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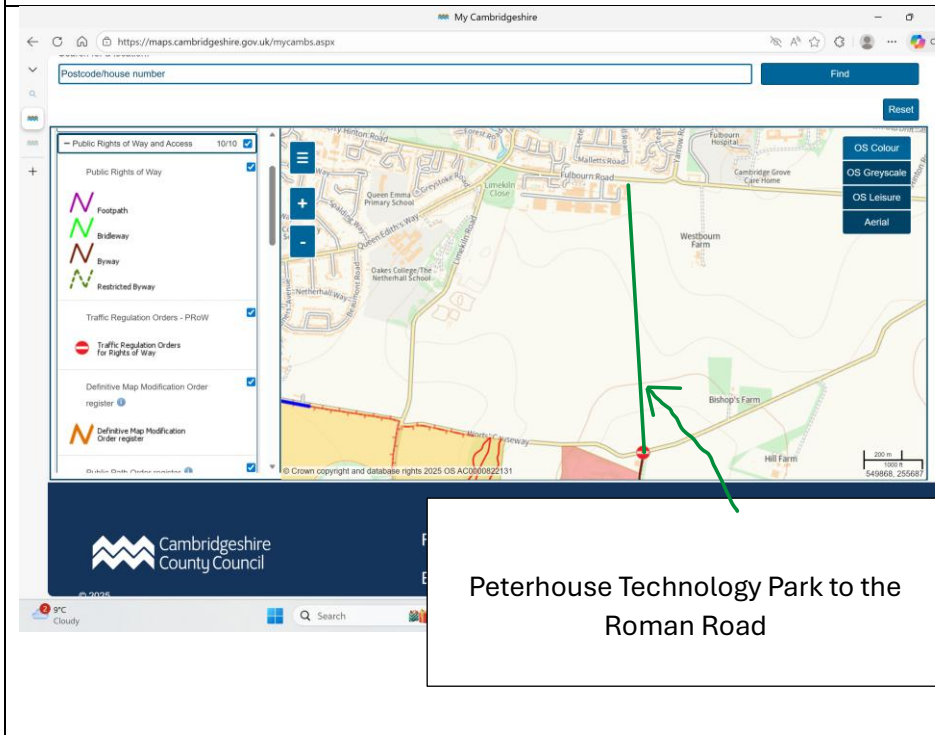
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The proposals for PROWS on the following pages have been drawn up by the Cambridge Ramblers Group based on our experience of organising and participating in regular walks locally. What is needed is a comprehensive map of existing PROWs and permissive routes in relation to areas identified for development and a systematic approach to making connections and extensions to the existing PROW network. They are intended as a starting point for a discussion with the Highways Authority and other organisations representing NMUs. Additional information would need to be gathered to review feasibility.

The Cambridge Ramblers Group would be keen to be consulted at the earliest stages of planning for large developments on the PROWs particularly for leisure use.

Current State



Rationale

A PROW from Cherry Hinton/Fulbourn Road, by the Peterhouse Technology Park to the Roman Road in a N/S direction. There is a track on the ground which would be a good basis. This needs to be a bridleway/cycleway because it is required to avoid using Lime Kiln Hill. The latter is extremely dangerous for anyone walking as there is no footpath. It is very narrow with blind bends and dangerous for all NMUs. Ramblers have put it as a high priority for years, to no avail. Lime Kiln Hill cannot be widened as there are chalk pits next to it as well as a reservoir right up to the hedge. With all the development going on in Cherry Hinton, the airport and Trumpington there is increasing population pressure for safe off-road routes for all NMUs which link through to the Beechwoods, Wandlebury and the Roman Road. The Roman Road is part of E2 European Long Distance Route that is poorly connected to other PROWs.

At least two previous schemes have failed to materialise.

An alternative route, that would be equally acceptable, to achieve the same destinations could be through the chalk pits and around the reservoir to Worts Causeway.

