

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY – (30th January 2019)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Alex Skinner	Mayor James Palmer	<p>Milton Road in Cambridge has possibly the worst bus services of any major road in Cambridge. Time and again locals have told me that there simply aren't buses going where they need to go, when they need to go. There are only two buses an hour stopping on this road north of Gilbert Road and only one of these serves the Cambridge North Station. The buses also 'serve' the Science Park which has the highest proportion of car usage of any major employment site in Cambridge. I wonder why.</p> <p>Last year Whippet decided to stop both the Guided Bus C bus serving stops on Milton Road and the X3, serving Papworth. You managed to save the X3 but the Guided Bus C stopped running, halving the frequency of buses stopping on Milton Road at a stroke. Residents feel that buses just pass them by as it is a major route for Park and Ride and the Guided Bus, nearly all of which don't stop in Milton Road.</p> <p>I welcome the proposal in the Bus Review for high frequency city bus services. What will you be doing in the short and medium term to improve the bus service for residents of the Milton Road area, and in the long term what would your target for the frequency of buses serving Milton Road be?</p>
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2.	Dr. Marilyn Treacy	Mayor James Palmer	<p>I will attend to ask the following question which concerns the Arup Report and the Cambourne to Cambridge Transport corridor.</p> <p>In today's papers On P71 it is stated that <i>Meanwhile, in October, the Cambourne to Cambridge transport corridor phase of the</i></p>

project received a significant boost as the Combined Authority Board agreed to a series of findings from a review which confirmed it as the first phase of a wider CAM system. This refers to the Arup A428 Report Draft 1 , 17 October 2018 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority CAM Expert Advice- A paper that contains three and a half pages of text and has been described by many as not being worth the paper it is written on. An FOI https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/arup_a428 has revealed that in October Rachel Stopard of GCP sent the following email copied to the CA

Email from Rachel Stoppard to Joanna Rowelle cc Chris Twig Subject CAM A4284 assembly report [31st October](#)

*Thanks Joanna. The CA meeting is this morning so will be interesting to see what is said, but I'm just trying to answer the criticism of the Arup appendix to the CA report that it is too light, by doing all we can to pad out what comes to GCP. People are literally quoting the £thousand per page, so we want this to show there was more substantial thinking behind it while focusing mainly on the 428 and not attempting to be the SOBC in any way. Just including some of the uncontroversial context of what exists anyway will help I think. Sorry I know this is a pain – will help us all in the long run
Rachel*

Version2 of this paper, with substantial edits from Rachel Stopard was produced for the Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly by Arup on behalf of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) and the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) on 15 November 2018.It contained no further detail of substance. It is scandalous that decisions on the proposed route of the C2C corridor involving the spending of >£157m of taxpayers money are supposedly being made on such superficial evidence with cosmetic edits by the GCP.

My question is

Is the more likely explanation of a route through the green belt, the rural village of Coton and The West Fields buried on P84 of the meeting papers under the section on 'Garden Villages'?

			<p>This states, <i>In connection with the CAM project, potential garden village sites will be identified along the prospective CAM route, with steps taken to ensure those can be put forward for new garden village communities made sustainable by CAM connectivity.</i> This would be greenbelt development by the back door.</p>
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	Richard Wood	Mayor James Palmer	<p>Cambridge Area Bus Users welcomes the publication of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's strategic bus review, almost two years after the first official Combined Authority meeting.</p> <p>Our group support Mayor Palmer's aspirations for integrated multi-mode public transport, with roles for conventional rail, guided light transport, sub-surface and conventional buses.</p> <p>Passengers, however cannot ride on aspirations and there is, currently, a crisis in local bus services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What improvements to bus services will you implement within six months? • What improvements to bus services will you implement within one year? • What improvements to bus services will you implement within two years? • What improvements to bus services do you envisage thereafter?
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