

Visit an exhibition venue near you

To see detailed information and talk to transport chiefs about the scheme visit one of these venues in February and March:

Guided Bus Scheme Exhibition Venues (staffed)

Monday 23rd February

Trumpington

Cambridge Development Centre 4-8pm

Tuesday 24th February

Swavesey Village College 4-8pm

Monday 1st March

Oakington Primary School 4-8pm

Tuesday 2nd March

Cambridge Grafton Centre 2-6pm

Wednesday 3rd March

Longstanton Village Hall 3-7.30pm

Friday 5th March

Huntingdon Commemoration Hall 3-8pm

Monday 8th March

St Ives Free Church 12-6pm

Wednesday 10th March

Histon & Impington

Histon Junior School 4.30-8.30pm

Exhibition Venues (unstaffed)

The documentation relating to the scheme is also available to view during the representation period at these locations:

- Huntingdon Library, Princes Street
- Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard, Cambridge
- St Ives Library, Station Road
- Swavesey Library, Gibraltar Lane
- Histon Library, School Hill
- Milton Road Library, Ascham Road
- Bar Hill Library, Gladeside
- Huntingdonshire District Council, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon
- Cambridge City Council, Market Square, Cambridge
- South Cambridgeshire District Council, Hills Road, Cambridge
- Cambridgeshire County Council, Castle Hill, Cambridge

Exhibitions about the scheme will also be held at Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Cambridge Science Park.

Next Steps

There is a clear need for improved public transport provision in the A14 corridor. Guided Bus can be delivered by 2007 although there is a lot of work still to be done before we can reach that point. A key part of this will be a public inquiry into the scheme which it is anticipated will take place in September this year.



Contacts

You can contact the Guided Bus team at the County Council by email at transport.plan@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or phone 01223 718971. You can find out more about the project on the County Council's website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk under Council Services – Planning – Projects and Studies.

If you or someone you know would like this newsletter in large print, audio, Braille or another language please contact us on 01223 718971.

Guided Bus Newsletter 3

Newsletter 3, February 2004



Dear Resident

Welcome to your third newsletter on the Guided Bus project.

We are about to embark on one of the most significant stages of this project – the application for the legal powers to carry out the guideway elements of the scheme under the Transport and

Works Act (TWA). This is similar to a formal planning process.

As we explained in the last newsletter, we have been allocated £65 million funding from Government for the scheme.

A majority of members of Cambridgeshire County Council have followed this up by agreeing the proposed details of the scheme and it will now go forward to Government on February 19.

This will trigger an objection and representation period when YOU can make your views about the TWA application known directly to the Government. This period will run from February 19 to April 2. Later in this newsletter we provide

you with the address to which representations can be made. To help you get to know the scheme in all its detail we will be holding exhibitions where you can look at the documents which are going to Government and speak to transport specialists about the facts of the project. You will also be able to see all the documents and plans at a number of other venues. We have included a guide to the dates, times and venues for both staffed and unstaffed exhibitions.

Information will also be available via the County Council website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shona Johnstone".

Regards,

Shona Johnstone

Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport,
Cambridgeshire County Council

Outline of proposed scheme

Guided Bus is a new transport system proposed between Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. Guided Bus is so-called because it uses a dedicated guideway to take buses fitted with small guide wheels along a fixed route. The guided section will run along the route of the old St Ives to Cambridge railway line. Buses can join or leave the guideway at several points along it and take to the roads again. Park and Ride sites are proposed along the route at St Ives and Longstanton and a drop-off point is planned for Swavesey. In addition a 19 km brideway, in effect the county's longest, will be created to the north of Cambridge and a new cycleway to the south. This is possible because the maintenance track which will run parallel to the guideway will be made available for leisure and commuting use.

Why Guided Bus?

Cambridgeshire is one of the most economically vibrant areas in the country – a world leader in higher education, research and knowledge-based industries. This success has led to population and housing growth resulting in pressures on existing transport infrastructure. Tackling this is crucial to the continued good health of the local economy. The Guided Bus scheme was recommended by the Government after consultants carried out an 18 month study over 2000-2001 into the transport problems of the A14 corridor. The final report of the Cambridge to Huntingdon Multi-Modal Study (CHUMMS) recommended that the issues would be best addressed by measures including a guided bus public transport system, improvements to the A14 and the upgrade of the Felixstowe to Nuneaton rail line to improve the movement of freight. Accordingly, Cambridgeshire County Council was asked by the Government to take the Guided Bus proposal forward.

What's the latest? Legal Submission and Exhibitions

On February 10 Cambridgeshire County Councillors recommended that the council apply to Government for the legal powers to implement a Guided Bus system for Cambridgeshire.

The submission for an Order under the Transport and Works Act will therefore be made by the County Council on February 19.

