



Operator Liaison Group

Medworth CHP Ltd

Date and time of meeting: Thursday 22nd January 2026, 5:00-6:30pm

Venue: Oasis Community Centre
St. Michael's Avenue, Wisbech PE13 3NR

Present:

MVV (Developer/Operator)	Community/education organisations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Carey (Managing Director) – PC • Gary Parkinson (Construction Manager) – GP • Jane Ford (Communications and Community Relations Manager) – JF • Courtney Fabela (Project Administrator) – CF • Scott McKie (Operations Manager) – SM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Stevens (Wisbech Community Development Trust) – CS • Viv Atkinson (Cambridgeshire Community Foundation) – VA
Host Authorities/Regulator/statutory bodies	Residents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deborah Jeakins (County Planning, Minerals & Waste, Cambridgeshire County Council) – DJ • Environment Agency officer – EA • Alice Tithecot (Consents Programme Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council) – AT • Nigel Eggar (Highways, Cambridgeshire County Council) – NE • Dan Ashman (Design & Delivery, Cambridgeshire County Council) – DA • Chris Dawson (Norfolk County Councillor) – CD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne Cooke (resident) – WC • Alan Wheeldon (resident/WisWIN) – AW • Saxongate Residents representative – SR

Item:	Notes:	Action(s):
1. Welcome, introductions and apologies	<p>Apologies received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Marks (Head of Planning, MVV) – TM • Andy Houghton (Community Liaison Manager, MVV) – AH • Dal Roy (Elm and Christchurch, observer) – DR • Marija Lysak (Support Cambridgeshire) – ML • Annette Williams (Wisbech Schools' Partnership) – AW • Roy Gerstner (Whittlesey Town Council) – RG <p>JF welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2. Confirm/update agenda	<p>The meeting took the form of a series of presentations and no additional agenda items had been requested.</p> <p>The running order was revised to allow Cambridgeshire Community Foundation to present first.</p>	
3. Cambridgeshire Community Foundation	<p>Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) will be managing the Community Fund, paid annually by MVV. The fund will be launched in February, with the website live from 02/02/2026. CCF will recruit a panel of local people to discuss and recommend funding applications for grant awards.</p> <p>VA presented a series of slides explaining what CCF do and how this fund will work. The slides are attached with these minutes. Associated questions and answers are recorded below:</p>	

	<p>Will there be representation from Norfolk on the Fund Panel, noting that the three Council representatives are listed as CCC, FDC and WTC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ JF/VA confirmed that CCF and the interview panel will ensure representation from Norfolk through the Fund Panel recruitment process. <p>Can Panel members apply for funding?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ VA confirmed that CCF have a robust mechanism for dealing with conflicts of interest. If a Panel member is involved with an organisation that is applying for funding then they must declare this; they can be involved in the discussion, as they will bring valuable insight, but cannot take part in any vote. CCF keep records of all conflicts of interest. <p>Can money be awarded to organisations and held in order to attract match funding?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ VA confirmed that CCF apply common sense and humanity to their decisions; ring-fenced funding for organisations that are seeking match funding could be possible through discussion. <p>It was noted that the Wisbech Town Board have been awarded £20M over ten years and are developing a new strategy for awarding grants to the local community.</p> <p>What if applicants have a very high bank balance?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ VA confirmed that CCF take the circumstances of the applicant into account, including their level of regular income. They use the Charity Commission's threshold of £5K as a benchmark. 	JF/VA
<p>4. Project update (MVV)</p>	<p>GP presented a series of slides showing progress on site to date. The slides are attached with these minutes. Associated questions and answers are recorded below:</p> <p>What will happen to the drainage dykes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GP confirmed that these will be retained and temporary bridge structures will be installed with IDB consent. <p>Do you plan to soften the site with planting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GP confirmed that there is a landscape plan to achieve this. <p>What about the wooded area opposite 10, New Bridge Lane?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GP confirmed that this area will remain as it is. PC added that MVV want to retain trees where possible and have committed to increasing biodiversity by 10% through on-site planting and across the orchard site. 	
<p>5. Host Authority update (CCC)</p>	<p>DJ confirmed that the submission and approval of Order Requirements is ongoing and that CCC are content with progress on these.</p> <p>DA presented a series of slides explaining how and where the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and Non-Motorised Users (NMU) fund is to be spent, as well as the consultation CCC are required to undertake. The slides are attached with these minutes. Associated questions and answers are recorded below:</p>	

