

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY – (14th July 2021)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Accepted / Rejected & Reason	Question
1.	Mrs Sarah Lambert	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson	Accepted	<p>What will the CPCA do to rectify the dangerous situation it has created by funding the A10/A142 BP roundabout scheme last year, despite a road safety audit which made it clear that this would make it harder and more dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the A10? I understand the intention was to enable local business growth but doing this at the expense of vulnerable road users and making the Ely-Sutton route unappealing is in direct conflict with the CPCA's local transport plan, commitment to climate change and good planning principles.</p> <p>The previous administration of CPCA had suggested that this issue would be resolved as part of dualling the A10. This is not an acceptable response. That scheme, if it was funded, is many years in the future and is yet another example of a scheme that will induce greater levels of car use. In the meantime, people will be discouraged from using sustainable forms of travel, specifically, the Ely-Sutton route, which has cost a large amount of public money. Moreover, people who do continue to use the route are being put at risk. A short-term solution must be found to this huge mistake and there is provision in law for a temporary solution to be implemented quickly on a trial basis, while a better solution is developed.</p>
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	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson	Mrs Sarah Lambert		<i>[Given the similar theme of the 2 questions, the Mayor provided one response at the meeting to both questions that can be found below.]</i>
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2.	Cllr Lorna Dupré	Mayor Dr Nik	Accepted	Under the previous Mayor, funding from the Combined Authority was used to make changes to the A10/A142 'BP' roundabout at Ely. These changes resulted in this junction, already regarded as the most dangerous place in East Cambridgeshire for pedestrians and cyclists to cross, becoming even more of a hazard. This has resulted in injuries and acts as a deterrent to people

			<p>who would otherwise walk or cycle between Ely and villages to the west of the A10.</p> <p>Residents have been told that they will have to wait many years for this situation to be remedied by dualling the A10 from Milton to Ely. They are also told that the only permissible solution will be a multi-million-pound grade-separated crossing. But safety cannot wait.</p> <p>Will the new Mayor</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commit to rectifying now the dangerous situation Combined Authority funding has created at the A10/A142 'BP' roundabout at Ely? 2. Investigate as a matter of urgency the cost and feasibility of the installation of an at-grade crossing of the A10 near the roundabout, like the one recently installed near a roundabout elsewhere on the A10 at Waterbeach?"
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	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson	Cllr Lorna Dupré	<p>Safety is one of my priorities and one of the Combined Authority's and we need to take the question the member has raised very seriously. The Local Transport Plan commits the Authority to "vision zero" – the aim of eliminating accidents. The County Council is the Highways Authority and the Road Safety Authority. It would not be in the spirit of cooperation between authorities for the Committee to reach conclusions, without evidence, about matters which one of the Combined Authority's constituent authorities is responsible for, and to seek to second-guess a constituent authority. As Chair of the Committee, I will ask officers to discuss the point the member has raised with County colleagues and make a report back to us</p> <p>[In the meeting the Mayor gave a verbal commitment to Cllr Dupre to visit the A10/A142 'BP' roundabout at Ely with her]</p>