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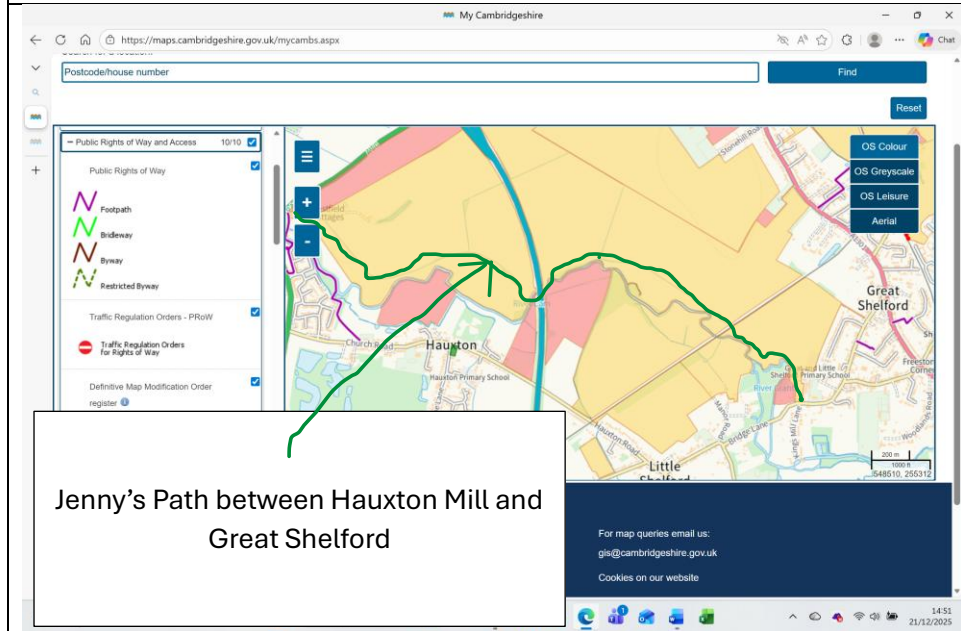
The screenshot shows the Cambridge City Council maps interface. The browser address bar displays <https://maps.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mycams.aspx>. The page header includes the Cambridge City Council logo and navigation tabs for 'Residents', 'Business', and 'Council'. Below the header are buttons for 'My House', 'My Nearest', and 'My Maps'. A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Search for a location:' and 'Postcode/house number'. The main map area shows a section of Worts Causeway. A green line is drawn along the causeway, starting from the Beechwoods area and extending towards Roman Road. A red dot is placed at the end of this green line on Roman Road. A green arrow points from a text box above to this red dot. The left sidebar contains a legend for 'Public Rights of Way and Access' with categories: Footpath (purple), Bridleway (green), Byway (orange), and Restricted Byway (yellow). Below this are sections for 'Traffic Regulation Orders - PROW', 'Traffic Regulation Orders For Rights of Way', 'Definitive Map Modification Order register', and 'Definitive Map Modification Order register'. The bottom of the map shows a scale bar (0 to 200m) and coordinates (547799, 254367). The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 12:33 on 21/12/2025.

Worts Causeway between Beechwoods and Roman Road no off road footpath.

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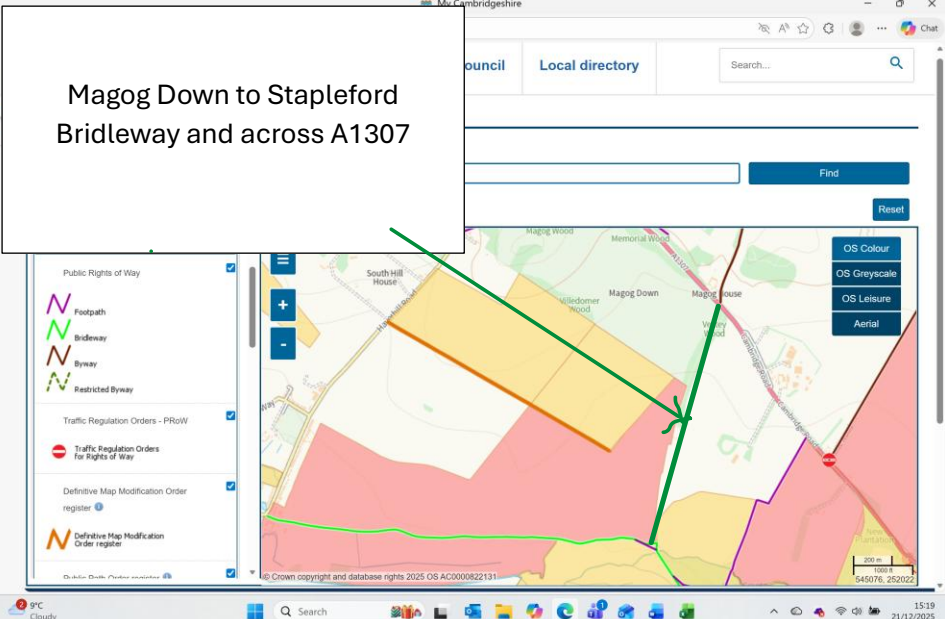
There is already a permissive bridleway along Worts Causeway and connecting to Barbraham Road Park & Ride as far as the Beechwoods. There is no off road PROW between the Beechwoods and the Roman Road. This is a missing link for anyone from Cherry Hinton, Biomedical Campus and Fulbourn to the important green area of Wandlebury.

