

LINKS TO OTHER INITIATIVES

Wisbech 2020

The Wisbech 2020 Vision began in 2012. Its aim is to regenerate the town and its surrounding area - making it **“a great place to work, live and visit.”**

It is a joint project, involving a wide range of partners, led from the outset by the Leaders of Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council and Stephen Barclay, MP for North-East Cambridgeshire. More information can be found online at www.wisbech2020vision.co.uk.

Wisbech Garden Town

This project is looking at the potential to bring 10,000-12,000 new homes into the area. This would be together with better transport links, more jobs and improved health, education and skills training for local people.

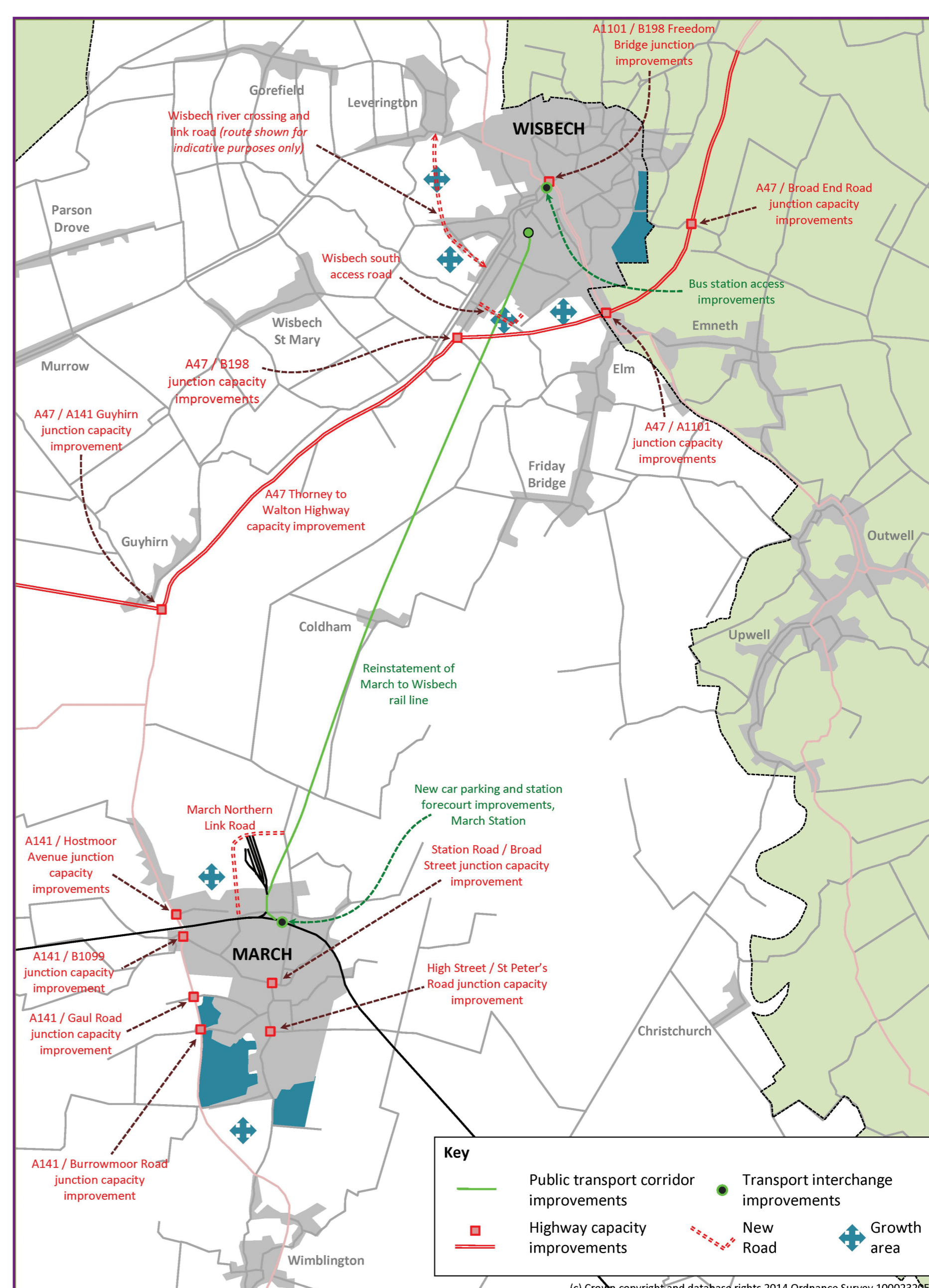
The main potential benefits for local people include:

- New and affordable homes, with the opportunity to self-build
- A new “Smart life” Modern Methods Construction college, giving greater educational opportunities in skills needed locally
- An improved town centre as businesses and investment are attracted into the area
- Improved rail and road transport links (such as a Wisbech-Cambridge rail link and A47 improvements)
- New schools and more healthcare provision to support the larger population

In June 2017 the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority approved a grant of £6.5million towards the Wisbech Garden Town Project. This funding includes £3.2million to deliver the next stage of the Wisbech-March railway line project. The remaining funding will investigate the most effective methods for attracting inward investment, improving transport links, boosting educational attainment and drawing tourists to the area.

Transport Strategies

STRATEGY	DATE OF STRATEGY	ISSUES & SCHEMES RAISED IN THE STRATEGY
Cambridgeshire Long Term Transport Strategy <i>(please also refer to the map opposite)</i>	2014	To facilitate new growth as set out in Local Plans across Cambridgeshire to 2031/2036. Issues and schemes for Fenland include A605 Kings Dyke Level Crossing at Whittlesey, A47 capacity improvements and the projects that make up the Wisbech Access Strategy.
Market Town Transport Strategy	2014	Sets out the transport issues in Wisbech and a strategy to address such issues including an action plan of schemes. Themes included are highways, passenger transport, and congestion, safety, walking and cycling.



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