

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY – (16th November 2022)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Accepted / Rejected & Reason	Question
1.	Ely Cycling Campaign	Deputy Mayor Lewis Herbert	Accepted	<p>The Combined Authority wrote to both Ely Cycling Campaign and Smarter Cambridge Transport about sustainable/integrated and active travel in letters both dated 30 September 2021. These letters mentioned that the Authority would be looking to advertise for an Active Travel Tsar in the near future. Further announcements about recruitment were promised for the near future. The same letters mentioned that there were proposals to bring together interested parties within an Active Travel Forum.</p> <p>Please would the Authority provide an update to the progress made in appointing an Active Travel Tsar and also in inaugurating an Active Travel Forum.</p>
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	Deputy Mayor Lewis Herbert	Ely Cycling Campaign		<p>Thank you for your question. The Combined Authority is committed to developing and Active Travel Advocate (formerly Tsar) and an Active Travel Lead with a view to bring together interested parties within an Active Travel Forum.</p> <p>As you may be aware, the Combined Authority were invited to apply for over £800,000 of Capability and Ambition Funding from Active Travel England. If successful, this will enable us to further progress the role of Active Travel Advocate and Lead, alongside developing LCWIP projects and training.</p> <p>The Combined Authority is also trying to identify funds within its own budgets to ensure that the roles can continue beyond the funding from the Capability and Ambition Funding.</p> <p>We are currently awaiting the outcome of the Capability and Ambition Funding bid.</p>
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2	Paul	Deputy	Accepted	Network Rail's light rail team concluded in their "Wisbech to March: Potential for Light Rail" report (in

	Hollinghurst – Railfuture East Anglia	Mayor Lewis Herbert		<p>the information pack for this meeting) that a Tram-Train solution appeared the best credible light rail option for the reopening, and rates highly in a comparative analysis with other rail based options.</p> <p>In another part of Cambridgeshire the railway line to Haverhill was also assessed by Network Rail's light rail team as part of a Department for Transport Restoring Your Railway fund bid which was rated as "a good case for future development " about which they commented that "this proposal has potential as a Tram-Train scheme" and "a light rail solution would reduce capital infrastructure costs for the reinstatement to Haverhill. The development of a Tram-Train fleet in the area could also tie with other opportunities such as Wisbech."</p> <p>Does the CPCA see the potential of Network Rail's light rail team's stated view that Tram-Train is not only appropriate for the Wisbech reopening, but also for a Haverhill reopening, and will the CPCA work with Network Rail's light rail team to evaluate Tram-Train in Cambridgeshire covering both these reopening schemes, and including services through to Cambridge where paths are available? Such a study can be done irrespective of whatever decision is taken about the next step for the Wisbech reopening.</p>
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	Deputy Mayor Lewis Herbert	Paul Hollinghurst – Railfuture East Anglia		<p>Thank you for your question. The Wisbech Rail paper provides options for members to decide the approach to the reopening of the Wisbech line, including a proposal to undertake an Options Assessment Report to consider rail modes and providing the economic analysis to determine a preferred mode option.</p> <p>Given that government has not announced the future of the Ely Area Capacity Enhancements, the Options Assessment Report will consider the mode options for a Wisbech to March Service. The Option Assessment Report is to be undertaken by Network Rail with their light rail team contributing to this work.</p> <p>The Combined Authority cannot pre-empt the decision of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee or the potential outcome of the proposed Options Assessment Report if this is the approach Members decide to take.</p>
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3	Verity Stow	Deputy Mayor Lewis Herbert		Since the 18 bus has been replaced by Whippet, every day essential service times are cancelled. What is the board going to do to fix this? As the public are left stranded.
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