	<p>How quickly can work start?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DA confirmed that CCC have 10 years to implement the improvements. <p>Could pedestrian crossings be included?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DA explained that the NMU part of the title refers to how people get around and access certain areas. Pedestrian crossings would be a valid use of the fund. <p>How will you consult and how will you include those with low levels of literacy and/or without internet access?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DA confirmed that a full consultation plan is being prepared and it is hoped that groups representing residents will engage with that process (see slide 4 for examples of relevant groups). <p>What about ongoing maintenance costs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DA confirmed that the £400,000 is for delivery only. CCC, as the Highways Authority, would hold the obligation for ongoing maintenance. <p>Are 'desire lines' (where informal routes are created because people use them to get from one place to another) being taken into account?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DA confirmed that CCC's Rights of Way team and local knowledge will ensure these are considered. <p>It was noted that a new wheelchair users group has been formed in the last two weeks, Chaired by Carl Suckling (Community Co-ordinator, CCC).</p> <p>What will happen after the planned local government reorganisation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DJ confirmed that all plans will carry over on their current bases – the County Council have a large number of legal agreements to review but they will move with their respective geographically defined areas, regardless of what the council is called. <p>Can these slides be shared outside of this group?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes, the presentations will be circulated with the minutes and, once agreed, uploaded to MVV's website as pdfs. 	
<p>6. Regulator update (EA)</p>	<p>EA presented a series of slides explaining how they regulate EfW facilities, stating that annual visits will be arranged and noting that activities under the Permit are not live yet. Associated questions and answers are recorded below:</p> <p>In relation to the current offsite air quality monitoring, will the EA take action on existing poor air quality?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EA confirmed that pollution needs to be tied to a specific activity in order for action to be taken. FDC and CCC are responsible for wider air quality monitoring. ➤ PC added that the additional particulate monitor and NO_x tubes provided by MVV are installed and that any changes are likely to be traffic related. A map showing the locations of these is attached with these minutes. ➤ EA confirmed that factories with boilers now fall under EA regulation but it is not possible to simply shut down food factories. 	

	<p>Can an operator ask for a Permit variation to lower their emissions limits?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EA confirmed that if a site can meet lower limits they are encouraged to do so, although this requires discussion. ➤ PC added that MVV usually control to HCl limits, which keeps other emissions well below their respective limits. PC stated that MVV have not volunteered to adopt lower limits and are unlikely to do so, while noting that in many cases (as shown in Plymouth) performance is better. <p>Where emissions are below the reporting threshold, would you consider reporting them anyway?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EA confirmed that regulators can ask operators to report emissions below the statutory threshold, and stated this is something they would encourage operators to do. <p>A Permit level of 5 (microgrammes per normal cubic metre), for example, is around 32x what Devonport emits. Since pollution has been found around plants operating at 80% of the limit, would you consider adopting a lower limit?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PC confirmed that evidence of how low emissions from MVV facilities are is on MVV's website. <p>Would you consider chemical baseline testing now, for example in eggs and soil, to establish a baseline for future comparison and help identify whether pollution might already be present from other sources?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PC confirmed that MVV undertake off-site soil sampling at Dundee. <p>Would you consider it now?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PC stated that MVV would look into this. <p>Do the EA also monitor off-site odour?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EA confirmed that noise and odour are also covered in the Permit but it should be noted that the Permit does not state 'no odour'. In relation to public amenity, these should be reduced using Best Available Techniques (BAT). ➤ PC added that MVV had employed a qualified nose at Devonport to investigate odour complaints. <p>Is weather monitored nearby?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes, there will be a weather monitoring station on site. ➤ EA added that there is an expectation on the operator to communicate all relevant details. <p>What about monitoring of heavy metals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ These are included in the extractive sampling. ➤ PC added that MVV also measure both fossil and biogenic carbon at the chimney. 	PC/MVV
7. Questions	<i>Questions have been included in the relevant sections above as they relate to the flow of the discussion. Answers are marked with arrowed bullets.</i>	
8. Any other business	There was no other business to discuss.	

