

Ref C2C-1-00 : Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway, and travel hub, and also providing a path for walkers and cyclists linking Cambourne to Cambridge.

Additional material for appending to the objection from Mr and Mrs Everitt, [REDACTED] Dated 19/03/25

St Neots Road Hardwick (Source for photos: Google Earth)

Hardwick has a rapidly growing population currently exceeding 3000. The information below provides some metrics. to support our objection to closing the laybys.

St Neots Road Hardwick is the lower of the two parallel roads. The parallel road to the north is the main A428 which connects Cambridge, Hardwick and Cambourne, a trunk road built to carry high levels of traffic including buses.



The GCP proposal is to send all C2C buses along this section of St Neots Road, Hardwick between points A and B.

The distance between points A and B is 1.1 miles along which we currently have a total of 11 laybys providing space for around 80 vehicles in total. The laybys are well used for visitors, employees, customers, deliveries and utility and service vehicles including Royal Mail collection and delivery as well as the profusion of home delivery companies. **The laybys also accommodate 3 of the 4 Bus Stops, on south side of St Neots Road, for the Stagecoach Citi 4 Bus service.**

At present there are over 180 homes and business's directly fronting this road including

- A DVSA testing facility,
- Red House farm
- Broadway house which contains several shops and businesses
- A busy Vet who also serves the surrounding villages
- A retail park with shops, gym, studio and restaurant
- CSC, a substantial garage offering servicing and body-shop repair facilities
- A large Agricultural machinery and vehicle sales business though this has recently stopped trading but the facility remains

Along the route in question all premises gain access directly from St Neots Road.

At the last traffic record conducted by Cambridge County Council Highways department September 2022, the average weekday vehicle number was 351 vehicles travelling A to B at the morning peak hour, a little less travelling B to A in the evening peak.

Grabbing additional road space

Regarding the opportunity to widen the road northwards to provide space for both Laybys and cycle-path on the south, below is a screen shot of St Neots Road at the junction with Cambridge Road looking west from B to A roughly half way between A and B. The verge on the north side offers some opportunity to create additional road width. Note that originally one proposal was to remove these trees to make space to provide a separated Busway but the trees on the right give the village visible protection from the busy A428 and that proposal was dismissed.

