



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE &  
PETERBOROUGH MAYOR

Agenda Item No: 2.5

**Report title:** GCP Consultations (Waterbeach to Cambridge and Eastern Access)

**To:** Transport and Infrastructure Committee

**Meeting Date:** 06 January 2021

**Public report:** Yes

**Lead Member:** Mayor James Palmer

**From:** Paul Raynes  
Director of Delivery and Strategy

**Key decision:** No

**Forward Plan ref:** Not applicable

**Recommendations:** The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to:

- a) Submit to the Combined Authority Board the proposed consultation response commentary in relation to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Waterbeach to Cambridge proposals, with a recommendation that they are issued on behalf of the Combined Authority;
- b) Submit to the Combined Authority Board the proposed consultation response commentary in relation to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Greater Cambridge Partnership's Eastern Access proposals, with a recommendation that they are issued on behalf of the Combined Authority.

**Voting arrangements:** A simple majority of all Members.

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To outline the Combined Authority's response to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) *Waterbeach to Cambridge* and *Cambridge Eastern Access* consultations.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The Combined Authority values a close working relationship with the GCP, particularly on the development of key infrastructure projects such as the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM).
- 2.2 Economic growth across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has, over recent decades, not been matched by the provision of the appropriate transport infrastructure. To sustain future growth in the region, new infrastructure is essential to support the delivery of new jobs and new homes.
- 2.3 CAM will connect key regional centres of employment, existing settlements, key railway stations, new homes and planned growth, to create a platform for sustainable and inclusive growth. CAM will transform people's day-to-day lives, by connecting communities, creating new jobs and widening access to opportunities across the region.
- 2.4 The GCP undertook a consultation in relation to the *Waterbeach to Cambridge* project that closed on 14 December 2020. The *Cambridge Eastern Access Better Public Transport and Active Travel* public consultation closed on Friday 18 December. Both proposals form part of the GCP's transport programme. They are among the four corridor project schemes that form an integral part in the delivery of CAM. Combined Authority officers have agreed with GCP officers that the Authority's formal comments will be sent following discussion by the Transport & Infrastructure Committee and the Board, in line with the requirements of the Combined Authority's Constitution.
- 2.5 The proposed Combined Authority comments are attached at Appendix A and Appendix B. The GCP proposals for *Waterbeach to Cambridge* can be found [here](#). Whilst the GCP proposal for *Eastern Access* can be found [here](#).

## 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None at this stage directly in relation to the development and agreement of the *Waterbeach to Cambridge* or *Eastern Access* proposals; however, there will be a financial implication that will be accounted for when developing the CAM schemes.

## 4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The recommendations accord with CPCA's powers under Parts 3 and 4 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 (SI 2017/251).

4.2 The meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Parts 2 and 3 of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

## 5. Other Significant Implications

5.1 None

## 6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix A – the Combined Authority’s comments on the GCP’s *Waterbeach to Cambridge* proposals.

6.2 Appendix B – the Combined Authority’s comments on the GCP’s *Eastern Access* proposals.

## 7. Background Papers

7.1 None.