

Greater Cambridge Citizens' Assembly

Follow up workshop

22 September 2020



Your recommendations – progress to date



February – agreement of initial action

- Report formally received by Joint Assembly and Executive Board in January and February 2020, alongside technical work on congestion, public transport, air quality and zero carbon
- Joint Assembly welcomed the report and urged action on the recommendations, echoing call to ‘be bold and be brave’
- Executive Board agreed immediate action on several areas:
 - Improvements to bus services, an expanded electric bus pilot and development of a bus fare pilot;
 - Phased programme of city-centre road closures, school and community road closures;
 - Adding additional cycle parking and expanding access to ebikes and ecargo bikes;
 - Freight pilot for the city centre; and
 - Developing an integrated parking strategy



June – GCP response to the Citizens’ Assembly

“We have heard your call to ‘Be brave, be bold, and take action’... I’m proud to see such a pioneering and innovative form of deliberative democracy being used to shape our plans” Aidan Van de Weyer, GCP Chair

The GCP:

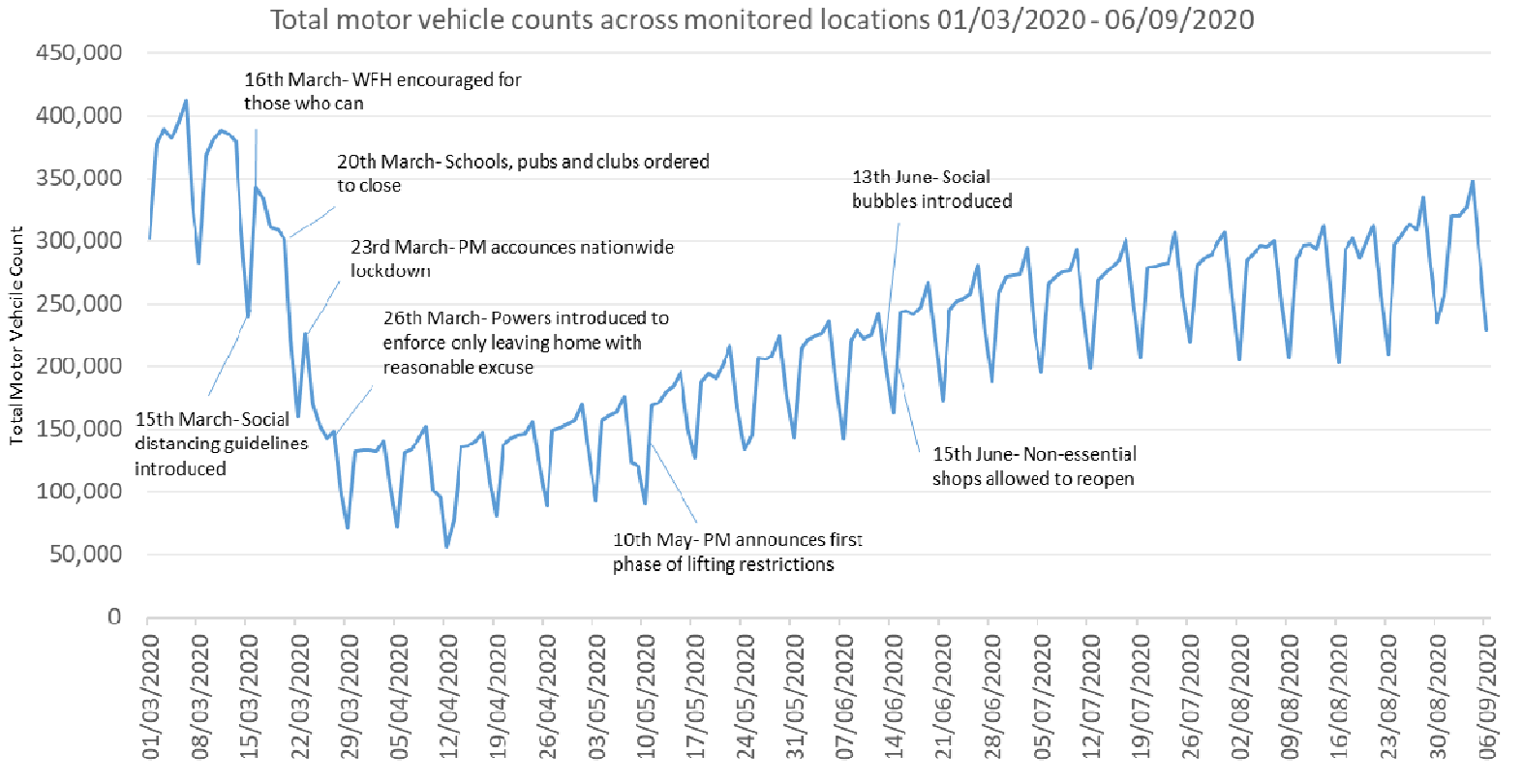
- **Supports the vision** set out by the Citizens’ Assembly and will seek to bring forward proposals to meet it;
- Is taking forward a series of **short-term interventions**, prioritising those that respond to the Covid-19 context – road space reallocation implemented in August;
- Will build on this initial response by **developing packages** of longer-term measures, for consideration by Joint Assembly and Executive Board in November and December;
- Agrees with the **principles** that public transport should come first, that measures should be fair, and that money raised should be ringfenced for transport in Greater Cambridge and wider area;
- Will keep participants **engaged and updated**, and report regularly on progress.