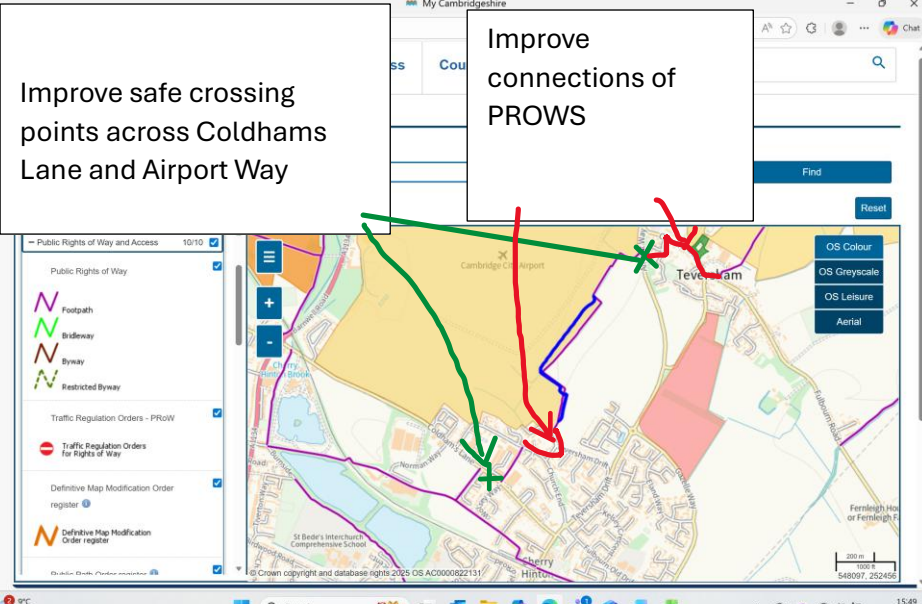
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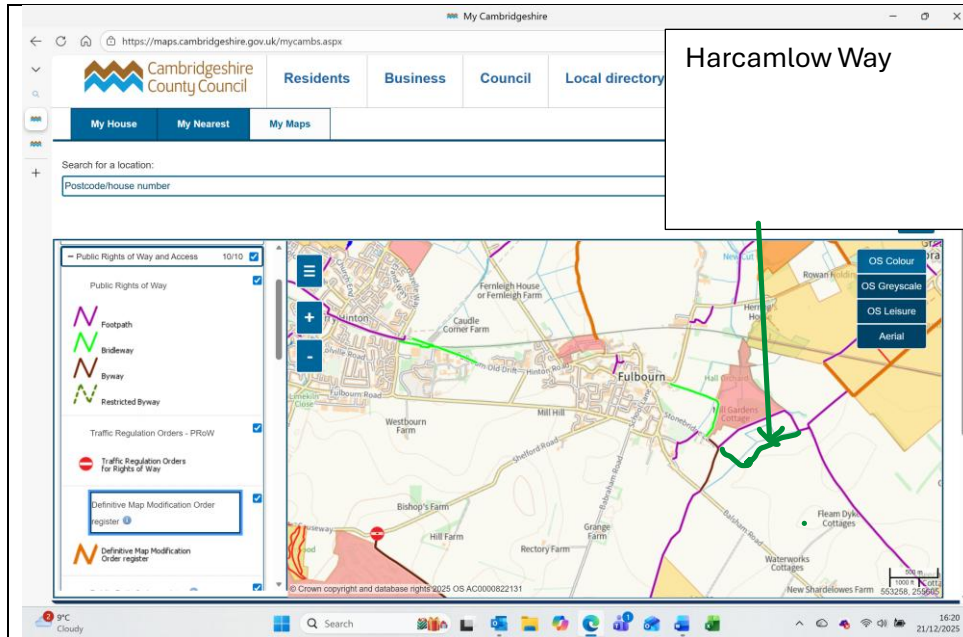
The current permissive path which runs on a track from Great Shelford (at that end called Jenny's Path) then generally west, under the railway and M11, through to Hauxton Mill. The land is owned by Jesus College and leased to Pemberton Estates. Funding had previously been identified to make this a PROW from S106 Trumpington development but was later withdrawn. The current permissive path is not shown on the Council's definitive maps as having a Permissive Path Agreement. This is an important connection between Trumpington an area of proposed growth, the proposed new Travel Hub, Hauxton and Great Shelford. It is important this permissive path becomes a full PROW bridleway status.

