives?

Discouraging through-traffic on the A10 Improving road safety for all users Increase walking, cycling and public transport Reduce greenhouse gases and improve air quality Provide necessary infrastructure for active / sustainable modes





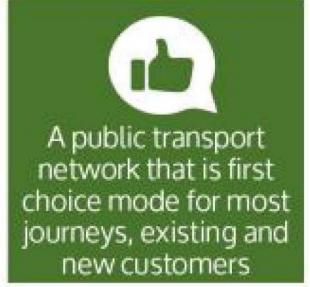




### Assessing Opportunities for Improvement – Public Transport

Using the objectives set out in Norfolk County Council BSIP\* and WWHAR Scheme Objectives.





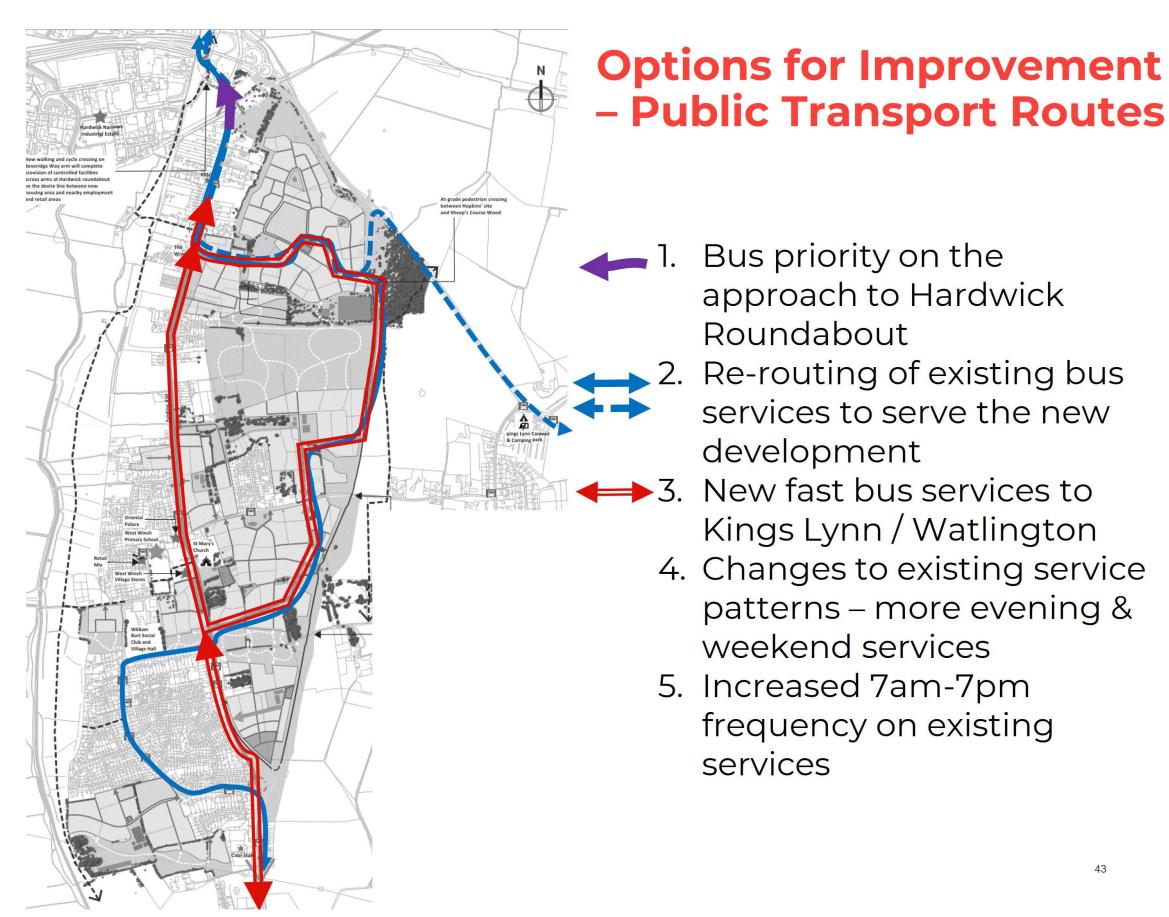




\*BSIP – Bus Service Improvement Plan.









