



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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Public questions

	Question from:	Question to:	Question:
1.	Dr Dorothy Ball, local resident	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson	<p>The Independent Climate Commission (ICC) initiated by the CPCA, reported over a year ago, with recommendations which this authority fully endorsed. The early effects of climate change have become very clear this year with a UK heatwave over 40 degrees, with droughts over Europe, in California, China & the Horn of Africa, with violent storms & floods, notably in Africa, Australia & Pakistan with melting glaciers, which in Switzerland were 6 x average levels, and worryingly huge areas of collapsing tundra.</p> <p>Another year has passed in this critical decade when we humans need to significantly reduce CO2 emissions, if we are to have any hope of mitigating the worst effects of a warming world</p> <p>Over this last year the CPCA <u>has</u> set up a working group, gathered information & reports, but to achieve what's required we need real changes & actions to happen.</p>

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			<p>Taking one aspect of the ICC's recommendations on active travel - healthier, cheaper & helping the environment, all so important during this cost of living crisis. Both carrots & sticks will be needed to bring about real change - improvements in infrastructure to make active travel easier & safer, and some disincentives to reduce car-use. Spending 2 weeks in Norway recently where my son now lives, I was struck by how many such measures are in place there. All vehicles entering Trondheim, a city the size of Peterborough or Cambridge, pay a toll dependant on vehicle type, for instance.</p> <p>So my question: What actual practical measures is the CPCA going to make happen over the next year to promote cycling, walking and safe operation of e-scooters, and to disincentivise car-use.</p>

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1.	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson	Dr Dorothy Ball	<p>The draft Local Transport and Connectivity Plan sets out key goals for the future of transport in the Combined Authority area and active travel is central to achieving these goals, including improving public health and the environment.</p> <p>As you may be aware, the new executive agency of the Department of Transport, Active Travel England, recently completed assessments of all local authorities focusing on three areas, Local Leadership and support for active travel, Local Cycling and Walking Improvement Plans (LCWIP) maturity and scheme delivery. The Combined Authority, working with its constituent councils, achieved a Level 2 (the range was between 0-4 [4 being high]) – this is a good result; the majority of authorities were in Level 1 and none were classed as Level 4.</p> <p>As a result, the Combined Authority was 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 schemes in the LCWIPs developing the pipeline of projects. The bid also included behavioural change measures to encourage people to take up active travel, training for transport staff, and funding to enable us to set up an active travel advocate.</p>

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			<p>The role of the advocate will work to promote active travel in the region, supported by an active travel lead dedicated to improving active travel in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Combined Authority is funding improvements to cycle and walking infrastructure, such as, enhancing the green wheel and enabling the construction of a footbridge over the river Nene in Peterborough. In addition to specific funding the Combined Authority is working to ensure our larger infrastructure investment includes active travel measures that are compliant with the latest guidance.</p> <p>The Combined Authority Board, on Wednesday, approved the extension of the e-scooter trial in Cambridge for a further 18 months. In the Queen's Speech in May this year the government announced its intention to introduce legislation on the future of transport in the new parliamentary session as part of a Transport Bill.</p> <p>A new independent low-speed, zero emission vehicle (LZEV) category is expected to be created and subsequently make regulations that will legalise e-scooters under new rules, as well as proposing new powers for local transport authorities to manage rental operations for pedal cycles, e-cycles, and e-scooters through a rental permit scheme. Timescales for the new legislation is not yet known, however, DfT will continue to engage with trial areas while legislation is being developed and will also consult publicly before any secondary regulations for e-scooters and the rental schemes are made.</p> <p>The Greater Cambridge Partnership recently launched a consultation, Making Connections, which is seeking views on the Making Connections proposals to transform the bus network and invest in walking and cycling through the introduction of a Sustainable Travel Zone. The consultation runs from noon on 17 October to noon on 23 December. You can visit the consultation here.</p>