

STAPLEFORD AND GREAT SHELFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT - COUNTRYSIDE ENHANCEMENTS

COUNTRYSIDE ENHANCEMENT AND Policy CSF/5 2f-m

POLICY CSF/5 2f-m Countryside Enhancement Strategy

A Countryside Enhancement Strategy will be prepared for the area bounded by the Cambridge City boundary, Babraham Road, Haverhill Road, and the edge of the built-up area of Great Shelford and Stapleford. The Strategy will comprise:

New copses on suitable knolls, hilltops and scarp tops.

Management and creation of chalk grassland.

Management of existing shelter belts.

New mixed woodland and shelter belts.

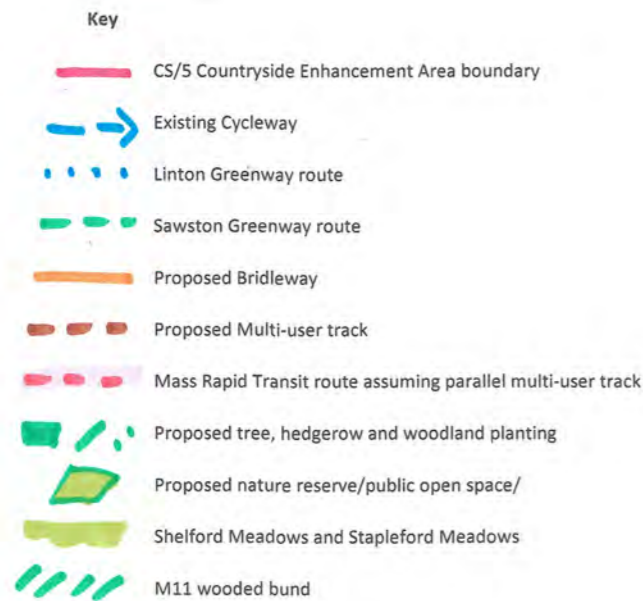
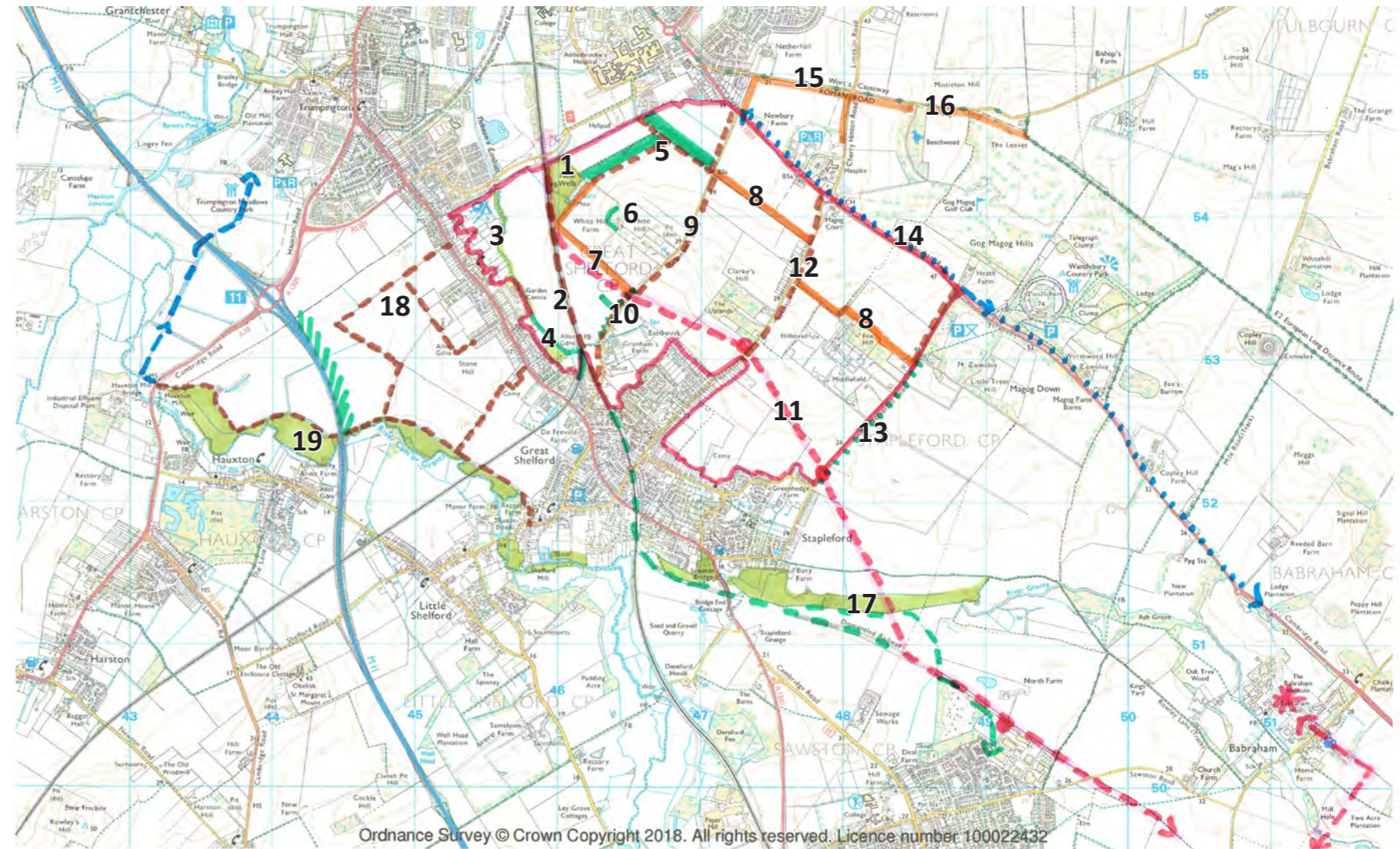
Creation of a landscape corridor along Hobson's Brook.

