

# **AGENDA**

## **LOCAL LIAISON FORUM**

**14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016 at 19:00 - 21:30**

**COTON PARISH VILLAGE HALL**

- 1           **Introductions**
- 2           **Notes of Last Meeting**
- 3           **Terms of Reference and meeting format**
- 4           **Demand Management**  
Speaker: Rod Cantrill, City Councillor, Newnham
- 5           **Viability of the busway and the sustainability of Cambourne and other A428 settlements**  
Speaker: Steve Jones, Chair of Coalition of 22 Parish Councils
- 6           **Process and communication**  
Speaker: Rod Cantrill, City Councillor (Newnham)
- 7           **Results of Western Orbital Consultation**  
Speaker, Tim Watkins, Cambridgeshire County Council
- 8           **Tidal bus solution on Madingley Hill**  
Speaker: Gabriel Fox, Vice-Chair, Coton Parish Council
- 9           **Bus priority routes through West Cambridge site**  
Heather Topol, West Cambridge Project Director,  
University of Cambridge
- 10          **Remodelling the M11 bridge, Jn 13**  
Speaker: Ashley Heller, Cambridgeshire County Council
- 11          **West Cambridge Park and Ride sites**  
Speakers: Bev Edwards, Chair, Barton Parish Council  
Edward Byam-Cook, Chair, Madingley Parish Council  
Niall O'Byrne, Chair, Harston Parish Council
- 12          **Any other business**

**In its role as representing a range of local views to the Project Board, the Chair proposes the following draft resolutions for adoption under the relevant agenda item.**

**RESOLUTION 1 (Agenda item 4)**

The forum believes that the steps the City Deal has taken in relation to the western bus corridor lacks strategic overview. The Forum requests that, before any additional road infrastructure is decided upon, demand management options are explored and their impacts assessed. Such demand management options should include residents' parking, employers' car parking levy, and congestion charging.

**RESOLUTION 2 (Agenda item 5)**

The Forum asks that proposals for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway and Western Orbital be reviewed to clarify how they will improve the sustainability of Cambourne and the new A428 settlements. No final decision should be taken on either scheme until this has been done, and a full business case that includes bus operational impacts and viability is completed.

**RESOLUTION 3 (Agenda item 6)**

In view of widespread criticism of previous consultations run by City Deal, the Forum proposes that planners consult with its members, before any future consultation documents are issued, in order to ensure more positive engagement. In particular, the Forum requests that particular care is taken to ensure the accuracy of all factual information, including maps, in consultation documents.

**RESOLUTION 4 (Agenda item 7)**

The Forum considers that insufficient evidence has been provided on the projected usage and commercial viability of the Western Orbital to justify the expense and environmental damage of an off-road solution. More evidence is requested.

**RESOLUTION 5 (Agenda item 8)**

The Forum notes overwhelming public opposition to off-road busway proposals either side of Madingley Hill (Area 1 North & Area 1 South). It also notes it is 'considered potentially possible to implement a tidal bus lane along the stretch of Madingley Road between the Madingley Mulch Roundabout and the M11 bridge' (Atkins, Technical Note, 1/2/16). Should the City Deal Board select one of the off-road options, the Forum would strongly object on the grounds that an on-road dedicated bus lane, on this stretch of the road, amply satisfies the aims of the scheme in terms of speed and reliability. It would therefore consider the expense, environmental damage and negative impact on the neighbouring villages, of that selected off-road alternative, not to be justified.

**RESOLUTION 6 (Agenda item 9)**

The Forum understands that discussions have taken place between City Deal planners and the University as regards a route through the West Cambridge site for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway. The Forum requests more information on these discussions and the routes being considered.

**RESOLUTION 7 (Agenda item 10)**

The Forum notes that considerable work has been undertaken to assess various options for remodelling the M11 bridge at junction 13. It also notes that one proposal for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway requires spending up to £50 million on a new bus-only bridge across the M11. The Forum suggests that, should the City Deal Board select an option using the existing bridge, measures should be included to ensure it better serves all traffic, as well as providing bus priority. This would deliver greater economic benefit, and would thus represent a better use of City Deal funds.

**RESOLUTION 8 (Agenda item 11)**

The Forum supports a new Park and Ride along the A428 corridor. However, should the City Deal Board select the Madingley Mulch Roundabout for a Park & Ride location, the Forum would object as it considers Scotland Farm to be a better location.

**RESOLUTION 9 (Agenda item 11)**

Should a Park and Cycle site be approved at J12 by the City Deal Board, the Forum considers that the locations proposed by Barton Parish Council to be safer and easier to access.

**RESOLUTION 10 (Agenda item 11)**

The Forum recognises the peak time traffic problems on the A10 South, and supports Harston and Hauxton Parish Councils in asking officers to investigate siting the new Park and Ride south of Harston instead of at Hauxton. Foxton is suggested with its train station offering a choice of travel.