

The Proposals – Fenland

Below are the 5 routes we are introducing or improving, subject to procurement. Each route has been developed following discussions with residents. More information on each route is available by scrolling down.

Ref No.	Original Suggestion	Further information	Additional Notes
11	68 (Wisbech)	Enhanced days and hours of operation, plus extending route to include Morrisons, including a consideration of a Saturday service	
12	31/33	Later evening journeys to Whittlesey (also serving Amazon and McCains)	Need to understand requirements linked to shift patterns at employer sites
13	New service connecting Christchurch to Wisbech and Downham Market. New service between Chatteris – Manea rail station – Christchurch – Wisbech, co-ordinated with train times at Manea	Engagement with incumbent operator on Route 60. Draft route and timetable developed – Chatteris to Wisbech via Christchurch and Manea	
14	Enhancement on Peterborough to March route with extension to Chatteris and Ely	Covered under revised Ely Zipper proposals (East Cambridgeshire)	
15	Improvements to Chatteris – March – Whittlesey – Wisbech corridor	Assess existing contracts and commercial services to develop improvements	
16	New Demand Responsive Transport trial. Collaborating with the community to define a service zone that offers maximum coverage to rural communities	Initial zones identified	

Ref 11 – Service 68 (Wisbech)

Proposal

Enhanced days and hours of operation, plus extending route to include Morrisons, including a consideration of a Saturday service

Route would divert from Weasenham Lane to loop to Elm High Road roundabout via Morrisons/B&Q before returning to normal route

Characteristics & Metrics

Operating Environment	Provides a connection for Wisbech residents to Morrisons
Service Category	Contract
Passenger Catchment	7,998
Trip Generation	215,946
Expected single journey/round trip time	Within existing timetable
Headway & PVR	60 mins/ One existing

Main Points Served

Frequency

Orchard House	Hourly (9:30-13:30)
Rosmini Centre	Hourly (9:30-13:30)
Tesco	Hourly (9:30-13:30)

