

Liberal Democrat Altered Amendment to Agenda Item 9c: Proposed by Councillor Bick, Seconded by Councillor x

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As residents of Cambridge, City Councillors experience the impact of roadworks first hand, whether we are walking, wheeling, cycling, using public transport or driving. We know that this causes frustration and delays, adds to the costs for businesses, makes parents late to pick up children, or simply adds to the friction of daily life. While proper maintenance of the city's infrastructure is vital, with better planning, co-ordination and clearer information of roadworks for all reasons at least some of the cumulative burden could be reduced. ~~However, it appears that the County Council has no interest in limiting the impact of utility works and its own scheduled works on the residents of Cambridge, despite our significance within Cambridgeshire.~~

The purpose of this motion is to create a closer working relationship between City and County Councils with a view to managing the process ~~more~~ as effectively as possible. ~~It will also support the planned creation of a unitary authority. It seeks to ensure full use of roadworks, transport and environmental data, identify gaps in the evidence base and ensure that cumulative impacts are considered in future planning~~

This Council notes:

- Cambridge City Council receives regular roadworks bulletins, including 50 planned works and 18 full road closures between 16–30 September.
- These works affect roads, pavements and cycleways and can have wider impacts on public transport, accessibility, air quality and movement across the city
- ~~There is currently no comprehensive modelling~~ Skilled, data-based judgement is necessary of how cumulative works and closures impact congestion, movement across the city, bus reliability, or air quality.
- Full use of highways authority legal powers in managing the rights of private developers and utilities companies, together with the scheduling of highways improvement projects are needed to

minimise disruption to road users including walking, wheeling and cycling accessibility.

This Council believes:

- Robust data gathering, modelling and impact analysis are essential for effective transport and infrastructure planning.
- ~~Uncoordinated closures without clear assessment place unnecessary strain on residents, public transport operators and businesses, and worsen air quality.~~
- Effective co-ordination and assessment of significant roadworks and closures helps reduce unnecessary disruption to residents, public transport operators and businesses, and support consideration of impacts on air quality

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This Council resolves:

- To recommend the Chair of the Performance, Assets & Strategy Overview & Scrutiny Committee to invite representatives of the County Highways Authority to a public scrutiny session to discuss their current powers and processes for regulating works on the city's road network and opportunities to optimise the performance for all road users through further co-operation with the city council and other stakeholders
- At this session to encourage members to seek a shared understanding of:
 - The data sources that are utilised, the role of modelling and the potential impact on outcomes of expanding these;
 - Public information practices and the scope to publish a long range plan;
 - The parameters for the highways authority to regulate, based on its legal powers and the rights of other parties, and the existence of realistic alternative approaches which could improve the user's experience.
- ~~To write to Cambridgeshire County Council, as Highway Authority, requesting full liaison with Cambridge City Council and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to ensure:~~
 - ~~1. Systematic data gathering and impact analysis of roadworks and closures, shared between authorities.~~
 - ~~2. Integration of this data into current and future transport and infrastructure planning.~~

- ~~To request continued liaison with the CPCA on the best use of this data for forward planning.~~

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