

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY – (6th March 2020)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Mr Alan Treacy	Mayor James Palmer	<p>The GCP signally failed to listen to residents' groups and carried out a purely nominal public consultation exercise on the Cambourne to Cambridge busway.</p> <p>Will the Combined Authority undertake to listen to the views of the Local Liaison Forum and residents in the villages affected when planning short term public transport improvements between Cambourne and key employment sites in Cambridge?</p>
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	Mayor James Palmer	Mr Alan Teacy	<p>As outlined in the paper, I am proposing that we should produce a strategy for the whole CAM network that will allow us to assess how far the route to the west of Cambridge needs to be re-considered, including the need to take into account the recent announcement around the alignment of East-West Rail. It is important that the two schemes genuinely complement each other and maximise the benefits to the people of Cambridgeshire through the provision of a genuine integrated public transport network. It is also necessary that individual components of the CAM network should be fully integrated into the overall vision for the metro.</p>
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2.	Dr Marilyn Treacy	Mayor James Palmer	<p>Residents of West Cambridge cautiously welcome your 28th February statement regarding the C2C busway on the Combined Authorities website. It has been evident to us for sometime that an interim solution is required for the residents of Cambourne. The decision regarding East West Rail reinforces this. There are short term alternatives which could be implemented at low cost and would better connect residents to sites of employment.</p> <p>The GCP C2C busway plans have been flawed from the start and GCP processes have been deceptive and less than transparent. The GCP preferred route is deeply unpopular with thousands of residents along the route and across Cambridge. It has a business case which has never stacked up whatever manipulations GCP</p>

			<p>have come up with. The route is an abomination for many residents of Hardwick, passes over N.T. covenanted land, CPPF land, through the greenbelt over one of the most prominent unspoilt natural environments in Cambridge. It would destroy that, a 100yr old orchard and the popular cycle way approach to and from the historic city via Adams Road. The destination of Grange Road has never made sense to commuters. Who is going to travel through the City to get to the biomedical campus?</p> <p>Can the mayor assure us that the GCPs preferred route will be confined to the scrap heap and that the Combined Authority will take a fresh look at the needs of current and future residents of West Cambridge?</p>
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	Mayor James Palmer	Dr Marilyn Treacy	Yes