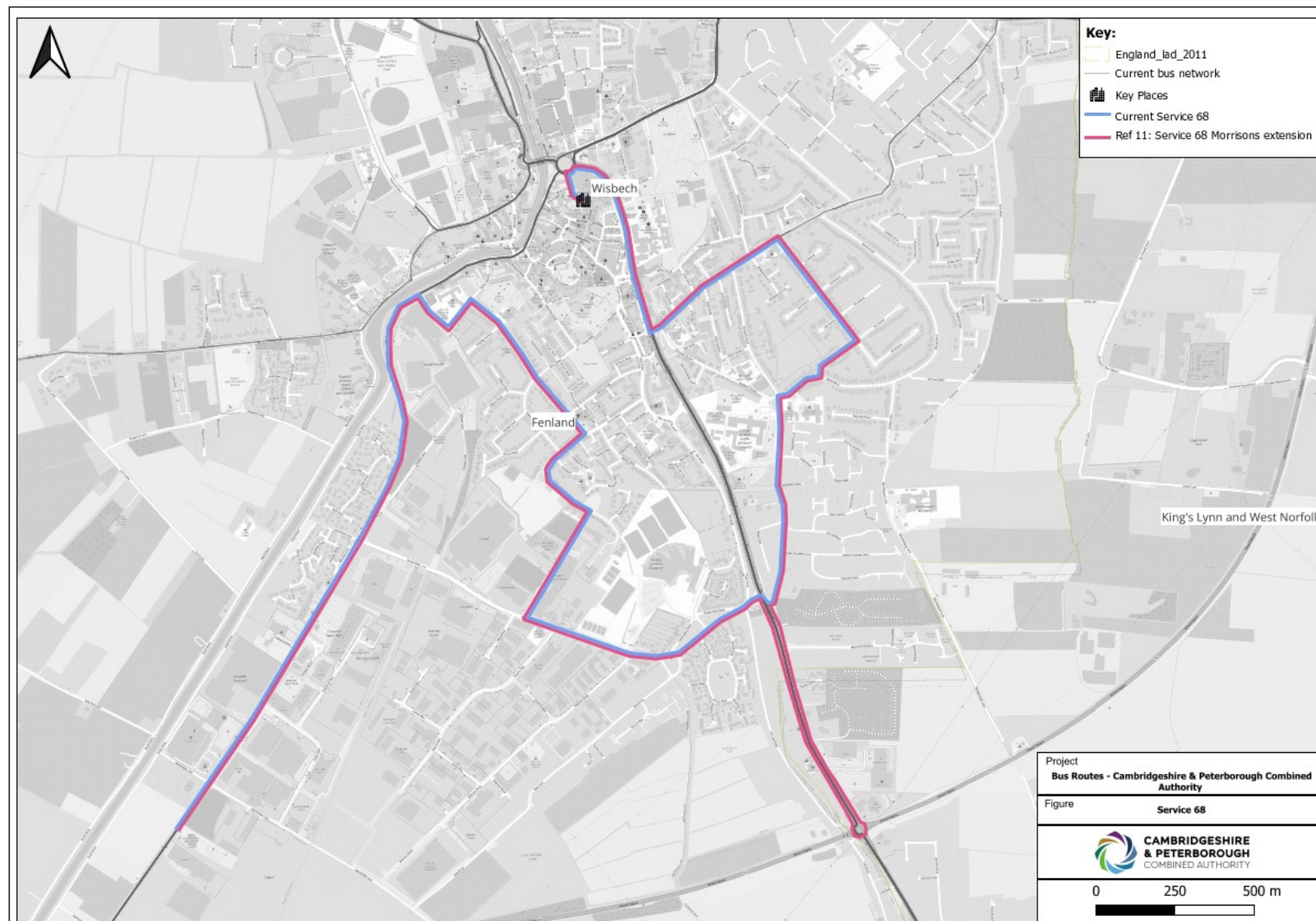
Opportunity

Extend existing route to include Morrisons, ideally within existing resource – Elm High Road is already served by service 56 and 60 (2 buses per hour)

Would need consideration of the timetable, as the service is currently assumed to only operate with one vehicle.

Need to quantify scale of ask in terms of days and hours of operation for enhancement in order to quantify resource required

Ref 11 – Service 68 (Wisbech)



Ref 12 – Route 31/33

Proposal

31/33 - Later evening journeys to Whittlesey (also serving Amazon and McCains)

Service currently operates until around 19:00 on Monday to Saturday, two hourly on each service with 1 PVR on each

Characteristics & Metrics

Operating Environment	To connect Whittlesey to employment sites
Service Category	33 Commercial/ 31 Partial Contract
Passenger Catchment	31 = 14,739; 33 = 18,469
Trip Generation	31 = 397,953; 33 = 498,663
Expected round trip time	Depending on route diversion
Headway & PVR	60 mins/ Two existing

Main Points Served

Route 31	Route 33
Ramsey (2 hours)	March (2 hours)
Pondersbridge (2 hours)	Coates (2 hours)
Whittlesey (Hourly but uneven)	
Stanground (Hourly but uneven)	

