



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

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I write with reference to your request received on 20 September 2018 reference CA20. Please find the response below.

Q1. What are your authority's policy priorities for local rail transport? Do you support rail as a key transport element?

The combined Authority, under its statutory obligation as the Transport Authority is currently developing a new Local Transport plan which will set out the Authority's transport objectives and priorities. This will consider the infrastructure demand across a number of modes and identify infrastructure opportunities in rail and road solutions. Consultation on this document will happen early in 2019. Until the publication of the new transport plan, the Interim transport plan that has been published covers current priorities and opportunities. The document can be found at:

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Transport/Interim-Transport-Plan-170628.pdf>

This does though represent more in the way of developing priorities than policies and these are generally what are referred to below.

Q2. Has your authority adopted a policy to support or advocate the reinstatement of any passenger rail services falling within the categories shown below? If you have route mileages, cost estimates or Benefit Cost Ratios (BCRs) for any such rail routes please provide information/links to any such policy documents.

Under C below we are currently assessing and developing business cases to understand opportunities to reinstate the disused Wisbech to March rail line.

- (a) Express service (fast, high speed, long distance, Inter City, Eurostar etc.)*
- (b) Regional service (semi-fast, limited stop, inter-urban, commuter etc.)*
- (c) Local service (stopping, commuter etc.)*
- (d) Metro (suburban, stopping, commuter, overground etc.)*
- (e) Subway/Underground/Tube (urban, stopping, part underground)*
- (f) Light Rail/Tram/Tramtrains etc (urban, stopping, bus equivalent)*

- (g) **Heritage/tourist** (steam, diesel, electric – please state if narrow not standard gauge)
 (h) **Other** (please provide further information).

Q3. Has your authority adopted a policy to support or advocate the reinstatement of any local freight rail services falling within the categories shown below? If you have route mileages, cost estimates or Benefit Cost Ratios (BCRs) for any such rail routes please provide information/links to any such policy documents. No

- (a) **Intermodal (container) freight** (e.g. freightliner shipping containers, waste trains)
 (b) **Trainload haul** (e.g. bulk like metals, oil, construction materials, coal, biomass)
 (c) **Cars or other vehicles** (e.g. BMW, Jaguar Land Rover, Ford, including international)
 (d) **General freight** (e.g. timber, packaged goods e.g. such Asda and Tesco rail, vegetables etc.).

Q4. Has your authority adopted a policy to support or advocate the reinstatement of, or new-build construction of, any railway stations on existing rail lines (i.e. those currently operational)? If so, please provide information/links to any such policy documents.

Soham Rail station – we currently considering a new station on an existing line that passes through Soham. A Business Case for this document will come forward end of 2018 as part of CPCA review process into the opportunity.

Ongoing reviews of the Wisbech to March rail line to identify if there is a requirement for new stations.

Review of Rail provision at Cambridge South.

Q5. Has your authority adopted a policy to support or advocate the reinstatement of, or new-build construction of, any local freight facilities (such as freight sidings or inland freight terminals), whether on reopened or newly built rail lines? If so, please provide information/links to any such policy documents. No

Q6. How much funding is your authority providing and/or has it authorised funding for:

Feasibility and business case studies are ongoing. Funding allocation for delivery will be decided on the completion of this process.

- (a) **Rail infrastructure** (e.g. new track, pointwork, signalling, bridges, platforms, stations, refurbishment)
 (b) **Rail vehicles** (locomotives, coaches, wagons)
 (c) **Rail services**
 (d) **Railway enhancement** (e.g. station refurbishment, bus and cycle facilities, CCTV, heritage refurbishment)?

If so, please confirm whether the service is jointly funded by any other public authority or public body.

Q7. In respect of any projects for new rail services being supported by your authority:

- (a) Please give the title and rail route of each project and (anticipated) date of completion;

Soham New station - between Ely Dock Junction (near Ely, Cambridgeshire) and Chippenham Junction (near Newmarket, Suffolk). The delivery programme is currently being developed.

- (b) Please confirm whether any Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) has been derived for each project, and if so, what value(s) have been attributed;

Ongoing development of business cases to set the BCRs for the rail projects

- (c) Please state the budgeted expenditure of each project;

See Q6 – feasibility only at this stage

If possible, please provide a breakdown of the categories of expenditure. Please include sources. Please refer to CPCA's September Board report, Item 2.4 <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-combined-authority-board-4/?date=2018-09-26>

- (d) Please confirm the amount of funding being provided by your authority, or which could be provided, and the activity being supported;

- (e) Please state the total track mileage of each rail route project;

- (f) Please state each terminus and station on the route;

- (g) For new project(s), please indicate whether the stations are new, re-opened, renovated etc.

Fenland Stations regeneration = all stations existing

- (h) Please indicate whether each project will use pre-existing infrastructure; Wisbech to March will use existing disused route. Fenland Stations Regeneration is existing stations being refurbished / improved.

- (i) If so, please provide further details

Q8. Do you have or have you had access to other funds from Government, EU, public or private funds? If so, which? (e.g. LEP funding, EU development funds, the UK Coastal Communities Fund, where relevant)

The combined Authority has access to all pertinent funds for delivering public Sector infrastructure project. Individual funding and financing strategies will be developed as part of the business case development for each project.

Q9. Has your authority adopted any policy to favour the provision of restored or new passenger services by:

There are no policies that explicitly favour the above

- (a) Direct local authority service contract (as with say, bus services) – for example, with a modern operating company of a current heritage railway operation?

- (b) A special independent 'microfranchise' contract, but simpler, less costly and more focused than national or regional franchises - as originally proposed by the Government?
- (c) A Community Rail Partnership or sub contract of an existing larger franchise operation?

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address – contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Incubator 2, Alconbury Weald Enterprise Campus, Huntingdon, PE28 4WX within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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