9. Date, time and location for next meeting	The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at the Oasis Community Centre (St. Michael's Avenue, Wisbech, PE13 3NR) from 5pm .	
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Additional documents:

- Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (Agenda Item 3)
- MVV (Agenda Item 4)
- PRoW_NMU (Agenda Item 5)
- LAQMS monitoring locations (Agenda Item 6)



Cambridgeshire
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For a better county

Medworth Community Fund

An introduction

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CCF

- Founded 2004, over £36 million
- £3m and £4m pa
- 1,000 applications pa
- 9 Community Benefit Funds
- £2.5 million since 2011
- £4.5 million Fenland
- Wisbech St Mary over £100k

Since 2023: East of England Wisbech First responders, 15th Wisbech Scout Group, Wisbech and Fenland Museum, Rosmini Centre, Wisbech Youth Club, Wisbech School's Partnership, Wisbech Street Pride.....





Sara Marshall
Grants Manager



Kate Fry
Senior Grants Officer



Erin Cahill
Grants Officer



Leonore White
Grants Officer

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Community

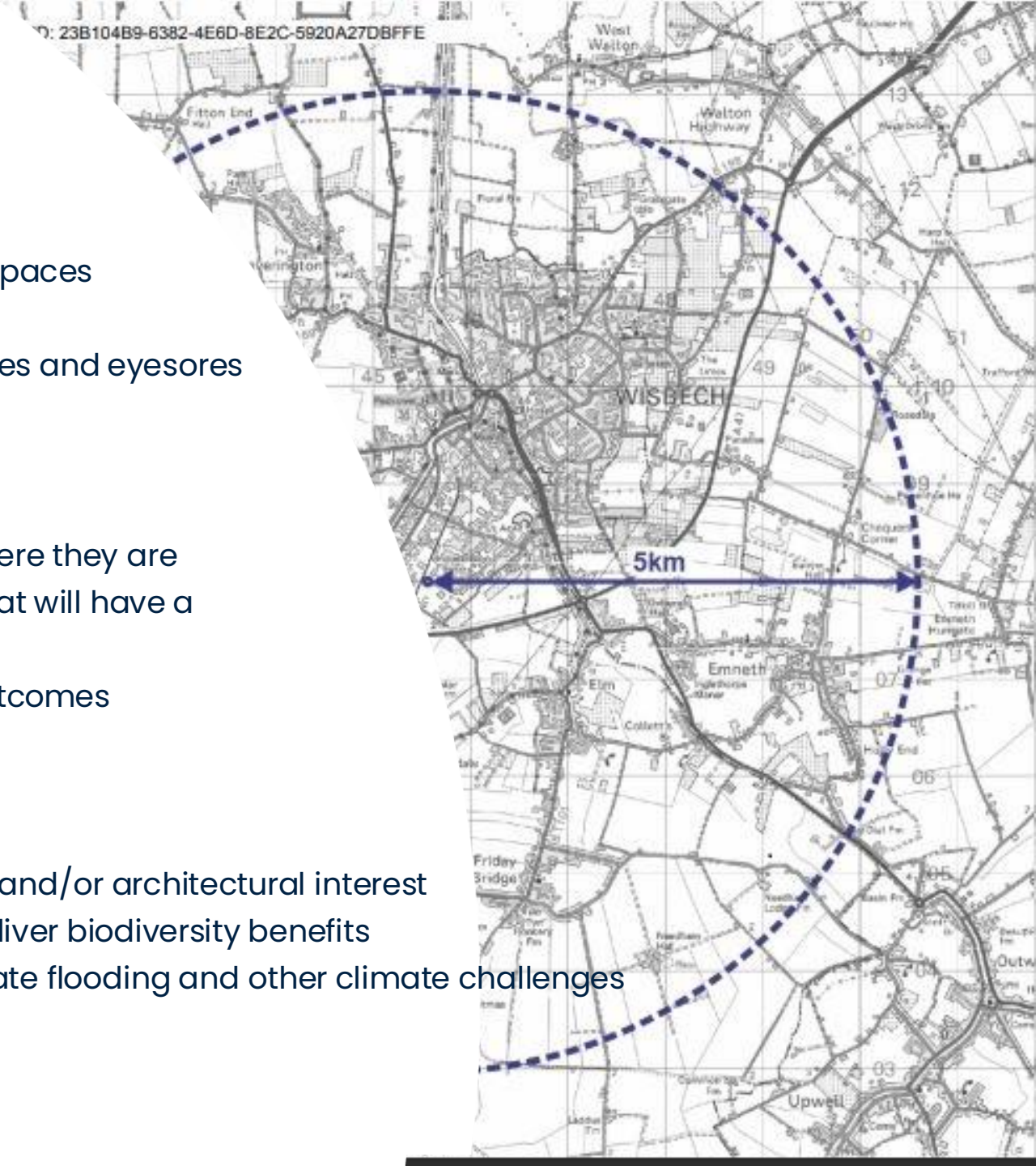
- Provision and/or improvement and/ or maintenance of public spaces
- Transport-related local well-being initiatives
- The improvement and/ or remediation of underused land/places and eyesores
- The provision of youth facilities

