

# Welcome to the Wenden Road Public Consultation

Proposals to reallocate road space to cyclists, introduce a one way section, and install traffic calming:

- 450m one way section (northbound), north of Abbey Farm
- Traffic calming on the rest of Wenden Road

The proposals complement a separate casualty reduction scheme at the London Road (B1383) / Station Road junction



# Background

- The cycle route between Audley End station and Saffron Walden town centre is seen as a key route for cyclists and has the potential for significant growth
- Calls for improvements were first considered some years ago, and have been reinvigorated recently by local groups
- Several options have been investigated
- Proposals aim to encourage more cyclists along the route, particularly rail users



- Design work was approved by the Local Highways Panel in order to progress the scheme
- A meeting with local stakeholders was held on 29 October 2013
  - Stakeholders prefer one way option
  - Still a desire for a fully segregated route

The proposals presented today will cost in the region of £200,000 to implement.

A draft Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed one way section will be published on 27 February 2014.



# Alternatives considered

- Off road facility (the ideal solution):
  - Online widening to provide segregated cycle path
  - Offline path for some sections
  - A full segregated cycle route is not deliverable in the short term, though funding opportunities will be explored
  - Cost (£1m+), engineering and land ownership issues



- Road closed as a through route (except for buses and cycles and access only):
  - Would affect general traffic all day
  - Some security concerns by cyclists
- One way facility south west bound

**A one way north east bound scheme has been progressed, as this provides the most acceptable solution:**

- Allows the junctions to work (better than south west bound)
- Traffic avoids the school in the morning peak, but goes past it in the evening when less of an issue

