

Waterbeach Community Forum – Summary (1 July 2026)

Welcome & Greenway Update

- Forum opened by Cllr Anna Bradnam; forums are for information-sharing rather than formal planning decisions.
- Residents encouraged to complete consultation on the future of Community Forums.
- Greenway northern section remains at preliminary design stage, with surveys underway and community engagement planned later in 2026.

RLW Estates / Waterbeach Development Company Update

- Eastern development has consent for approximately 4,500 homes.
- Focus remains on enabling infrastructure including the haul road, railway station, pumping station and first-phase design work.
- Questions focused on climate resilience, solar provision, housing density and delivery timescales.
- First occupations cannot occur until the relocated station and key road links are operational.

Anglian Water

- New pumping station and twin 8km rising mains proposed to transfer wastewater to Cambridge Water Recycling Centre.
- Existing Waterbeach treatment works will eventually be decommissioned.
- Milton Water Recycling Centre will be expanded rather than relocated.
- Concerns raised about odour, construction traffic, Chesterton Fen sewer connections and Bannold Road impacts.

Urban & Civic – Development Update

- Bridge now open and widely used.
- A10 roundabout approved and link road progressing.
- Key Phase 2 planning application submitted for 2,700 homes plus schools and town centre facilities.
- Primary school construction underway with expected opening in 2028.
- Community, health and rental housing projects progressing.
- Discussion focused on engagement, antisocial behaviour and sustainability measures.

GCP / Network Rail - Relocated Railway Station

- Haul road substantially complete and detailed station design progressing.
- Construction expected to begin around September 2026 with opening targeted for May 2028.
- Network Rail confirmed closure of the existing station remains part of the proposal.

- Residents strongly challenged the closure, citing community impact, growth pressures and station accessibility.
- Questions raised on shelters, facilities, solar provision, shuttle bus services and station design quality.
- Calls made for greater community involvement in the final station design.

General Q&A / Discussion

- Questions raised about archaeological works, construction impacts and resident communications.
- Further work continues on Bannold Road/High Street/Denny End Road junction proposals.
- Next forum provisionally scheduled for 4 November 2026.