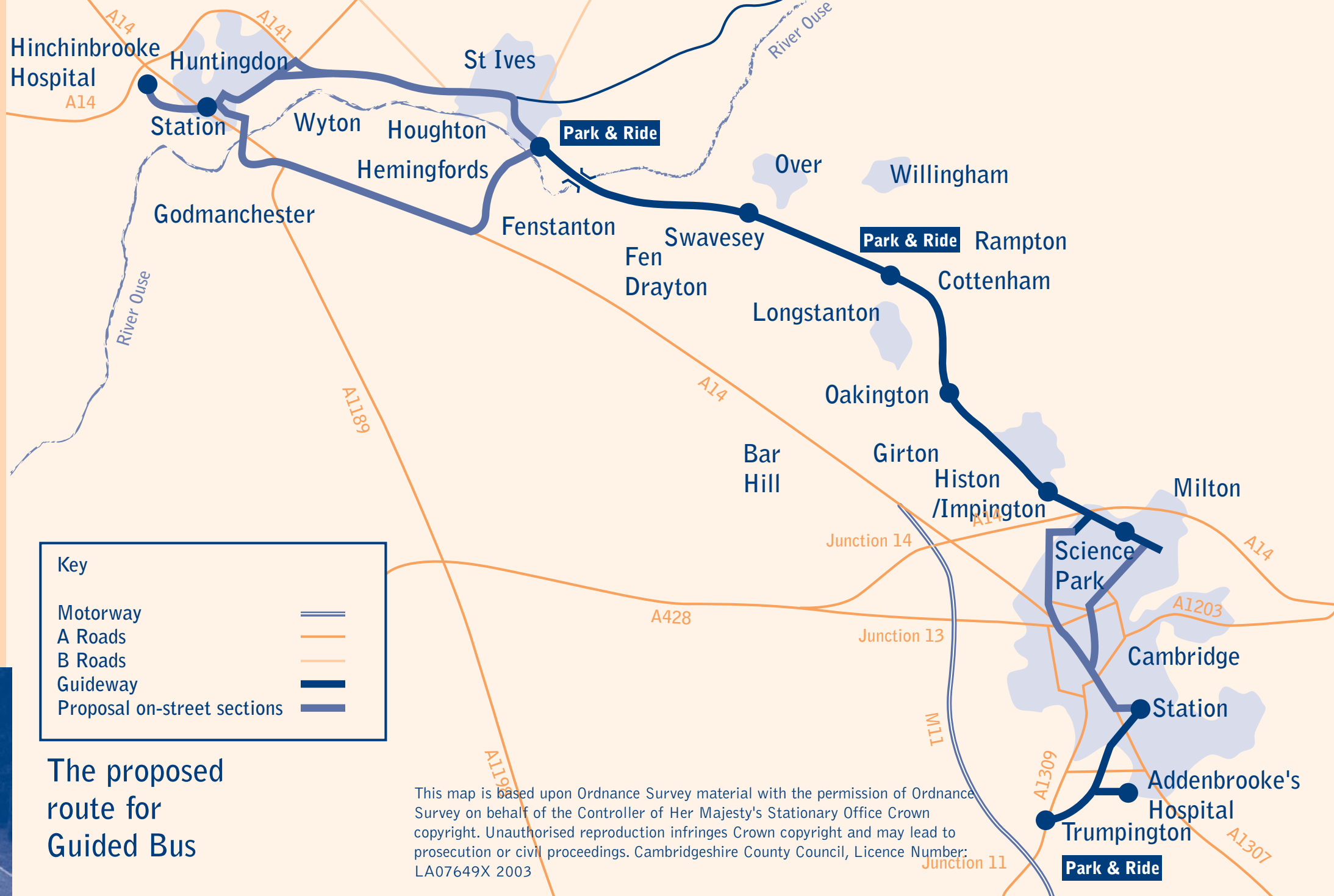
Members of the public will then have 43 days to submit objections or representations to Government on the TWA application. This period ends on April 2.

The address to write to to state an objection or representation is:

Secretary of State for Transport
 Department for Transport
 TWA Orders Unit, Zone 3/11
 Great Minster House
 76 Marsham Street
 London, SW1P 4DR



The crowded A14 as it is today



The proposed route for Guided Bus

This map is based upon Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office Crown copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Cambridgeshire County Council, Licence Number: LA07649X 2003

Documents that form the legal application

A number of documents will be submitted as part of the Transport and Works Act process. These will include an Environmental Statement (including a Transport Assessment), a series of detailed plans showing the route and plans showing the land that will be required for it.

To help you to look at the project in all its detail, a series of exhibitions will be held at eight venues. All of the documents relating to the scheme will be available as will specialists from the Guided Bus team who will be able to give factual information about the scheme. In addition, the documentation can be seen at 11 other venues.

Information will also be available on the County Council website (go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and documents will be available to be purchased.