

CONSTITUTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING – 22ND APRIL 2020

AGENDA ITEM 3: COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

WRITTEN STATEMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

No.	Question from:	Question
1.	Friends of Micham's Corner	<p>We are very concerned that there is a proposal by the Cambridgeshire County Council to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee (CJAC). The CJAC is a very important aspect of the democratic process within Cambridge and needs to be retained.</p> <p>The CJAC is comprised of our local elected City and County Councillors and as such are the people best placed to consider the issues that affect Cambridge City. They are residents of the City, known to all and available to discuss community issues. They have a deep and broad understanding of the myriad local concerns that affect us all in the City on a daily basis, and what the effects of changes to policy and practices can have on local neighbourhoods and the City as a whole.</p> <p>With this connectivity and knowledge, the CJAC is in a very good position to help resolve City issues and bring informed support to the County Council to aid decision making.</p> <p>Cambridge is a city of 140,000 residents in numerous neighbourhoods, all with differing concerns and requirements that also need to interact with each other. The CJAC is vital to this process of interaction and resolution.</p> <p>Transport issues within Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City have become highly politicised, and the various vested interests have demonstrated that they will circumvent public discussion and oversight in order to achieve their visions. This is precisely the time that a democratic forum like the CJAC is most needed: abolishing it would take away a vital layer of locally focussed decision making.</p> <p>Friends of Mitcham's Corner represent the aspirations of the local community, with a focus on development and transport issues. We feel that the large-scale highways projects in the north of Cambridge (the A14, Histon Road, Milton Road) are being carried out at the expense of the Mitcham's Corner area, hindering its redevelopment as an 'Opportunity Area'. We must have a voice in this future, and channels like the CJAC</p>

		must not be closed to us.
2.	Heather Warwick	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
3.	Christine Parkinson	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
4.	Brian Dawson	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
5.	Nigel Ley	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
6	Lindsey Terry	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
7.	Richard Stewart	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
8.	Ian Hutchinson	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out. It seems a completely nonsensical idea and to push through without any consultation an abuse of a difficult situation.
9.	Eldon Allison	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
10.	Mike Beasley	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
11.	Sue Procter	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
12.	Stephanie Palmer	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out. Decisions should be made as close as possible to the areas that will be

		affected.
13.	Barrie Hunt	I would like to object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out.
14.	Councillor Rosy Moore (Cambridge City Council)	I would like to state my objections to the proposal to abolish Cambridge Joint Area Committee which is an important part of local democracy for the residents of Cambridge. It is wrong to make this decision in the midst of the Coronavirus crisis when many people are correctly working hard to support their communities at this time and are not focused on council committees. Please postpone this decision until you have been able to carry out the appropriate consultation.
15.	Paul Bearpark (Waterbeach Cycling Campaign)	<p>I'm writing on behalf of Waterbeach Cycling Campaign. The campaign was established about 2 years ago and now has about 130 signed up supporters. We campaign for better cycling infrastructure in and around Waterbeach which will undergo significant development over the next few years with the establishment of the Waterbeach New Town.</p> <p>We have become aware that the County Council's Constitution and Ethics Committee is being asked to recommend abolishing the Cambridge Joint Area Committee and the Joint Development Control Committee. We are concerned that this will have a detrimental impact on transport decisions in and around Cambridge.</p> <p>Our understanding is that these committees make decisions at a local level taking consideration of local residents' views. Without these committees decisions will be made about transport in and around Cambridge by County councillors who have little appreciation of the needs of people living in or close to Cambridge. It is not at all clear what the abolition of these committees will really mean because there is little information about the proposals (other than to abolish committees) and there has been no consultation as far as we are aware.</p> <p>This seems to be a very poor time to be making a decision which could have significant implications for Cambridge and the Cambridge fringe which has dramatically different transportation and development issues to the wider county.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge you to consider carefully whether this is the right time to withdraw support for these committees without proper scrutiny and consultation.</p>

16.	Steve Jackson	<p>I must object to the proposal to abolish the Cambridge Joint Area Committee without more extensive consultation being carried out, especially with those directly affected by this proposal</p> <p>Would you please let me know what measures, if any, you are prepared to articulate to ensure local democracy remains local, and prevent this attempted (dare I say?) gerrymandering?</p>
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