Social/ Health

- Community and social enterprises in the locality (especially where they are employment-generating and/or other regeneration projects that will have a positive impact
- Contribute to initiatives which improve health and wellbeing outcomes

Environment

- Low carbon energy and efficiency initiatives
- The restoration of buildings and/or heritage features of historic and/or architectural interest
- Projects that bring nature sites into positive management to deliver biodiversity benefits
- Projects that use nature-based solutions to manage and mitigate flooding and other climate challenges
- Projects to promote recycling and the circular economy



Panel recruitment

Composition:

- 1 community ambassador
- 2 resident reps from local geographic area of benefit
- 1 youth rep
- A max of 3 council reps from Wisbech TC, Fenland DC and / or Cambs CC
- Up to 2 other community resident including youth reps

Timetable:

- Deadline for applications 27th March 2026
- Interviews April until Mid-May
- Panel training session Mid-May to Mid-June
- Panel meeting July/ August



Panel Schedule

- Deadlines – Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter
- £200,000 – 2 x £100,000 or 4 x £50,000
- Small and large grants
- Up to £5k and up to £50k
- Small grants 4 panels a year and large 2 panels



Panel Frequency

Summer Round

- Opens 2nd February, deadline 1st May
- Small (up to £5k) and large (up to £50k)
- Panel July/ August