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 <p data-bbox="264 319 622 391">Magog Down to Stapleford Bridleway and across A1307</p>	<p data-bbox="1182 236 2033 338">A PROW between Stapleford bridleway 212/2 to Magog Down with a controlled crossing over the A1307 to the byway 212/4 along the edge of Wandlebury.</p> <p data-bbox="1182 343 1953 411">This PROW would be an alternative to one alongside the busy Haverhill Road between Stapleford and Magog Down.</p>

Current State	Rationale
 <p>Improve safe crossing points across Coldhams Lane and Airport Way</p> <p>Improve connections of PROWS</p>	<p>Improve crossing points over Coldhams Lane and Airport Way for NMUs with controlled crossings.</p> <p>Improve connections between the Tins footpath Cambridge 39/2, 39/4 across Coldhams Lane to 39/5 and 39/109 beside Marshalls airport, across Airport Way to Teversham footpath 229/3 and to the proposed new Newmarket Road Travel hub.</p> <p>The Ramblers supports the proposed green space across the airfield site and requests separation of leisure footpaths from the active travel cycleways. The leisure footpaths need to connect to the footpaths across and around Coldhams Common and then to the west to the new Newmarket Road Travel Hub and to Quy Water with a safe crossing point on A1303.</p>

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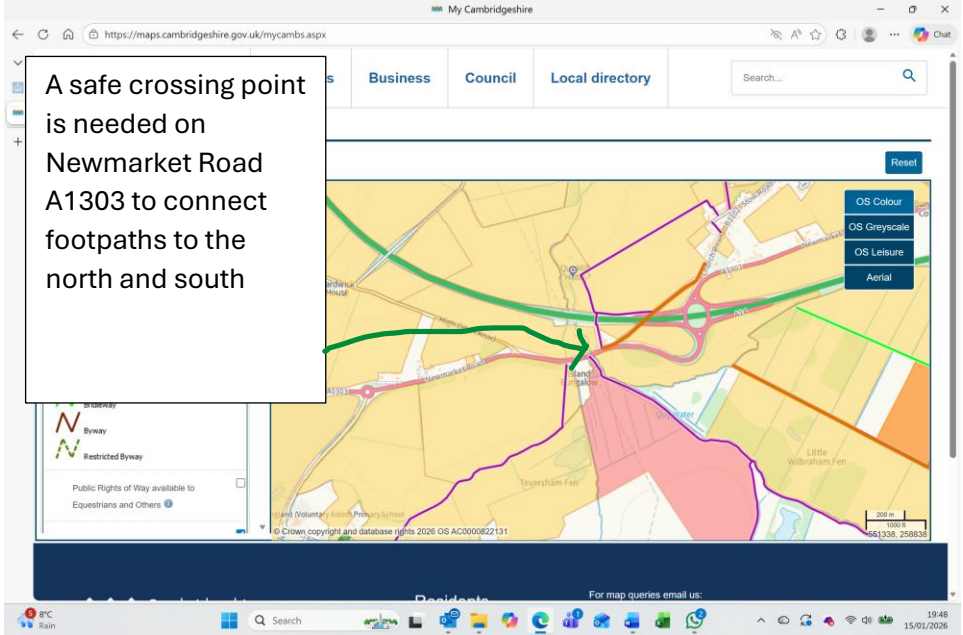
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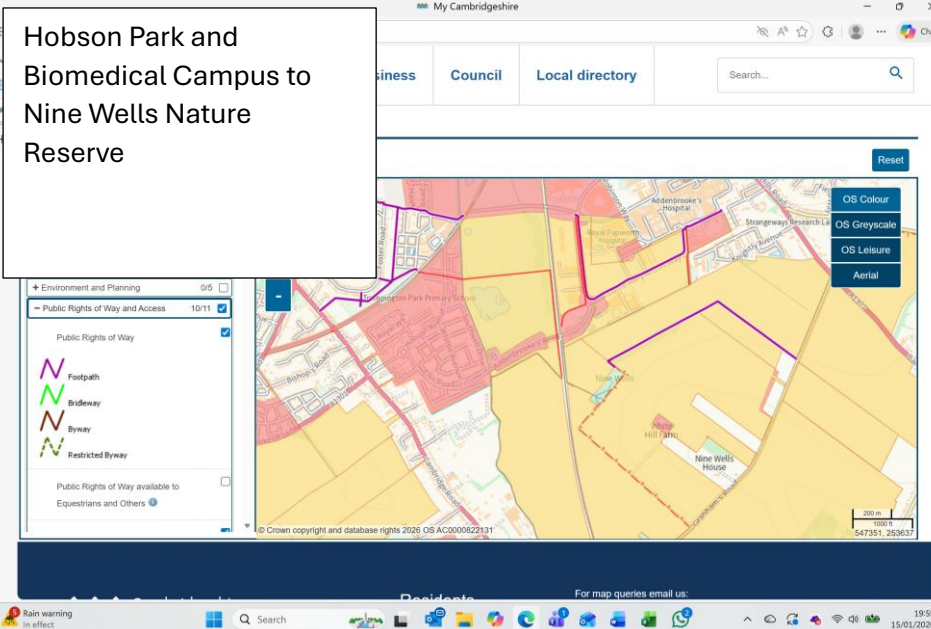