Reinforcement and planting of new hedgerows.

Roadside planting.

New footpaths, cyclepaths and bridleways creating routes through the area and linking to Wandlebury Country Park / The Magog Down.

The Countryside Strategies will include integrated proposals for landscape, biodiversity, recreation and public access improvements, which will be compatible with long-term agricultural production to create enhanced gateways into the City. Provision will be made for maintenance of landscaping and replacement of diseased, dying and dead stock for a period of 10 years, and details of long-term management thereafter.



The following enhancements could form part of the strategy:

- 1 Nine Wells Nature Reserve. New public open space as a buffer for Nine Wells and to relieve pressure, as amenity space for local residents and biomedical campus employees. Mosaic of woodland and grassland
- 2 Upgrade helicoidal path to provide better separated access for cyclists, pedestrians and horses.
- 3 Hobsons Brook landscape corridor.
- 4 New hedgerows and hedgerow trees on field boundaries on small fields east of The Hectare and Walden Way and south of the footpath from the railway bridge and along the railway to Davey Close.
- 5 New linear woodland/shelterbelt planting south and east of the existing footpath with a new multiuser track to south and west edge facing the countryside. Link to biomedical campus to the north.
- 6 Additional tree, hedgerow and copse planting at White Hill Farm to supplement existing and screen new development.
- 7 Either a new bridleway or multi-user track alongside Mass rapid transit - away from the railway as alternative route to helicoidal path and to facilitate circular leisure route.
- 8 Bridleway to Gog Magog Down.

- 9 Multi-user track alongside Granhams Road. Retain long open views.
- 10 The Clay Pit – interpretation boards.
- 11 Mass rapid transit multi-user track along the busway.
- 12 Multi-user track along Hinton Way
- 13 Tree planting along SW side of Haverhill Road to complement existing path along the road. Retain open views.
- 14 Route of proposed Linton Greenway.

Other potential countryside enhancements

- 15 Designation of Park and Ride green links as bridleway.
- 16 New green link bridleway to link to the Roman Road
- 17 Riverside pastures – Stapleford Meadows manage for biodiversity and create access to create a circular loop from Bury Farm.
- 18 Multi-user tracks on Rectory Farm
- 19 Shelford Meadows manage for biodiversity and create access on some sections on Rectory Farm