Autumn Round

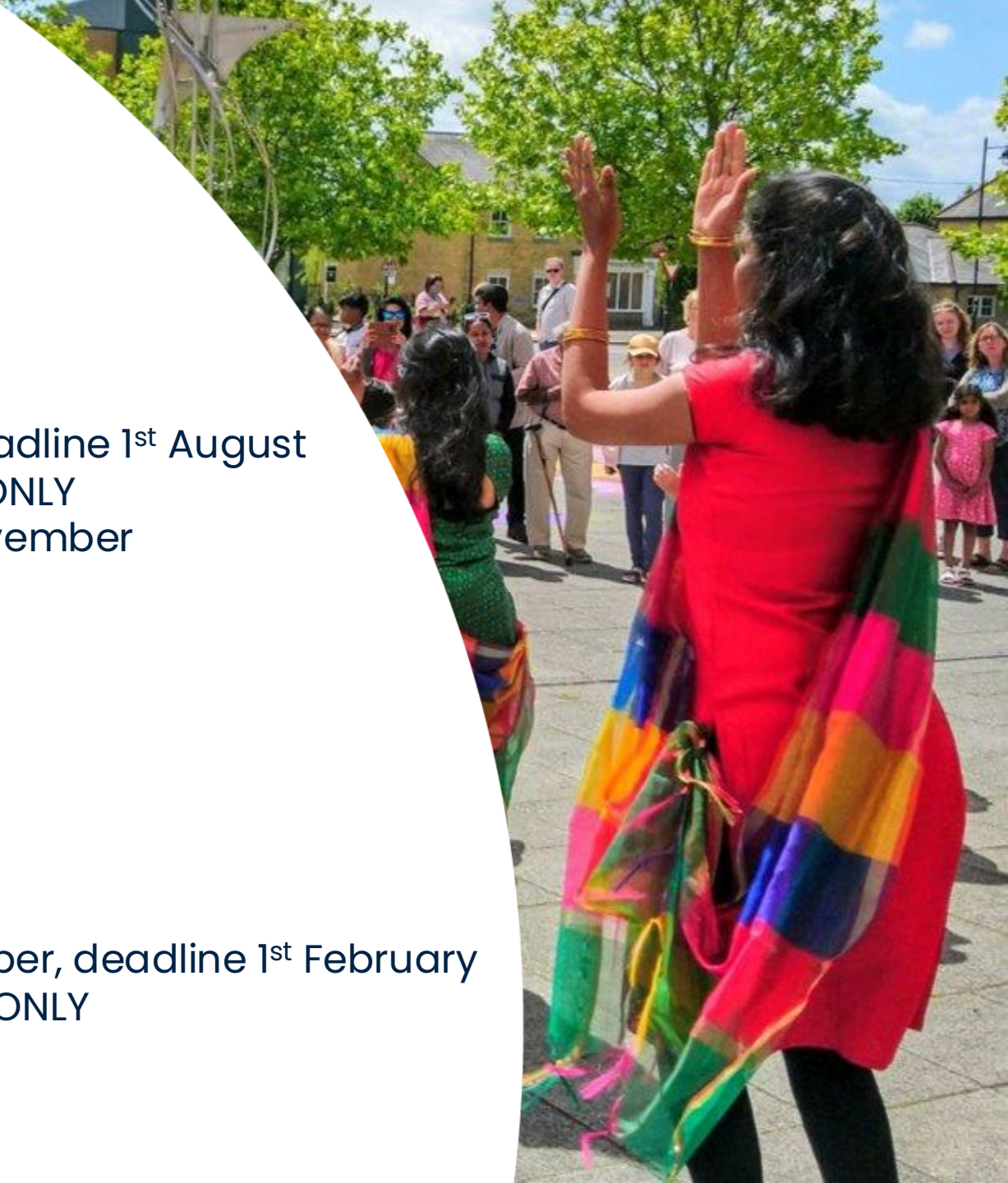
- Opens 2nd May, deadline 1st August
- Small (up to £5k) ONLY
- Panel October/November

Winter Round

- Opens 2nd August, deadline 1st November
- Small (up to £5k) and large (up to £50k)
- Panel – February/ March

Spring Round

- Opens 2nd November, deadline 1st February
- Small (up to £5k) ONLY
- Panel April/ May



Website – Fund Page

Supporting Winter Appeal: support local people facing fuel poverty this winter

Home > Funds > Medworth Community Fund

Medworth Community Fund

Overview

The fund supports eligible not-for-profit and charitable organisations delivering benefits for local residents within the eligible geographical area around Wisbech. Applications are sought from organisations working in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, but must benefit those living within a 5km radius of the facility (see map below).

Who can apply?

Non-profit organisations

Maximum grant

£1,000

Eligible area

Wisbech

Deadlines

1 February, 1 May, 1 August, 1 November

Fund criteria

We are seeking projects that deliver benefits within one or more of these 3 core areas:

1. Community

- The provision, improvement and/or maintenance of public amenity spaces
- Transport-related local well-being initiatives
- The improvement and/or remediation of underused land places and spaces
- The provision of youth facilities

2. Social/Health

- Community and social enterprise businesses in the locality (including, for the avoidance of doubt, businesses which currently operate from the homes of residents) especially where they are employment-generating and/or other regeneration projects that will have a positive impact
- Contribute to initiatives which improve health and wellbeing outcomes

3. Environment

- Low carbon energy and efficiency initiatives
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- Projects to promote recycling and the circular economy

Apply for a grant

[Read our application guidance](#)

[Complete the online application form](#)

About the funder

This map shows the eligible area of benefit for the Medworth Community



<https://www.cambscf.org.uk/funds/medworth/>



Application form



Cambridgeshire
Community
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Online Grant Application Form

Summer 2026

Registration

Ready to begin an application?

