

OAKINGTON & WESTWICK PARISH COUNCIL

RESPONSE TO ST IVES GREENWAY: OAKINGTON TO COTTENHAM SPUR CONSULTATION

24 FEBRUARY 2023

1. Westwick: Proposal for a shared path.

We do not regard the proposal for a shared path in Westwick which will have a total width of 1.5 metres is adequate or safe. There is a nursery located in Westwick and the path would be shared between pedestrians with prams and young children and cyclists.

We would suggest that the Greenway is located in the field to the North, adjacent to the footpath, before joining the current footpath where it widens to over three metres and where it is safe for sharing.

2. Crossing the Road at Westwick from South to North

We suggest that where the Greenway crosses the road on exiting Westwick heading towards Cottenham, there should be additional lighting.

3. 20 MPH Zone in Westwick

The Parish Council intend applying for an extension of the Oakington 20 mph zone to Westwick. We would therefore suggest that the proposed Greenway works include a 20 mph restriction rather than a 30 mph restriction.

4. Station Rd, Oakington

We do not agree with the proposal that the users of the Greenway should use the road from the Guided Busway junction up to Mill Rd. There are alternate options here. Land could be purchased on the South side of the Rd (we believe this land is actually owned by the County Council) for a continuation of the Greenway. The other option would be to run a cycle path from the guided busway to Mill Rd, using land owned by Homes England which lies behind the houses on Station Rd. This would fit the proposals from Homes England for a Greenway in Mill Rd leading to the proposed Northstowe Town Centre.

5. Cottenham

We support any proposals from Cottenham Parish Council for traffic-calming where the Greenway enters their village. An alternative might be to route the Greenway through Ellis Close, Cottenham.