

Dear Chair and Spokes of Planning & Transport Scrutiny Committee,

As mentioned in the briefing paper sent with this decision on Friday 19 July, please see below the revised sections provided by the County:

## **A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET DETAILED DESIGN CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

### Impacts on Cambridge, and interaction with the Greater Cambridge Partnership's transport programme

The presented traffic forecast data presented does not quantify changes in traffic flows from the A428 into Cambridge as a result of the scheme, either on the A1303 Madingley Road, or on other Cambridge radials including the A603 Barton Road, A1309 Hauxton Road, B1049 Histon Road and A1309 Milton Road. It does however show significantly increased levels of traffic on the A428 to the east of the Caxton Gibbet junction.

The radial roads into Cambridge and the main road network in the city centre cannot cope with additional peak period traffic, and significant peak spreading is already evident in the city. The transport programme of the Greater Cambridge Partnership is focussed on reducing traffic levels and congestion in Cambridge while at the same time providing new transport capacity to allow for continued economic and housing growth. The Cambridge Autonomous Metro proposals promoted by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority builds on and enhances the GCP's public transport proposals.

It is critically important that the A428 proposals do not simply feed additional traffic into this congested network, but are planned to integrate with the GCP programme, and particularly the Cambourne to Cambridge better public transport project.

### Impacts on and opportunities from East West Rail

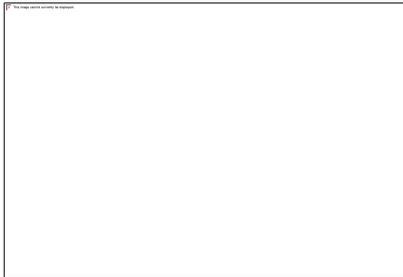
Is the scheme forecasting looking at scenarios with and without the East West Rail Central Section route options between the Bedford area and Cambridge that are currently under consideration? What is the impact of the scheme on projected patronage on the East West Rail Central Section compared to a scenario with East West Rail and without the A428 improvement?

After this, all members of the Scrutiny Committee will be informed of the decision and it will be formally reported back at the next meeting.

Kind regards

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