Opportunity

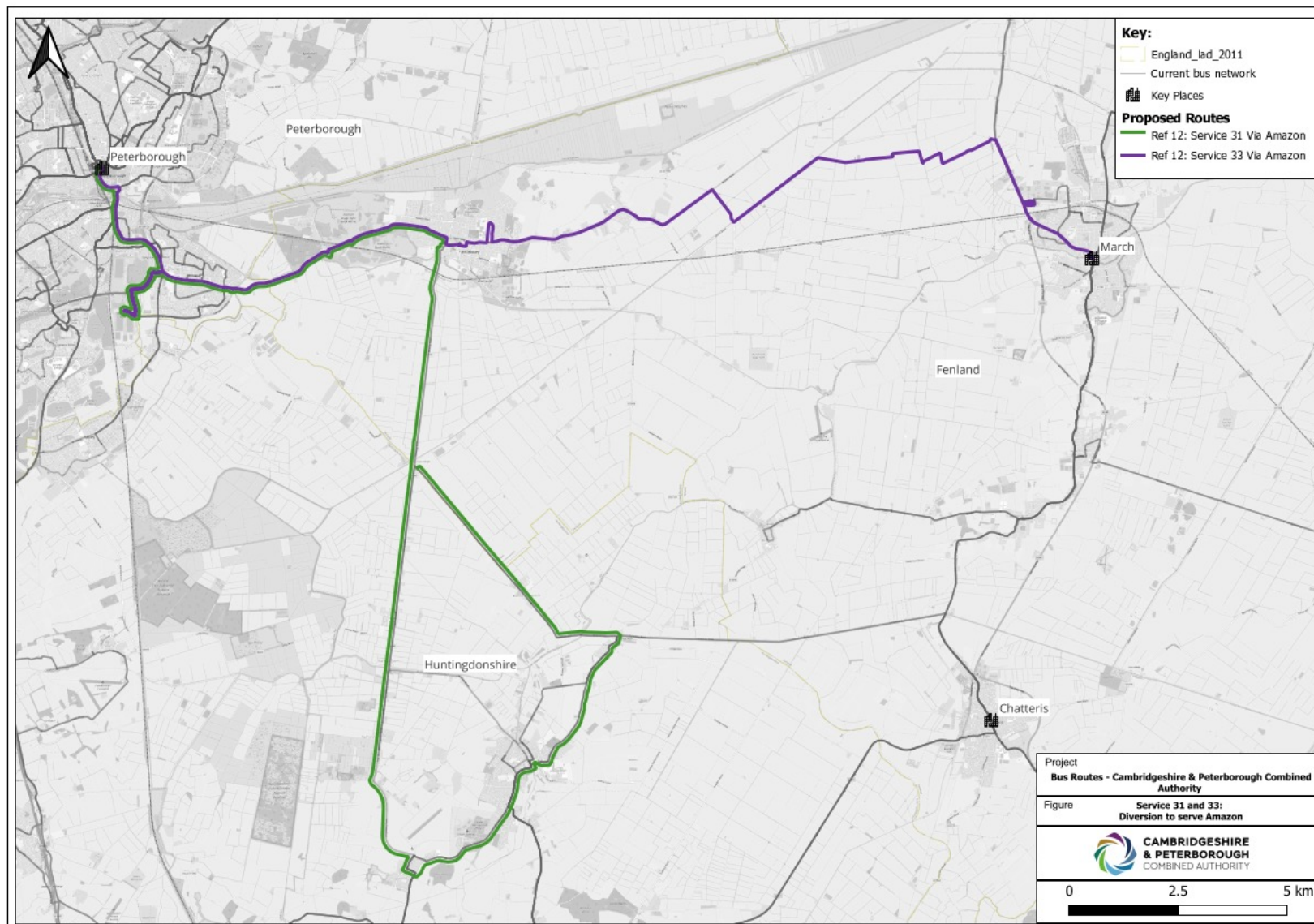
The existing service(s) would need to be diverted to serve both McCain and Amazon sites. Later evening journeys would require additional resource.

Further information from employers would enable a targeted approach to additional journeys

Ref 12 – Route 31/33



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Ref 13 – Wisbech –Chatteris



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Proposal

New service connecting Christchurch to Wisbech and Downham Market.

New service between Chatteris – Manea rail station – Christchurch – Wisbech, co-ordinated with train times at Manea

Engagement with incumbent operator on Route 60.

Characteristics & Metrics

Operating Environment	Connecting communities to towns, rail and other facilities
Service Category	Contract (Svc 60 and New)
Passenger Catchment	Chatteris = 4,395; Downham Market = 2,753
Trip Generation	Chatteris = 118,66; Downham Market = 74,331
Expected single journey/ round trip time	1h:17m/ 2h:44m (W-C) 0h:55m/2h:04m (W-DM)
Headway & PVR	60 +1 PVR, New 3 PVR

Main Points Served

Wisbech – Downham Market	Wisbech – Manea rail station - Chatteris
Downham Market (1 per day)	Manea rail station (hourly)
Three Holes (1-2 hours)	Christchurch (hourly)
Upwell (1-2 hours)	Three Holes (hourly)
	Upwell (hourly)

