

Public question received for EAC

The first set is for the Making Connections - City Access item:

"What policy risk assessments have GCP officers made on their proposals that led to significant public protests several years ago, including but not limited to the Cambridge end of the Cambourne-Cambridge proposed busway, and congestion charging?"

"What analysis have GCP officers undertaken/commissioned on elasticities of demand regarding congestion charging? Have they read any literature on the likely reduction in traffic from different levels of charging both with light-rail-based substitutes, and bus-only substitutes available? Do they have contingency plans in place if revenues from charging are much higher or much lower than forecast?"

For the Cambridge Eastern Access

"What assessment have officers made of past historical studies and proposals for improved Eastern Access into Cambridge? (Including but not limited to the Cambridge Futures2 study, the airport proposals from the late 2000s, and other proposals stored in the Cambridgeshire Collection and County Archives).

"Do officers accept that whatever proposals they come up with for Newmarket Road, the additional number of homes and the future direction of development in East Cambridge means that road will never have the capacity to transport such an increased number of people into the city centre?"

"What direct conversations are GCP officers having with the senior management, and fans forums of Cambridge United Football Club regarding Eastern Access given the traffic congestion on match days?"

For the Local Plan:

"Re Cambridge United FC's women's team, for as long as I can remember the team has had to play its home matches outside of the city, sometimes outside of the county. What scope within the local plan is there for a new ground for the club, esp given the rising popularity of women's football and the number of women and girls taking up the sport?"

"Was the previous local plan (2006) a success? Is there a report that you can publish and publicise that highlights whether the city built the amount of social housing the plan said was needed? Did it build the overall number of homes that was planned?"

"I am concerned about the accuracy of some of your consultants' reports, in particular on leisure facilities such as swimming pools, and Cambridge's night life. I am concerned that your consultants are not sufficiently modelling for demand for such facilities that comes from outside Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. What is the formal process for challenging the conclusions of consultants?"