

Walk 2: Oakington to Longstanton via the Airfield Road.

Note that most of this walk is along the roadway without footpaths. The road is supposed to be closed to ordinary motor traffic but this is widely abused. Please take care.

This walk starts at the White Horse Public House. Head north-west along Longstanton Road initially on the footpath, until you have crossed the entrance to Lowbury Crescent.



About 100m after this the footpath ends.

You now need to walk on the edge of the road, but keep watch for motor traffic in both directions.

Walk past the last few houses in the village, with the old airfield to the right behind a line of trees.

You will pass the 30mph de-restriction sign, and then come to the sign showing that the road ahead is closed to most motor traffic. As you can see, it has little practical effect.



The road runs straight for about 1km, with mostly open fields to the left and the old airfield to the right.



In the next few years, this road will be crossed by the Southern Access Road into Northstowe, and you will have to cross this road using a Pegasus crossing.

On the right from time to time you can see the view across the old airfield. This will all be bricks in a few years. The cows in the photograph are longhorn cows, fairly unusual around here but better suited to brownfield grazing than other breeds.



The road then takes a turn to the right and heads towards the southern end of Longstanton St Michael. You can begin to see Longstanton across the fields.

After another 200m you come to the end of the traffic restricted zone, and shortly after you enter the 30mph restricted area of Longstanton. The road turns to the left and you will see the first properties of Longstanton.



Keep straight on for another 100m and you will arrive at St Michael's church, where this walk ends. There are other historic building in the St Michael's area of Longstanton.



Where next? You can either keep straight on into Longstanton Village, or turn right just after the church to come to a track leading to Rampton Drift, or you can turn left into Wilson's Road and follow the bridleway back to Oakington via Dry Drayton Road (see Walk number 1).