Before you proceed, first check that your organisation is eligible for our funding and your project is suitable for a grant. If you are new to CCF funding, you are advised to take a look at our [How to Apply webpage](#) which provides information about eligibility, our requirements and a step by step guide to the application process.

Please complete the form as fully as you can - we are interested in the difference your project will make to local people, so don't just tell us what you will spend the money on, think about what will change as a result of your work.

If you are unsure about any of the above or have any other queries, please contact the Grants Team via email at info@cambscf.org.uk

For your information:

- This application form is for Summer 2026. You must submit your application by 11:59 am on 1st May 2026. Applications received after the deadline cannot be accepted. After the deadline, this form will be de-activated.
- Be aware that the average size of a grant awarded by CCF is £4,500.
- See our [Privacy Statement](#) for information on how we will process your data.
- To keep up to date with the latest funding opportunities please [click here](#) to subscribe to our Grants Bulletin.





Spare a few hours a year to make a difference in your local community

Volunteer as a Panel Member for the Medworth Community Fund

The fund awards grants to local charity and community projects benefitting residents of Wisbech and the local vicinity.

As a panel member, you would bring your valuable local knowledge to discussions about projects applying for grants. We want your input to ensure that funded projects make the impact that your local community needs.

Eligibility criteria

- ✓ A resident of Wisbech or the wider eligible area
- ✓ Available to review applications (approx. 2 hours) and attend the panel in person (approx. 1 hour) four times per year. Panel meetings will take place in Wisbech.

How to apply

To express your interest in this role, email viv@cambscf.org.uk or call **01223 410535**

Interviews will be conducted as part of the selection process

Training is provided to newly-appointed panel members



Scan the QR code or visit
www.cambscf.org.uk/funds/medworth to find
out more about the fund



Thank you



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Operator Liaison Meeting



Gary Parkinson
MVV Medworth

Oasis Community Centre
22nd January 2026

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Pre Commencement



Acoustic Fence – October 2025



Acoustic Fence – November 2025



Acoustic Fence – December 2025



Main EfW – November 2025





Main EfW – December 2025





Main EfW – January 2026





Thank you!

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Public Rights of Way (PROW) and Non-Motorised User (NMU) Enhancement: section 106 agreement