What has happened to transport in Greater Cambridge during Covid-19?



Traffic levels in the city are still lower than pre-covid, but rising



In the city:

56% reduction in daily traffic flows in **April** against pre-covid levels

Has risen to:

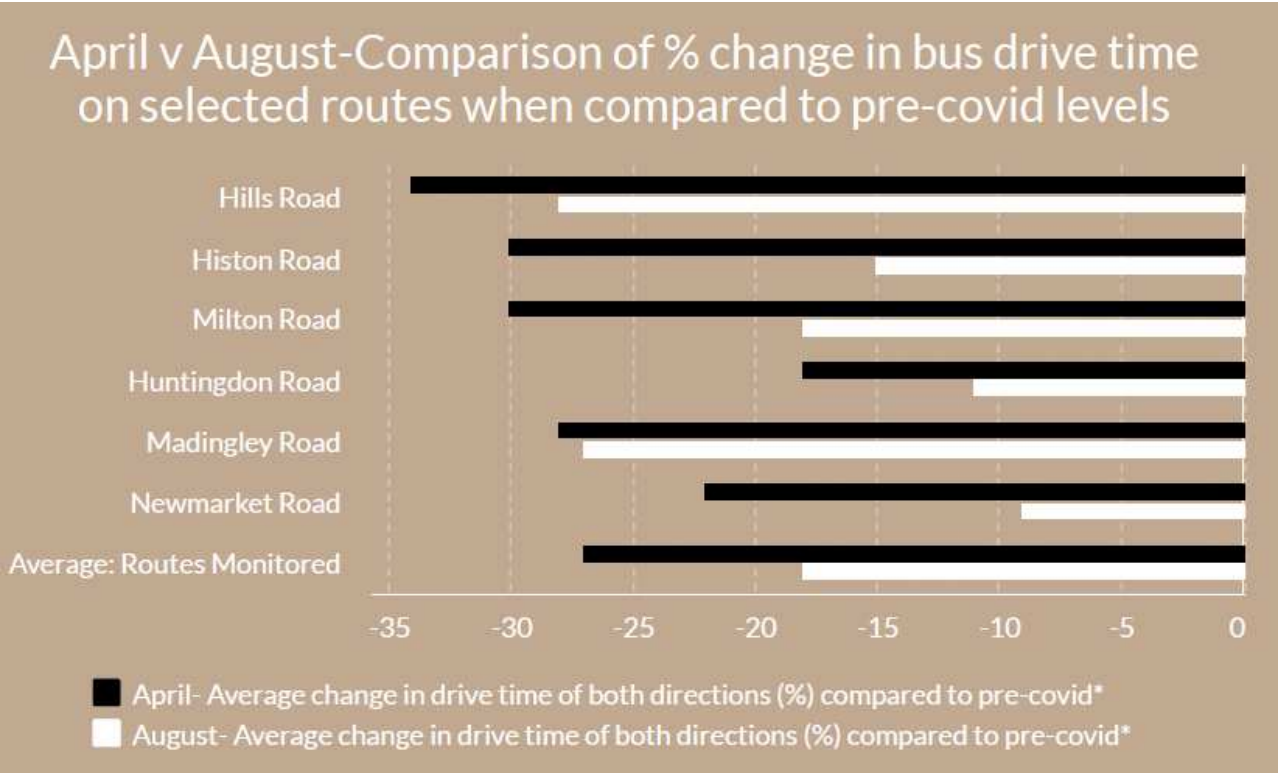
23% reduction in daily traffic flows in **August** against pre-covid levels