# Options for Improvement – Public Transport Routes

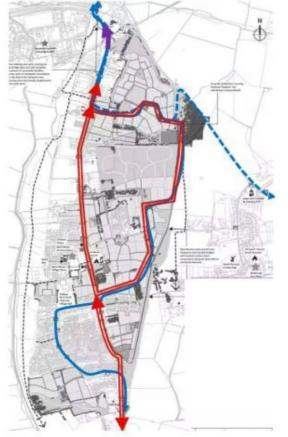
How well do the identified bus route improvements fit the following objectives?

Provide a green and sustainable transport offer
Provide a network that is the first-choice mode for all journeys

Serving existing passengers

5.7

Serving new passengers









## Options for Improvement – Public Transport Routes

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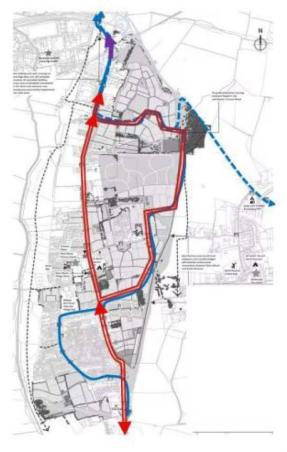
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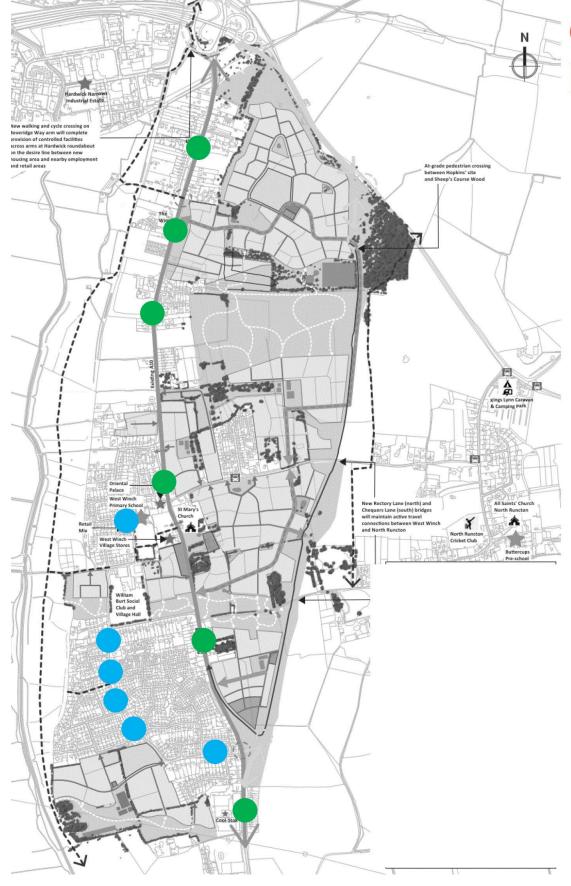
Provide necessary infrastructure for active / sustainable modes











### Options for Improvement – Public Transport Facilities

- 1. Convert stops in bus laybys to in-carriageway stops
- 2. Bus stop upgrade
  - 3. New bus stop facilities shelters, real-time information, raised kerbs



# Options for Improvement – Public Transport Facilities

How well do the identified bus stop improvements fit the following objectives?

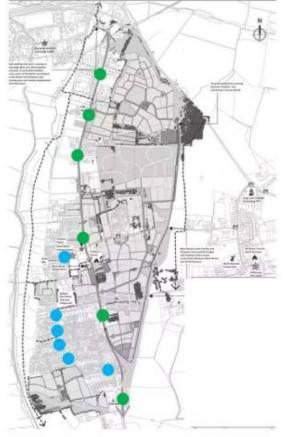
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Provide a network that is the first-choice mode for all journeys

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Accessible for all bus users

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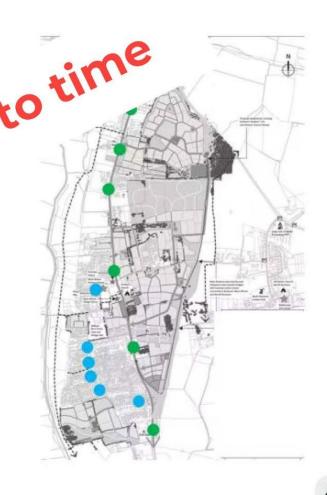




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### **Options for Improvement**

Are there any other options you would like to be considered?

fit with wider network







#### **Next Steps**

- Review the outcomes from this workshop
- Finalise the long list and shortlist of options
- Develop sketches of the shortlisted measures
- Workshop 2 Present shortlisted measures for comment – date tbc
- Reporting





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### **Thank you for Contributing**

