

## Committee Action Sheet – West/Central Area Committee

Meeting Date: 10/09/20

Updated on: DD/MM/YY

Agenda item: Cycle theft from central train station cycle park// Minute reference: 19/25/wcac q3

- Action: Councillors Matthews and Martinelli to continue to monitor/be involved with efforts to improve cycle security.
  - Progress:
    - Meeting with Greater Anglia in August where agreement on an Area Management Plan was achieved.
    - Council will convene a cycle crime task group involving the police, cycle groups and other interested partners and including Neighbourhood Watch representative).
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Agenda item: Castle Mound // Minute reference: 20/5/WAC

- Action: Councillor Chadwick to monitor Suffolk County Council progress on determining rights of way and town green status.
  - Progress:
    - Noted that Suffolk CC deferred a decision in the summer and have not yet confirmed when it is to be re-considered.
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### Open Forum

- Action: Travellers on the McManus Estate-Head of Environmental Services to receive update and report back to Ward Councillors. Also to investigate mitigation measures to avoid repeat same time next year.
- Lead Member: Councillor Payne
- Progress:
- Action: Air pollution on Histon Road- Head of Environmental Services to follow up the issues raised and co-ordinate with response to North Area Committee (as it was also raised at that Committee).
- Lead Member: Councillor Matthews
- Progress: Update 30 September 2020 Histon Road has two diffusion tubes which provide a monthly data point for Nitrogen

Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) concentrations and are part of our passive NO<sub>2</sub> network of more than 70 locations across the City. Nitrogen dioxide concentrations are the reason for our designating an Air Quality Management Area for central Cambridge and remain close to national objective levels in some city locations although in recent years have generally been below the annual mean objective of 40ug/m<sup>3</sup>. In terms of the Histon road tubes levels are in the mid to high 20s over Page 4 the last few years so well below the objective. Particulate matter which is measured at two size fractions (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) at a limited number of fixed monitoring stations in the City and South Cambridgeshire appears to be of more concern to residents and has a stronger association with health impacts. A monitor is operated by Highways England at the Junction of Histon Road and Huntingdon Road required by the DCO for the A14 improvement project. South Cambridgeshire district Council also run monitoring stations on Huntingdon road near Girton and within Orchard Park. In terms of a City the Size of Cambridge this is a very comprehensive monitoring provision for particulate matter. There are legal health based objectives only for PM<sub>10</sub> in the UK and monitoring in the City shows we are well within those objectives at sites with far greater local emissions than those experienced at Histon Road. Our advice therefore is that the monitoring in place is sufficient to give a good measure of any significant impact of the work and the likelihood is that concentrations of key pollutants will remain well within the current legal healthbased objectives' Page 5 The Principal Scientific Officer has also provided some additional comment re: HRARA questions about particulate air pollution: Public health data indicates in 2017, 47 deaths in Cambridge (5.6%) could be attributed to Particulate Air Pollution. HRARA asked: 47 deaths in 2017 – how many today? Answer: 'The data this is based on is derived from a Public Health England Study using 2017 figures for excess mortality due to PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels. There isn't any more recent data and Public Health England's role is now uncertain following Govt. announcements earlier this year. No local authority has the resources or access to medical data necessary to calculate the mortality figures independently. Current levels of particulate matter monitored in Cambridge are similar or lower than levels in 2017 and so derived mortality figures are likely to be similar or lower than in 2017 also.

- Action: Parking enforcement on East Road. To be monitored in response to public comment.
- Lead Member: County Councillor Harrison
- Progress:

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