

VeloCity:
Oxford to Cambridge Regional Corridor
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Project Statement

The 'corridor', spanning Cambridge, Milton Keynes and Oxford is one of the most productive and fastest growing knowledge networks in the United Kingdom. Significant new rail infrastructure is planned to assist accessibility and connectivity. Alongside this, Government predictions state that the corridor needs to accommodate in excess of one million new homes. In pursuit of this ambition, the National Infrastructure Commission ran an international design competition to develop conceptual proposals that creatively link new infrastructure with sustainable placemaking.

In response, VeloCity was devised by an expert team of placemakers and is a unique region in the UK no longer dependent on the car and supported by a network of fast rail and road links that connect major towns and cities.

It comprises a 'polycentric' cluster of new and 'expanded' villages, which are connected to one another by a fine grained network of cycle routes and within cycling distance of new/existing rail stations. The village clusters are supported by the necessary social, environmental and economic infrastructure to enable them to operate in a sustainable manner within their environmental limits. Cycling as the mainstream form of movement has shaped the way places are planned and the way people communicate and relate to one another, forming resilient, intergenerational communities and a strong identity for this progressive region.

The proposal was selected from 48 entries as the winner of the competition and the team is working with potential partners to help facilitate the delivery of the ideas and strategies contained within the VeloCity proposition.