Opportunity

Extend existing route 60 to Downham Market during the day - Hourly

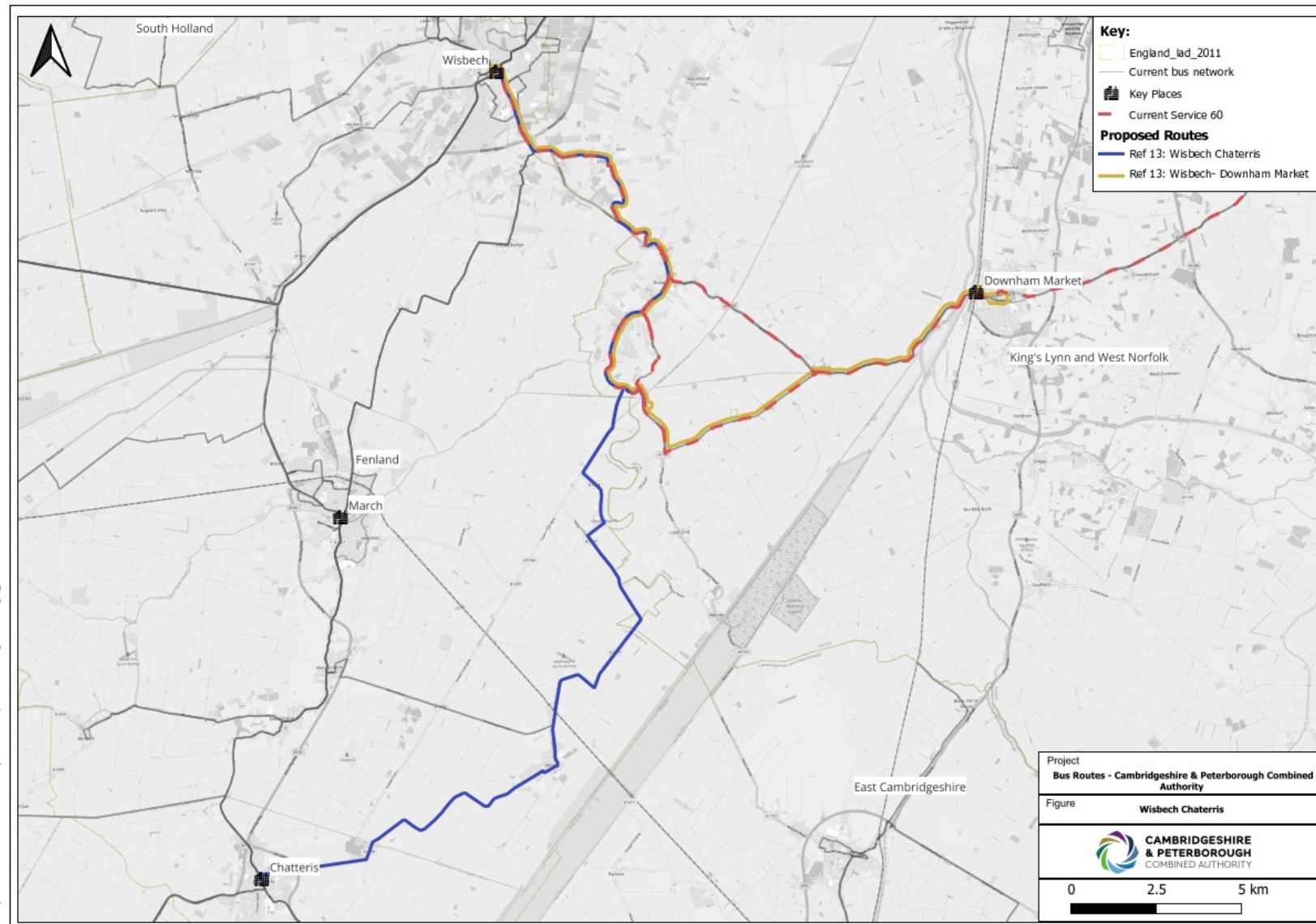
New service between Chatteris – Wisbech via Christchurch - Hourly

Connection Christchurch to Downham Market at Three Holes with timetable co-ordination.

Ref 13 – Wisbech –Chatteris



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Ref 14 – Ely – March

Proposal

Enhancement on Peterborough to March route with extension to Chatteris and Ely

Engagement with incumbent operator

Characteristics & Metrics

Operating Environment	Connecting March, Chatteris & Ely to intermediate settlements
Service Category	Commercial 33, Contracted Zipper
Passenger Catchment	Zipper 2 = 14,413
Trip Generation	Zipper 2 = 389,151
Expected single journey/round trip time	0h:56m/1h:56m
Headway & PVR	60 mins/ 2PVR

