

Sunday 25 April 2021

Dear Mr Swann,

Covering note for the Local Liaison Forum's submission to the Independent Audit to the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway scheme

This note accompanies the submission on behalf of the Local Liaison Forum written by its 'Technical Group' – a representative selection of its members selected by Chair, Helen Bradbury and accepted, unopposed, by its members.

This group comprises the following people, all of whom have been members of the LLF for the past five years, and have witnessed all interactions with the Greater Cambridge Partnership in the development of the preferred option of the scheme:

Steve Jones	Parish Councillor, Bourn Convenor of the 22 Parish Councils West of Cambridge
Grenville Chamberlain	District Councillor, Hardwick Vice-Chair, LLF
Gabriel Fox	Parish Councillor, Coton
Markus Gehring	City Councillor, Newnham
James Littlewood	CEO, Cambridge Past Present and Future (CambridgePPF)

This submission is grounded in the long list of resolutions agreed by the LLF, and requests to the GCP over the past five years, culminating in the following resolution, passed unopposed in June 2020, and again in December 2020.

The LLF opposes a premature decision on the current Cambourne to Cambridge busway scheme. It is unfit for purpose, anachronistic and environmentally damaging, and is now out of step with emerging proposals for EW Rail & CAM.

The LLF recommends a pause until:

- (i) The Mayor's CAM consultation has concluded, and his proposed route - suitable for autonomous vehicles, MRT and adaptable into a metro – is published.*
- (ii) The location of the new EWR station in Cambourne is confirmed, and the business case for the busway re-worked in light of its impact. This is a multi-billion pound scheme that needs to be thoroughly understood first.*

In the meantime, we support the development of interim high-quality bus priority measures and/or improved services on existing infrastructure, that can support the local plan and provide immediate transport benefits to key employment locations whilst the bigger picture falls into place.

I am very happy to provide further clarification in any of the points made in the accompanying document.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Bradbury
Chair, LLF, Cambourne to Cambridge busway