

THE WISBECH ACCESS STRATEGY DRAFT PREFERRED PACKAGE

The draft Wisbech Access Strategy preferred option is package 7A. This is described below.

Short term to 2021		
SCHEME	DESCRIPTION	COST*
CR2	New Bridge Lane/Cromwell Road signals	£0.72m
SAR1	Southern Access Road	£1.63m
EH4	Weasenham Lane/Ramnoth Road junction improvement	£0.97m
EH1	A47/Elm High Road roundabout improvement	£1.08m
BER2	A47 Broad End Road Roundabout scheme	£3.43m
TOTAL		£7.84m

*Cost – this means the scheme cost plus a risk allowance of 20%. The costs also include 5% inflation per annum for 4 years.

The benefit to cost ratio (BCR) for the above short term package is 4.146 which is high.

The short term package above is the draft preferred recommendation for the £10.5million funding

Medium Term to 2026		
SCHEME	DESCRIPTION	COST
WLR1DS	Western Link Road (southern section)	£16.94m
NRC	New River Crossing	£9.84m
CR7c	A47/Cromwell Road Roundabout	£6.22m
FB5b	Freedom Bridge Roundabout	£4.45m
BS1a	Bus Station	£2.69m
EH3b	Relocated A47/Elm High Road Roundabout	£16.93m
EH7b	Elm High Road/Weasenham Lane roundabout	£4.71m
TOTAL		£61.78m

Long Term to 2031		
SCHEME	DESCRIPTION	COST
WLR1DN	Western Link Road (southern section)	£71.74m
TOTAL		£71.74m

Why package 7A is the draft preferred recommendation for the Wisbech Access Strategy?

- The short term package can be delivered within the current budget available
- The short term package prioritises schemes in known accident locations and in places that are currently congested
- The short term package maximises access arrangements and network capacity to deliver the housing and employment sites in the Fenland Local Plan
- The medium term package seeks to add in additional network capacity in places where there is congestion and accidents
- The full package offers flexibility in respect of which schemes are built when This relates to the timing that additional funding can be secured
- The full package delivers very significant benefits in comparison to the other packages