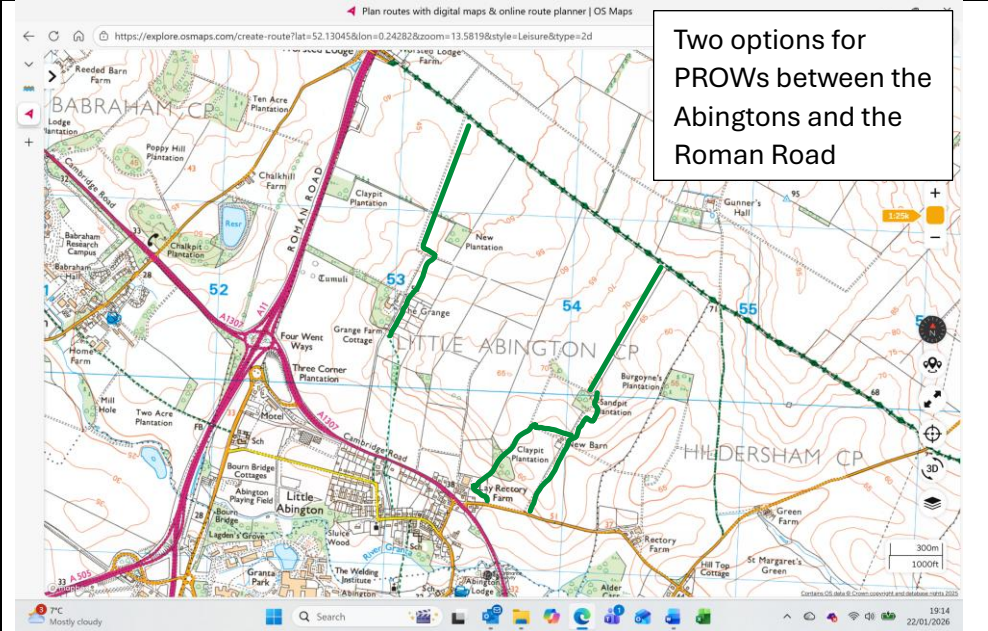
What options are there for off road PROWs for non-motorised users between Old Fulbourn Drift, through the Ida Darwin site to the old village of Fulbourn to Fleam Dyke and Harcamlow Way?

It looks as though there ought to be a connections between the Fulbourn Bridleways 95/1 and 95/7?? There is no off road PROW between Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn where there are significant housing developments in progress.