Main Points Served

Frequency

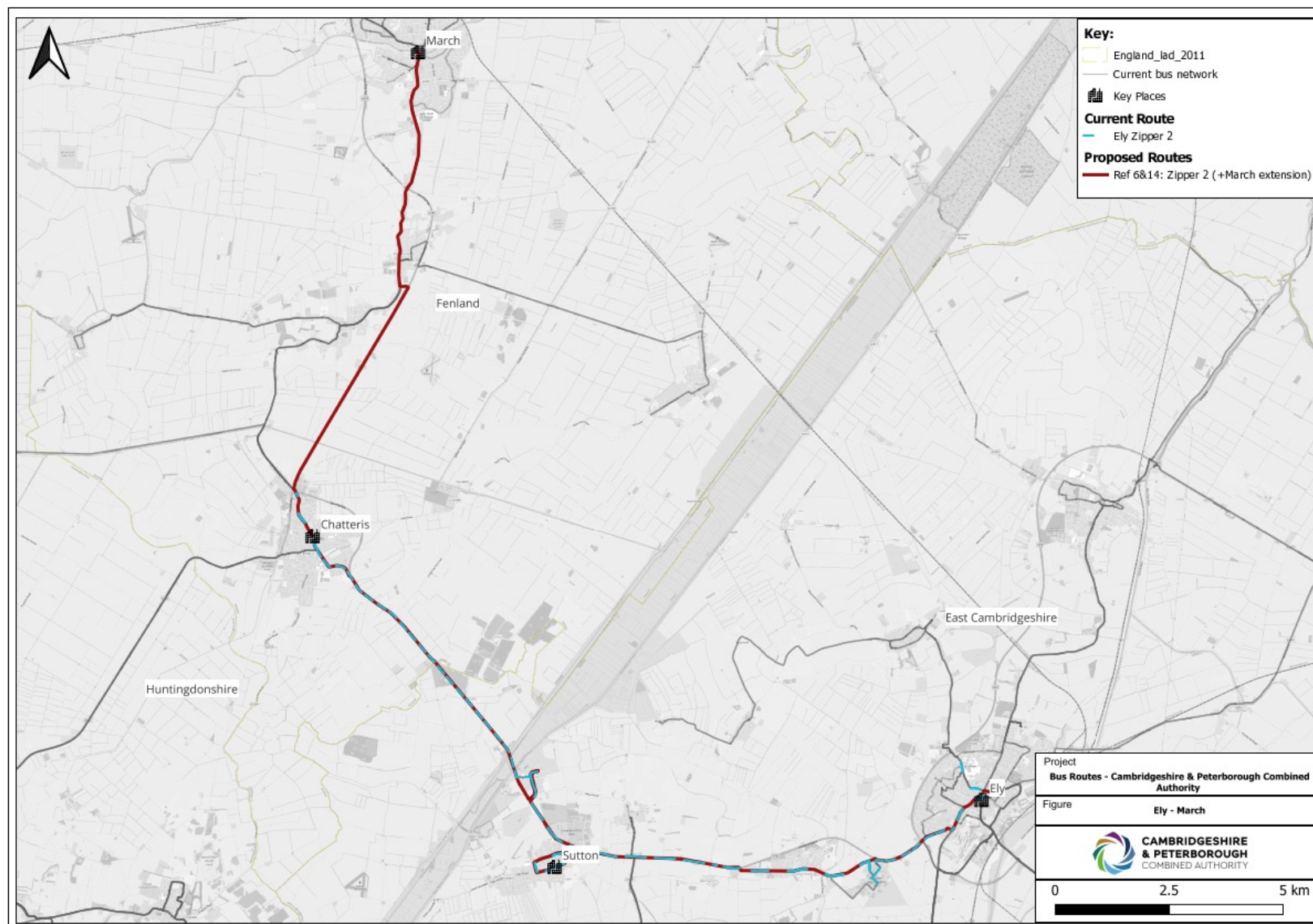
March	Hourly
Chatteris	Hourly
Sutton	Hourly
Ely	Hourly

Opportunity

Extension of existing service 33 was thought to create a route which was too long to remain reliable

Current proposal is to achieve the March – Ely connection by extending the Zipper 2 Service from Ely through to March (Ref 6)

Ref 14 – Ely – March



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Ref 15 - Chatteris – March – Whittlesey – Wisbech

Proposal

Improvements to Chatteris – March – Whittlesey – Wisbech corridor

Note: Map includes the following current routes:

- 33 Peterborough - March via Whittlesey
- Zipper 2 Chatteris - Ely
- 56 March – Wisbech
- New Chatteris – Wisbech service

Characteristics & Metrics

Operating Environment	Largely rural with connections to main centres
Service Category	Mixed Commercial and Contracted
Passenger Catchment	Covered on other slides
Trip Generation	
Expected single journey/round trip time	
Headway & PVR	

Service	Frequency
33	Every 2 hours
56	Hourly (to Wimblington)
56	Every 2 hours Manea & Benwick)
Zipper 2	Hourly

