

Appendix 1

Questions from O&S Committee for Transport Item – 24th January 2022:

Question	Response
<p>1. From Cllr Doug Dew: A1096 London Road St Ives - when proposals were brought forward for the re routing of the A14, these were supported by the then local authorities. It was generally accepted that most communities and roads would at worst be neutral or in many cases substantially better than they were before. In Huntingdonshire however it was accepted that 2 particular roads would be adversely affected and would carry more traffic than they had before. The first of these is Brampton Road in Huntingdon, which has some mitigation with the link roads to the now A1307. The second is the A1096 London Road, St Ives, where it was accepted that more traffic would use this road to access the now A1307 and new A14, as opposed to heading across the Fens as they had done before. Now that the new roads are complete it is noticeable that the volume of traffic, as anticipated, is increasing with a large volume of this being commercial traffic, which is causing concerns to the residents who live alongside this part of the A1096. This has become more so as unfortunately there have been a few major accidents, including one fatality recently, which involved a commercial vehicle. This increase is taking place even as due to Covid there have been less vehicles using this road whilst many have been working from home. I am extremely pleased to be supporting The Work Programme regarding the A141 around Huntingdon and the inclusion now of St Ives in this Transport study. However I am disappointed that all studies stop at the London Road / Harrison Road</p>	<p>I pleased to see the A141 Huntingdon and St Ives business case progress and equally delighted to see that the feasibility study implementation projects for St Ives are proposed to be brought forward. In relation to the A1096, this is not currently within the scope of these projects and to add it in at this point will undermine the great work done to date. Should Huntingdonshire District Council with Cambridgeshire County Council wish to sponsor a study on the A1096 and there be budget available then yes I would happily see it debated at the Transport and Infrastructure Committee with recommendations to the Combined Authority Board.</p> <p>I would however support sustainable transport solutions and investments as the priority to encourage people out of their cars first.</p>

<p>roundabout. This is exactly at the point where the road I am referring to joins. Could I please ask the Mayor if he would be prepared to ask Officers to expand the study to include this road all the way to the point where it joins the A1307?</p>	
<p>2. From Cllr Doug Dew: This is a question regarding cycling routes and active travel.</p> <p>I have been made aware that although St Ives to Huntingdon was identified as an important route for improvement within the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, but am advised by County Council, who would have to fund this, that there are no funds at present to implement this scheme.</p> <p>You were recently asked at a County Council / Parish forum regarding this route an indicated that HDC would need to include within their infrastructure plan but it is already there. As you can see The County have no funds to implement this and I was wondering if you would be prepared to engage in using active travel funds, or other similar funds you may have access to ?</p>	<p>In regard to the route you describe, Huntingdonshire District Council may have it in their plan, but they with Cambridgeshire County Council need to prioritise it as a budgetary ask through the appropriate governance processes for it to be considered and prioritised accordingly and I will be happy to see it progress through Transport and Infrastructure Committee with recommendation to the combined authority board where it can be debated appropriately.</p>
<p>3. From Cllr Judith Rippeth: How do you propose to support enhanced cycling infrastructure across the area to make it a viable alternative for more residents and commuters?"</p>	<p>In June last year shortly after my appointment as Mayor, decisions were taken by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council which challenged the Active Travel Funding already received and all future potential capability funding.</p> <p>I met with the Minister and his representative and assured him that as a practicing Dr, with public health and advocacy for transport improvements in cycling and walking that I would commit to working with both Highways Authorities to seek resolution to the challenges that made them make the decisions they did, to develop and dedicate resource to Active Travel and to seek to appoint an Active Travel Tsar.</p> <p>I am proud to say that as a result of that meeting, we saved the historic funding, we have subsequently received £558,268 additional funding</p>

	<p>reported at November Board and we are optimistic in relation to our additional bids that include Capability Tranche 3, Social Prescribing, Mini Hollands and bids for Tackling Loneliness that the team are working on now. Cambridgeshire County Council have appointed dedicated Active Travel lead and set up an active travel working group, the combined authority have appointed Sustrans to conduct a dedicated piece of evaluation work. travel as a prioritised mode of transport and securing budget in addition to the dedicated Capability Fund monies.</p> <p>My officers have engaged external support dedicated to cycling and walking and one of the first actions will be a survey of elected members in relation to cycling and walking.</p> <p>In addition combined authority officers are working closely with officers across the region and I am pleased to see working groups are becoming established with dedicated cycling and walking resource.</p> <p>This is a change to how the combined authority has prioritised cycling and walking historically and I will encourage continuation and growth in this area.</p>
<p>4. From Cllr Van De Weyer: Would the Mayor be able to update the committee about the current expectations for timescales for the different stages of the revised Local Transport and Connectivity Plan?</p>	<p>A paper is being presented at the CPCA board in January in relation to a proposed programme delay to consultation. Following the soft launch engagement and allied extensive engagement with elected members and officer groups across all the constituent parts of the CPCA, we have judged that the magnitude of comments provided suggests the requirement for a rewrite rather than the refresh that was originally envisaged. As a result, we are recommending that a 12-week consultation period is required and that this cannot fall across the pre-election period. During the pre-election period we will take the opportunity to work on refining and developing further the consultation materials, such that they are ready to be deployed on or around 10 May</p>
<p>5. From Cllr Corney:</p>	<p>I am very proud of the TING trial, I have had the pleasure of riding on it myself and all the indicators to date is that it is proving popular amongst a wide spectrum of users, young, older and business commuters.</p>

Was just wondering if there could be a question about the Mayors bus project 'Ting' and whether there are any early signs that it is viable and whether he see's it being pushed elsewhere? What are your thoughts? I'm not sure if this is already happening, I thought I heard something along these lines but I'm struggling to find anything.

The trial is scheduled to report progress shortly and then again at the end and a market research study will be undertaken to add to the data outputs. We are so encouraged though that we see a Mobility as a Service (MaaS) platform region wide as a next step, ultimately delivering seamless ticketing, journey planning, affordable and reliable connected travel across all modes of transport as our future in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.