

Girton Parish Council
Project support and approval request

Committee	Full Council
Name of project	Agenda Item 153.1 – Approval to Sign Letter and Delegate Authority
Primary Reason for project	<p>To advocate for busway safety improvements at Histon and Impington, based on community feedback, and to delegate authority for timely engagement with Cambridgeshire County Council.</p> <p>See proposed letter to Frank Jordan, CCC on final page of this document.</p>
Description of project	<p>This proposal supports community safety and active travel priorities. Following a residents’ survey with 534 responses largely from Histon & Impington, strong evidence highlights the need for improved busway crossing points at Manor Park and the Community Orchard. The letter urges Cambridgeshire County Council to prioritize preliminary design and costing for a formal crossing at these locations, enabling informed dialogue and future decision-making.</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocates for safer crossings, reducing risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians. • Strengthens community engagement by acting on community survey evidence. • Positions Girton Parish Council as a proactive partner in regional transport planning. • Supports active travel and sustainability goals in the Neighbourhood Plan. <p>ROI and Value Justification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No direct financial cost beyond administrative effort. • Potential long-term savings through reduced accident risk and improved infrastructure. • Enhances Council reputation for responsiveness and collaboration. <p>Risks & Mitigation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Risk: Delay in engagement could weaken influence. • Reputational Risk: Failure to act may erode public trust. • Financial Risk: Future infrastructure costs may require budget planning. <p>Mitigation: Early engagement, clear delegation, and transparent communication.</p> <p>Training & Adoption: Not applicable. delegation involves governance rather than technical training.</p> <p>Lifecycle & Exit Strategy: Any further formal agreements will return to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>Implementation Timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval: November 2025 • Letter signed and submitted: December 2025 • Initial dialogue with CCC: January 2026

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		Performance Monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter submitted and acknowledged by CCC. • Engagement meetings scheduled. • Progress updates reported to Full Council.
Capital sum requested		None
Ongoing revenue (if any) per year		None
Ongoing costs per year		None
Is the project consistent with the four principles in the Neighbourhood Plan? If so, how?	Digital village	No
	Sustainable community	Yes
	Diverse & Inclusive	Yes
	Heritage & design	Yes
Status of Project		For decision at 26 th November Full council
Other comments/information		Supports Active Travel and Sustainability principles by advocating for safer crossings and promoting community engagement.
Clerk to committee		
Chair of committee		
Vice Chair to committee		

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XX October 2025

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Dear Mr Jordan

Cambridgeshire Busway Safety Measures at Histon and Impington

We are writing to you to share the results of a residents' survey in Histon and Impington which we believe will assist you in planning the busway safety improvements in the parish.

During October 2025 residents were invited to complete an online survey to understand patterns of movement across the busway. The survey was widely publicised and in the event 534 responses were received. We are very pleased to attach a summary of the responses together with explanatory plans.

If you need access to the data, which was collected using google forms, then please contact Simon Payne on the email address above. Each respondent provided an email address (although these are not attributable to individual responses for privacy purposes) and postcode to demonstrate the authenticity of the replies.

You will see that the survey demonstrates that each of the two informal crossings at Manor Park exceeded the use of the official crossing at St Audrey's Close and were very extensively used. The survey results highlight the great importance of the crossing points at Manor Park and the Community Orchard. The survey also identifies the routes as having significant value for residents travelling from Girton

We understand that you are actively considering the future of all the crossing points along the Busway however in view of the results of this survey, and the views that have been expressed to you separately, we request that you now prioritise, as a first step, the preparation of a preliminary design and associated costing for a formal crossing point at the Manor Park/Community Orchard area. This work will then enable a meaningful dialogue with residents and help inform decisions of the County Council in development of the busway safety improvements.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Councillor Ros Hathorn, and residents: Helena Perry, Sheila Gill and Simon Payne

Signatures to be requested from Ian Sollom MP, County Councillor Edna Murphy, Chair Histon and Impington Parish Council and Chair Girton Parish Council,