



Babraham Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Update

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Results of the Babraham Residents' Survey (Winter 2021)

Thank you so much for your helpful response to the Residents' Survey request.

The results are now available on our website. You can see the results directly by clicking this hyperlink here: [Babraham Residents' Survey Results](#) or by visiting our website and navigating to the Resources page: www.babrahamneighbourhoodplan.com. If you would like a copy of the report sent to you directly, please email babrahamneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com.

The results will be used to underpin the draft Neighbourhood Plan policies under development. Once these are ready, we will be asking you for your views.

GCP CSET Scheme

The GCP CSET scheme currently proposes a route that runs through Greenbelt fields, connecting Cambridge and villages to a travel hub in Babraham next to the A11 and A1307. It has brought to reality the impact that it will have on our village, not least a bridge 450m long and 7m high over the river Granta that will cut across our ancient water meadow and will be visible from many directions.

In the Residents' Survey, we asked for your views on whether you supported the CSET proposals and, if the proposals were to be adopted, whether you would support an alternative 'Pink variant route' that would cross the river Granta adjacent the A11 and behind the reservoir, minimising visual impact.

From the survey results, 79% of Babraham villagers are against the GCP CSET scheme and 9% are either fully supportive or somewhat supportive. In addition, 70% preferred the Pink

variant route and only 2% supported the GCP CSET proposed 'Brown route'. Our survey closed shortly after we became aware of Cheveley Park Farm's vision for over 3000 houses in the fields around our village. Many of you will have responded to the survey unaware of this vision and the opportunity Cheveley Park Farm saw when the GCP CSET proposal was finalised.

A second survey organised by Anthony Browne MP asked a slightly different question based solely on the GCP route itself, while keeping the travel hub in the proposed position next to the A11 and A1307. It asked South Cambridgeshire villagers affected by the Brown route whether they supported it as proposed or whether they supported a new route running along a widened A1307 to prioritise bus transport into and out of Cambridge.

The full report of the Anthony Browne survey results can be accessed via the link below, but Anthony Browne's team kindly provided us with the Babraham village responses. From his survey, 90% of Babraham respondents did not support the current Brown route and only 8% were in favour. When asked about the alternative A1307 route (running as a separate lane in a widened A1307), 49% of Babraham respondents were in favour, and 37% were against.

Considering both survey results, Babraham villagers are clearly very much against the GCP CSET scheme in its entirety (Travel hub and Brown route). If (despite the lack of local support) there must be an off-road route connecting the villages, then Babraham villagers overwhelmingly support the Pink variant route. If the A1307 on-road route is an option, then Babraham villagers favour this option over the proposed off-road Brown route.

Full results of Anthony Browne's GCP CSET Scheme survey:

<https://www.anthonybrowne.org/sites/www.anthonybrowne.org/files/2022-02/22%2002%2010%20Anthony%20Browne%20MP%20Survey%20Report%20%28AM%290.pdf>

Other information

We will continue to update our website: www.babrahamneighbourhoodplan.com and you can get in touch via email: babrahamneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Thank you again for your continued interest in Babraham's development!

The Babraham Neighbourhood Plan Working Group