





# **Guided Busway Update**June 2007

This is the fifth in a series of newsletters from Cambridgeshire County Council to keep you informed about progress on the Guided Busway project.

# What's happening now with the project?

We have finished clearing the old railway track between Longstanton and Cambridge. Over the summer months we expect to start earthworks for the busway. We will be preparing to build the foundations for the guideway beams and sorting out drainage issues in this area.

On the southern section of the busway we have started preliminary works for the new bridge over the railway line near Addenbrooke's. We will soon be putting up fencing around the working area and have already started to divert some of the utilities in the area. Construction of the new bridge will start later in the summer.

We have also put up the first of two tower cranes close to the concrete factory, within the site compound near Longstanton. The cranes will be used to place the guideway beams into storage areas and eventually load the beams onto delivery vehicles.

We were recently visited by transport planners and local officals from Madrid, Linz (Austria), Livorno (Italy) and Voloz (Greece). They came to see the Guided Busway construction site and find out more about the project. The Council's busway scheme is part of a European project called Transurban and we are working with European colleagues to share information about large transport schemes and new housing

developments.



# Temporary closure of Long Road in Cambridge

As part of the busway project, we are building a new underpass under Long Road in Cambridge. The underpass will provide a 3-metre shared cycle path and footway next to the busway. This will run from Cambridge Railway Station to Trumpington Park & Ride.

In order to minimise disruption to local traffic, we have decided to close a section of Long Road to all motor

> preferable to using temporary traffic management for 26 weeks on Long Road.

Cyclists and pedestrians will still be able to use the section of road throughout the closure.

Alternative routes for motor vehicles will be signposted.

The road will be closed between Wednesday 18th July and Sunday 2nd September 2007. All emergency services have been consulted on the closure. A separate leaflet has been produced about the temporary closure. Please contact us using the details on the back of this leaflet if you would like a copy of the leaflet or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/longroad





# **Changes to Rights of Way**

During the construction of the guided busway there will be periods when we have to make changes to Rights of Ways that are near to or that cross the guideway.

We have published information on our webpages about when we expect different paths to be affected, although this information is subject to change.

Before we close any path or section of path, we will publish a notice of closure and maps identifying the area affected one month prior to works starting. These notices will be put up near the path and on the internet.

Please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rightsofway for more information.

### Old railway bridge over River Great Ouse

We will soon be ready to dismantle the old railway bridge over the River Great Ouse. For the last few months we have been assessing the bridge and preparing for work to take place there. We will be using a large crane to lift out the old structure. The bridge will then be reconstructed so that the guided busway can cross the river. As part of

this work we are also creating a new bridleway that will run next to the busway on the new bridge. This will give people for the first time a safe and protected Right of Way over this point of the river. The bridleway will open at the same time as the busway in spring 2009.



#### **Construction timeline**

As with any large construction project this programme is subject to change. The Council will update the programme in each edition of this newsletter.

Activity	Start	Finish
Longstanton to Cambridge construction	Jun 07	Aug 08
Work on Great Ouse bridge	May 07	Sept 08
Construction of trial guideway section at Longstanton	Aug 07	Nov 07
Work on new bridge over railway line near to Addenbrooke's	April 07	May 08
Further site clearance from Longstanton to St Ives (Avoiding the bird nesting season)	Aug 07	Mar 08
Further site clearance from Cambridge Station to Trumpington	Aug 07	March 08
Establish site offices at Long Road, Cambridge	July 07	Dec 08
Construction from Cambridge Station to Trumpington	Oct 07	Nov 08
Work on Hills Road Bridge	Jan 08	Nov 08
Further construction from Longstanton to St Ives	Mar 08	Winter 08/09
Work on Windmill Bridge at Over	Nov 07	May 08
Construction of St Ives P&R	Nov 07	Sep 08
Construction of Longstanton P&R	May 08	Nov 08

## How can I find out more?

If you want to know more about the Guided Busway project or if you have questions or concerns about anything to do with construction, please contact the Guided Busway team on 01223 716972, e-mail us on guidedbusway@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or write to us at

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The next update about the project will be available in September 2007.

There are also lots of details about the project on our webpages at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/guidedbusway