22 January 2026

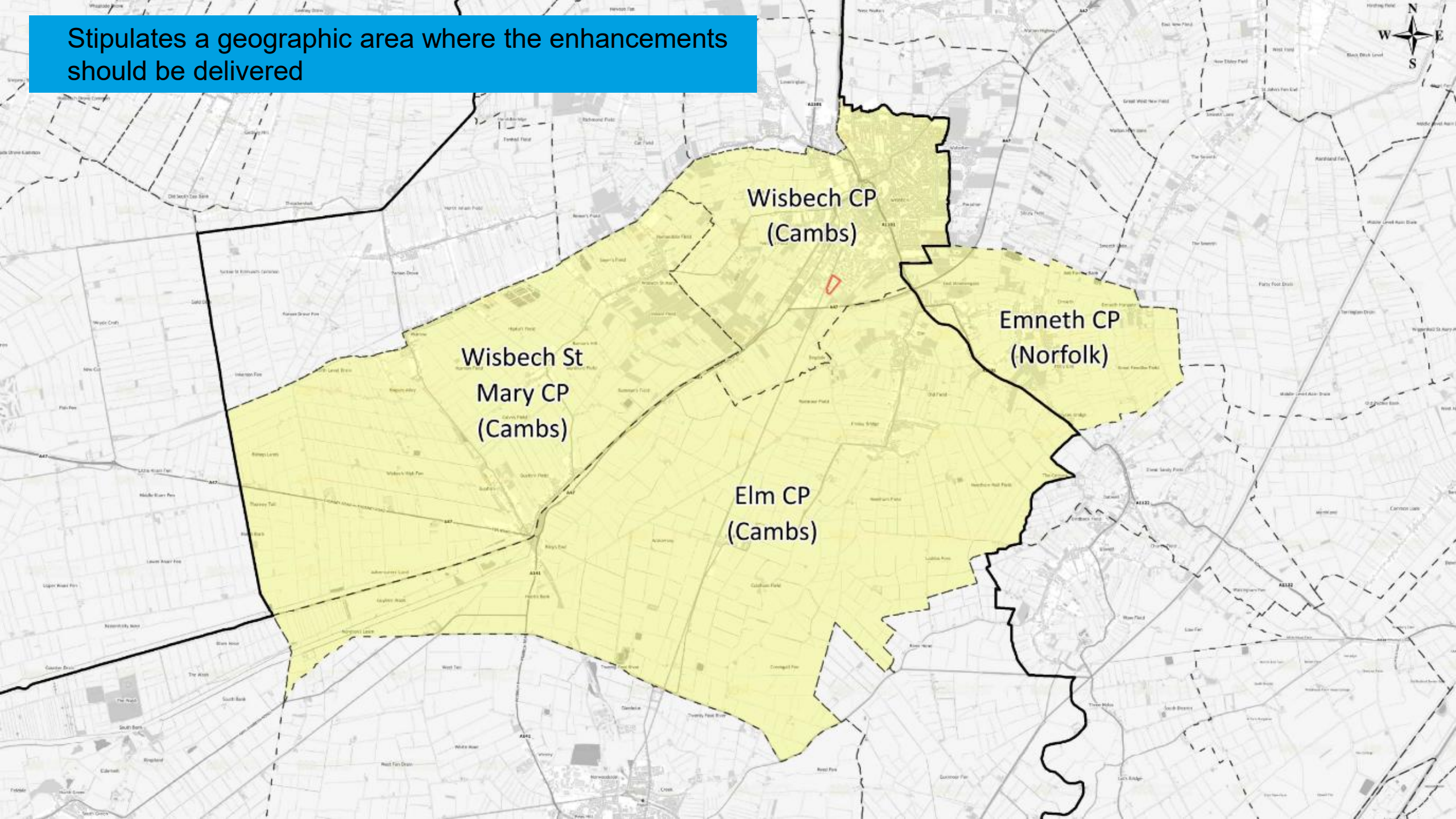
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PROW and NMU Enhancements Contribution

- Sets out a sum of £400,000 payable by MVV to Cambridgeshire County Council:
 - Creation of new public rights of way through agreement or by order
 - Improvement to existing PROW or NMU links
 - Creation and improvement of existing permissive paths
 - County Council to implement the improvements over a 10-year period, reporting on actions taken every year

Stipulates a geographic area where the enhancements should be delivered



Borough Council of
**King's Lynn &
West Norfolk**



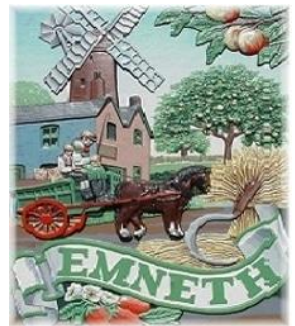
Norfolk
County Council



Stipulates that CCC must undertake consultation with:

- the appropriate local authorities,
- statutory PROW consultee groups, and
- other appropriate NMU interest groups.

• This page shows a sample of the organisations we intend to consult.



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What sort of infrastructure?

£400k enables a range of options to be considered, from numerous small-scale improvements, to one-or-two larger improvements.

These sample infrastructure costs give an idea of what may be achievable.



Accessible gates
~£1k + per gate



Timber footbridge ~£5k
Plastic footbridge ~£10k



Steel bridleway bridge,
large span ~£150k +



2m wide path resurfacing

- Road chippings ~2.5k per 100m
- Granite chippings ~5k per 100m



What sort of infrastructure?