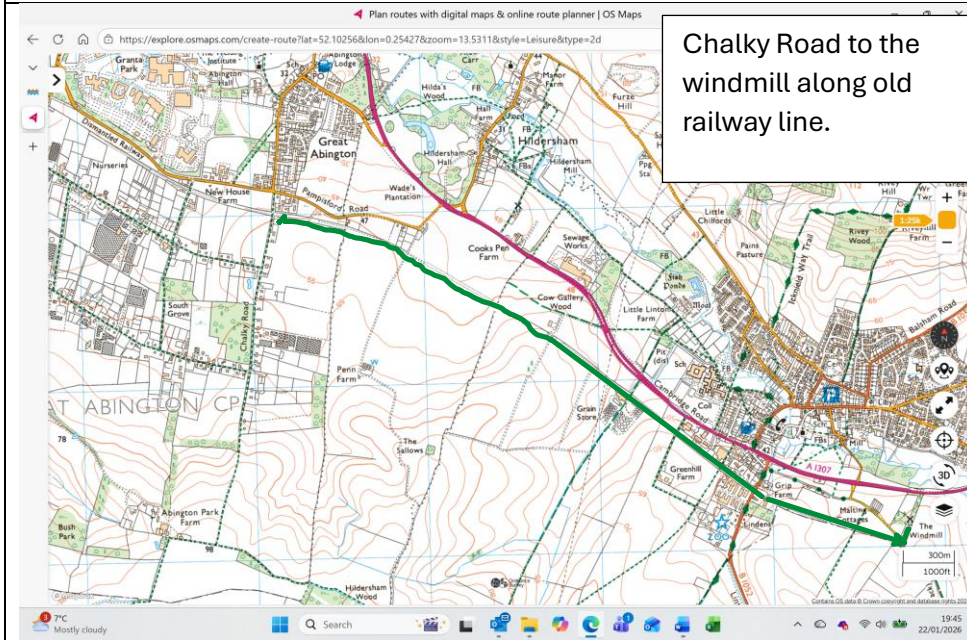
A section of Harcamlow Way is not showing on the definitive map.

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 <p>A safe crossing point is needed on Newmarket Road A1303 to connect footpaths to the north and south</p>	<p>Stow cum Quy to Teversham, Wilbrahams and Fulbourn</p> <p>A safe crossing point is needed on Newmarket Road A1303 to connect footpaths Fen Ditton 10, Teversham 6 and Stow cum Quy 2. There is already a tunnel under the A14. The A1303 is a fast and busy road with most traffic both ways running at 50mph.</p>

Current State	Rationale
 <p>The screenshot shows a web-based map application titled 'My Cambridgeshire'. A text box on the left side of the map reads 'Hobson Park and Biomedical Campus to Nine Wells Nature Reserve'. The map displays various colored paths (Footpath, Bridleway, Byway, Restricted Byway) overlaid on a street map. The legend on the left indicates the following categories: Footpath (purple), Bridleway (green), Byway (orange), and Restricted Byway (yellow). The map also shows 'Public Rights of Way available to Equestrians and Others'. The interface includes a search bar, navigation controls, and a legend. The bottom of the screenshot shows a Windows taskbar with the time 19:59 and date 15/01/2026.</p>	<p>The permissive paths between the Biomedical Campus and Hobsons Park to the Nine Wells Nature Reserve to be full PROW status particularly during the design and construction of the CSET guided busway.</p> <p>There are around 23,000 people working on the Biomedical Campus who could access this valuable small nature reserve as a way of managing their mental and physical wellbeing in their official work breaks. Also with the current and future growth of housing in the Trumpington area the use of these PROWs would only increase.</p>

Current State	Rationale
 <p>Two options for PROWs between the Abingtons and the Roman Road</p>	<p>The footpath Little Abington 4 is a dead end path between the A1307 and Grange Farm. There are farm tracks to the north of Grange Farm that could join the Roman Road.</p> <p>A second option could be a PROW in an approx. north/south direction from Hildersham Road along farm tracks to New Barn, Claypit Plantation and the high point at Sandpit Plantation and then along field boundaries to the Roman Road.</p> <p>This would provide many circular options for walks of differing lengths, for the many people who walk along the Roman Road as well as people who live in the Abingtons, Linton and Hildersham.</p>