Across Cambridgeshire:

3% increase in daily traffic flows in **August** against pre-covid levels



Journey times have improved and air pollution has reduced, but both are now rising



37% average reduction in recorded NO2 against predicted levels in April

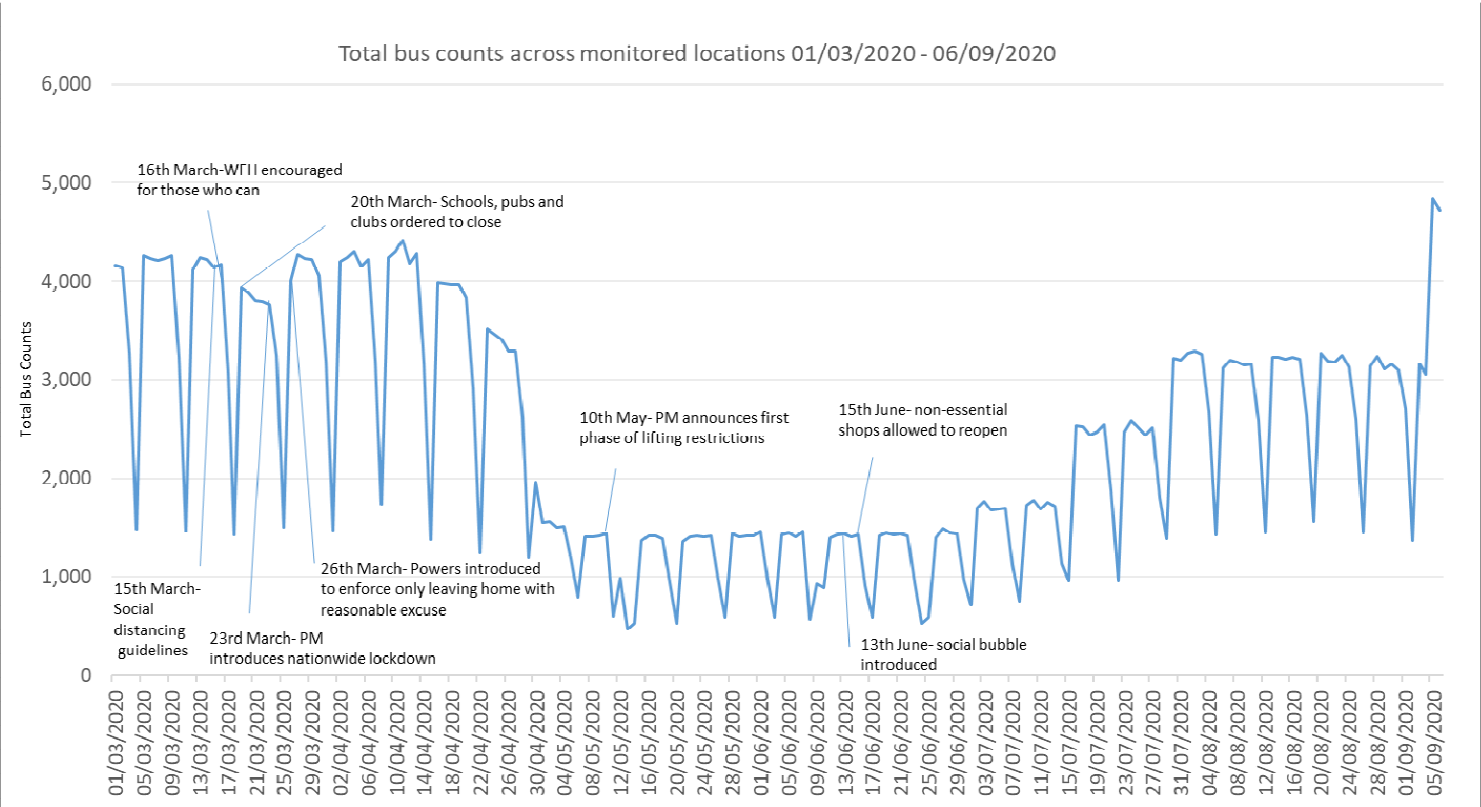
has increased to a



6.2% average reduction in recorded NO2 against predicted levels in August



Fewer people are using public transport – bus and train services currently supported by government funding