Shared cycle/pedestrian roadside facility ~£150k per 100m

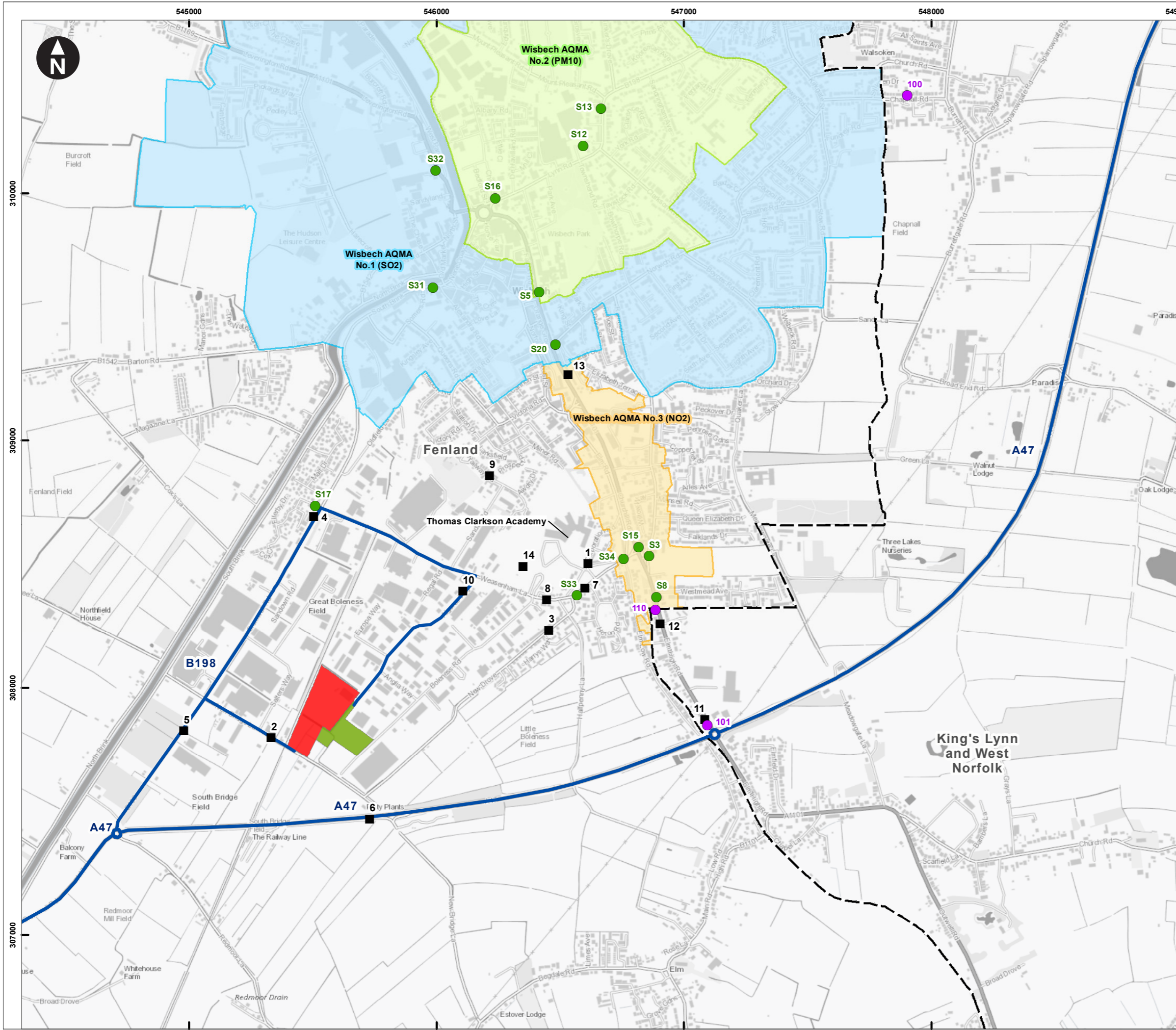


3m wide tarmac path
~£20k per 100m

What Next?



- Comms / engagement plan is under development
- We'll be seeking community / stakeholder input
- Once we know what stakeholder priorities are, we will develop options



Key

- EfW CHP Facility Site
- Temporary Construction Compound
- Local Authority boundary
- Construction vehicle routing

Air Quality Management Area

- Wisbech AQMA No.1 (SO2)
- Wisbech AQMA No.2 (PM10)
- Wisbech AQMA No.3 (NO2)

Scheme Specific Baseline Monitoring

- Air quality monitoring location

Fenland District Council

- Continuous automatic monitoring station
- Diffusion tube

Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

- Diffusion tube

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Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility DCO
Local Air Quality Monitoring Strategy (LAQMS)

Figure 1
Monitoring Locations in Wisbech and along Construction Traffic Routes