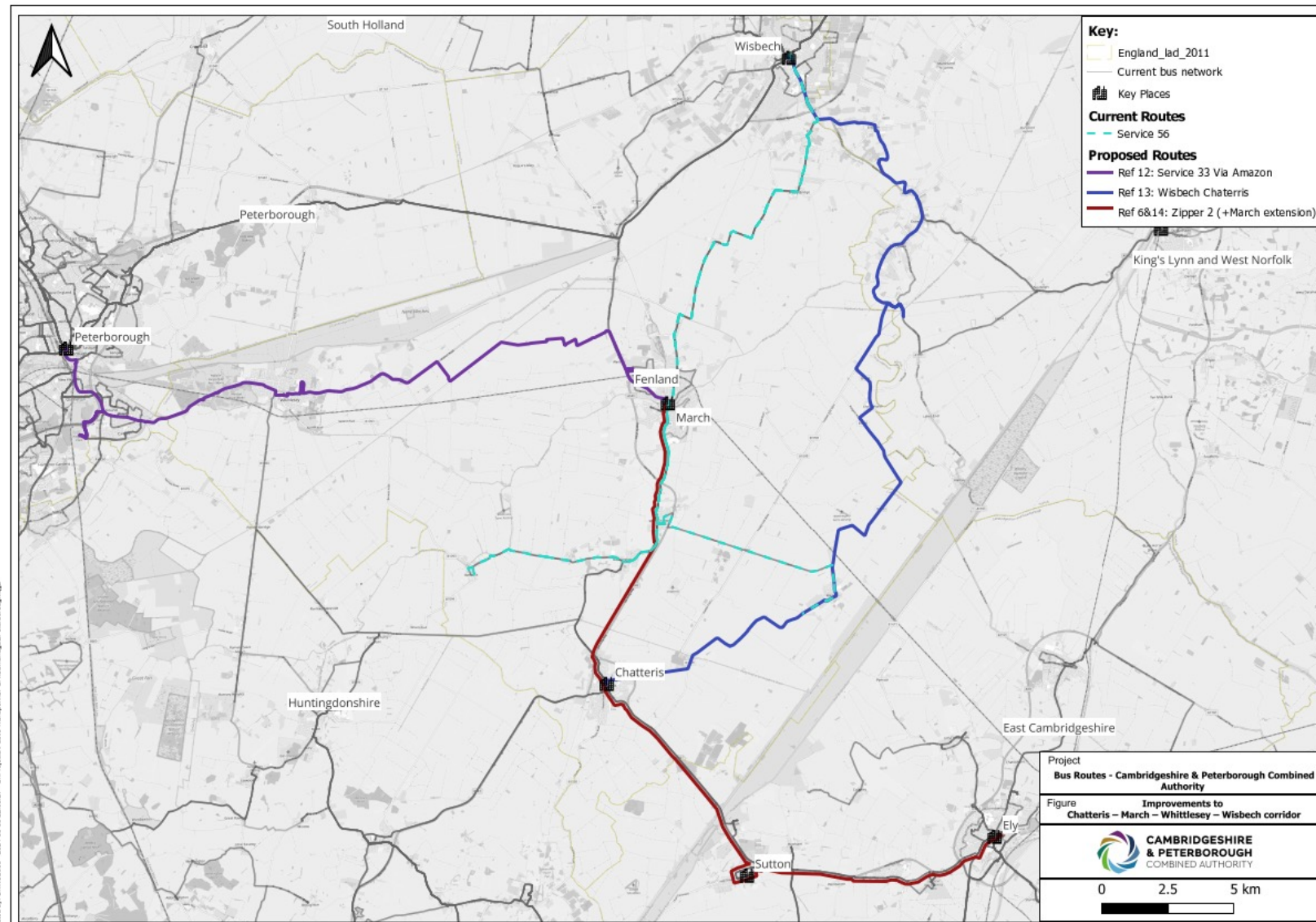
Opportunity

Suggestions are covered through a mix of Zipper 2 (Ref 6) and Chatteris Wisbech service (Ref 13)

Ref 15 - Chatteris – March – Whittlesey – Wisbech corridor



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Ref 16 –Demand Responsive Transport

Proposal

New Demand Responsive Transport trial. Collaborating with the community to define a service zone that offers maximum coverage to rural communities

Characteristics & Metrics

Operating Environment	DRT connecting rural and isolated communities
Service Category	New
Passenger Catchment	38,501
Trip Generation	1,039,527
Expected single journey/ round trip time	Within 60 minutes
Headway & PVR	60 mins/ One

Main Points Served

Chatteris	March
Manea	Christchurch
Wimblington	Benwick
Westry	Doddington

Opportunity

More effective matching of demand with provision, widening travel opportunities

May lead to the ability to remove or re-invest resource from lower frequency services

DRT Service	Area (miles ²)
Fenland	65.56

Ref 16 –Demand Responsive Transport

