A new Park & Ride site near Milton

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The Park & Ride service needs to move from its current location on Cowley Road in Cambridge to improve facilities for users and to enable development to take place. Consultation with the local community has been taking place since May 2006 and planning permission was recently granted for the new site.

As the current Park & Ride site on Cowley Road is earmarked for redevelopment, we will take this opportunity to improve the Park & Ride service for all, including:

- A high quality site, built to the standards set by Cambridge’s other Park & Rides
- Improved facilities
- More opportunities for people to use the new site
- An opportunity to improve congestion on Milton Road and at the A14/A10 junction

Works to build the new site have recently started.

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The new site

The new site will initially have 500 car parking spaces, with room to expand to 1,000 spaces at a later date.

The new Park & Ride building will be environmentally friendly and constructed from sustainable materials, wherever possible. Architects have designed the new building to very high standards, which will result in much lower energy consumption. The new building should consume approximately a quarter of the energy that the current Cowley Road building consumes.

The site will also have planting and landscaping to blend in with the surrounding countryside.

Provision for buses

- Buses will be able to access and leave the site via a new traffic light controlled junction on the A10.

Provision will be made for pedestrians and cyclists

- Covered cycle parking will be provided.
- Improved footpaths and cycle links to and from the new site in Milton will be provided.
- Safe footpaths in the new site to get from your car to the Park & Ride building.

The A10 and Butt Lane junctions

- The existing A10/Butt Lane junction will be linked to a new junction serving the Park and Ride site, just south of the existing A10/Butt Lane junction.
- The layout of the existing junction will be changed to cater for the Park and Ride traffic.
- The traffic signals at the A10/Butt Lane junction will be upgraded to improve traffic flow.

Construction of the new site

Noise control measures have been put in place by our contractors to ensure construction noise does not impact on nearby residents.

Striped measures will also be taken to protect the ecology and water environment of the area.

Throughout construction, road traffic will continue to be able to use the A10 and Butt Lane, and works on these roads will be taking place during off-peak hours.

Archaeology of the site

An archaeological dig took place in 2006/2007, which unearthed some interesting finds.

The excavations that took place on the site have revealed a dense occupied late Iron Age settlement, possibly occupied around 200-300BC, along the northern boundary of the site (near to Butt Lane). This settlement is characterised by two large enclosures, within which are smaller enclosures. These represent ancient farmsteads, surrounded by ditches.

Everything found on the excavation has been cleaned, recorded, analysed and stored for further investigation.

Archaeology Open Day

in July 2007

HISTORICAL FACTS

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2 Some remains of buildings have four postholes and may have been used as granaries, or perhaps even as excarnation platforms, which were used for laying out the deceased.

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Park & Art

In the new Park & Ride building some public art will be installed, based on the archaeological heritage of the local area. The aim is to create a piece of public art based on the Iron Age findings which were unearthed during the archaeological dig.

The artwork, in whatever form it takes, will give the site a unique identity and character for all Park and Ride customers to enjoy.

Who is building the new Park and Ride site?

Cambridgeshire County Council is managing the scheme from inception through to completion.

Jackson Civil Engineering is building the scheme and Atkins have designed it. Cambridge City Architects, based at Cambridge City Council, designed the new Park & Ride building.

December 2007
Works start to build the new site

January 2008
Works start on the A10 and Butt Lane junctions

Summer 2008
New site completed

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Possible timeline of key events

Please note, these timescales are indicative and may be subject to change.

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