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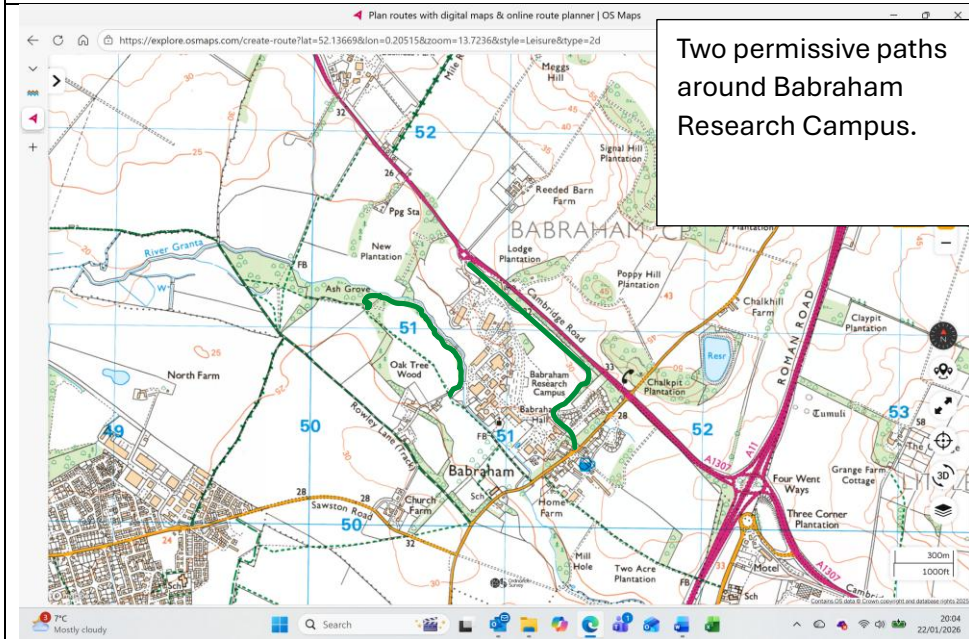


Rationale

A PROW between Chalky Road and the Windmill south of Linton along the line of the dismantled railway.

This route would offer many circular options between Linton, Hildersham and the Abingtons.

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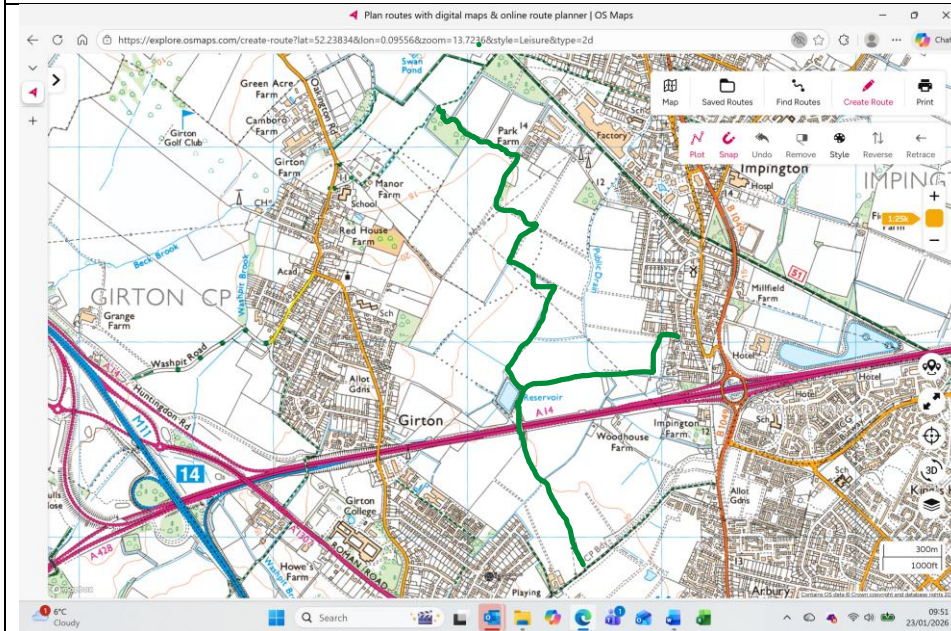


Rationale

Two permissive paths around Babraham Research Campus that don't appear to have PROW or permissive status.

1. There is a permissive path between Ash Grove along the edge of the brook to the edge of the Babraham Research Campus.
2. Permissive bridleway between the roundabout on A1307 parallel to Cambridge Road, through the housing estate to Babraham High Street.

Current State



Rationale

Currently the main route for walkers and cyclists to get from north Cambridge to Histon and Impington is via the pavements adjacent to the main road networks along Histon Road and the roundabout over the A14.

There are large housing developments around Darwin Green and Franklin Gardens. There is a bridge over the A14 for farm vehicles. Could this route be used to connect footpaths Impington 135/5 to Girton Wood and Histon 127/4? This route can connect to PROWs in Histon, Girton and Impington as well as the guided busway.