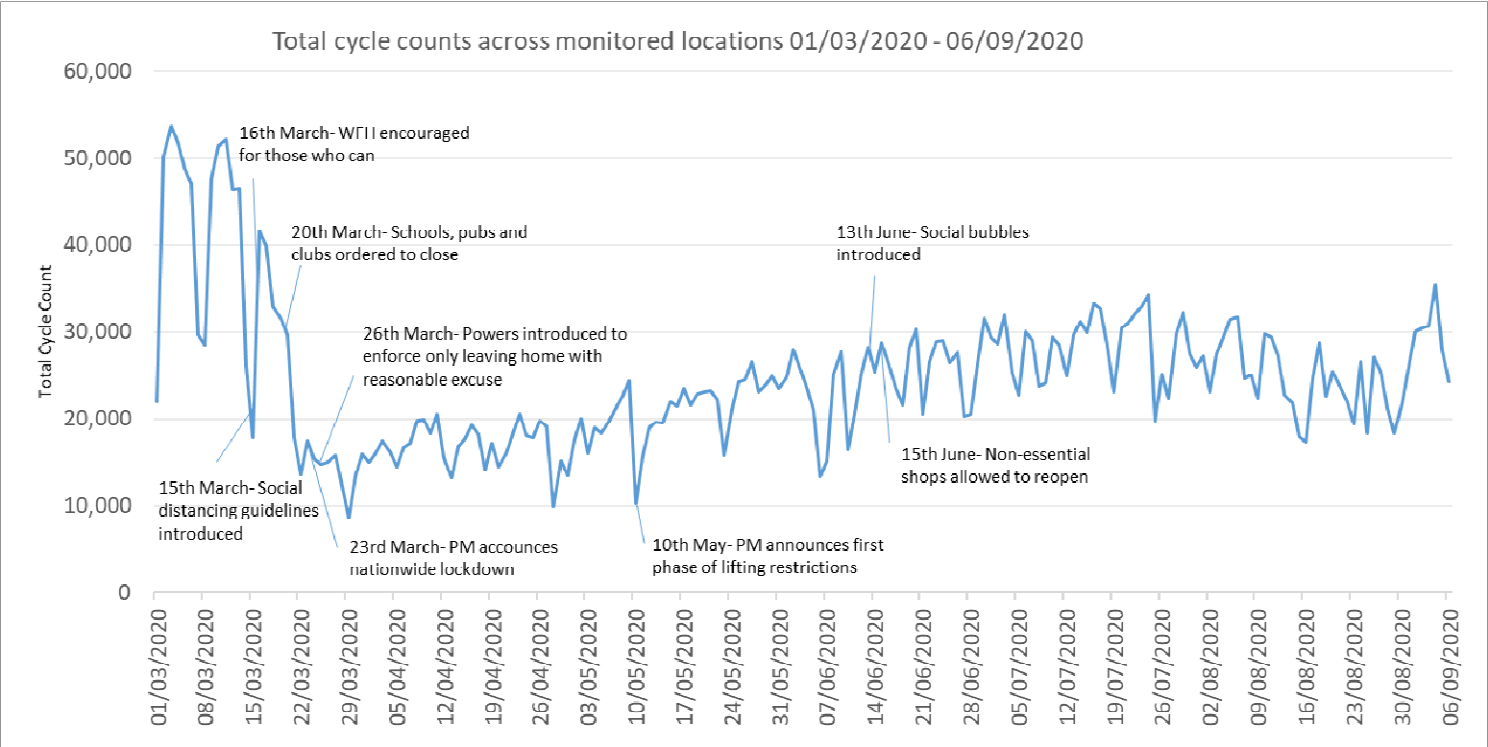


94% reduction in busway use in April

c.70% current reduction in passenger numbers for bus and train services



Walking and cycling levels rising but remain lower than usual due to fewer people commuting to a workplace



In Cambridge City, workplace visits in August were still 49% lower than in January
(google mobility data)

