HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – 21ST JANUARY 2020

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question/Subject
1.	Mr Alexander Nix	The Highways and Infrastructure Committee	'Will you help to remove national policy inconsistency by adopting the policy of allowing motorcycles and powered two wheelers access to bus lanes in Cambridgeshire in line with over 75 other local transport authorities?
2.	Question from:	Question to:	
	Mr Matthew Danish	The Highways and Infrastructure Committee	In regards to dangerous and inaccessible barriers recently installed on the Guided Busway pathway where it crosses on a bridge over the railway near Addenbrooke's
3.	Question from:	Question to:	
	Councillor Katie Thornburrow	The Highways and Infrastructure Committee	'There are newly installed chicane barriers on the guided busway bridge to the Biomedical Campus. These seem to be installed with consultation, and without safer try and equality audits. It seems to be a grey area as rot who authorised the installation, and I ask this committee to consider the removals of the barriers until the correct procedures and consultations have been undertaken'
4.	Question from:	Question from:	
	Penny Heath	The Highways and Infrastructure Committee	Dear Cllr Shuter. (Chair - Highways and Infrastructure Committee). Thank you for allowing us to raise a public question. Question. Could this committee, inform us of the progress made between the County and City Councils, in introducing Coach parking permits scheme along the Backs? (Queen's Road, Cambridge).

Context:

The severe problems from vehicle congestion, fuel emission pollution, safety of visitors disgorging onto the ring road and subsequent overcrowding of people on Silver street, endangering local people and student lives, has been discussed across City and County committees for years.

As a member of the Friends of Queens Green Management committee- our group are aware of recent initiatives and have good local knowledge of the issues. For example:

1. The Cambridge City Council Environment and Community Scrutiny committee 16.01.2020.

Walking Tours report. The Working group recommendations included: "continue the dialogue with the County Council to examine possibilities of coach permit parking in the city to include conditions to limit the numbers in any tour group." "Start a dialogue with County Council to consider making park and ride sites more attractive to coach tours and to include incentives to direct groups from the sites to official walking tours of limited numbers".

(At the meeting, we suggested amending this to <u>trialling a pilot study</u> at Madingley Park and ride and finding a space on the Eddington site for toilets, information kiosk and refreshments).

2. We have witnessed first hand, thirty two coaches arriving to park in fully parked up zone.

Just about every citizen in Cambridgeshire and Cambridge thinks introducing a coach permit scheme is a very good idea. It is not a controversial issue.

- 3. An initiative to introduce Coach parking is in complete alignment with the City and County Council governance mission statements:
- 1.1 Cambridgeshire County Council is committed to ease congestion and prioritise sustainable and active travel, making it easier for people to travel by bus, rail, and bicycle

and on foot within Cambridge and beyond. This is emphasised particularly by its declaration of a Climate Emergency and consideration of measures as a result to improve air quality.

- 1.2 Effective management and charging of car parking can be used as a traffic management tool to encourage and incentivise modal shift to more sustainable methods of travel, which will help to ease congestion and improve air quality.
- **4.** Furthermore the Leader of the City Council held a 2020 vision meeting for the public last week.

The urgent need for coach parking controls on the Backs & elsewhere was raised. We understand Cllr Herbert will arrange a meeting with Local people and Cllr Bates to get a scheme introduced asap.

I hope this is the right committee to address this urgent requirement & I look forward to hearing your response for a workable solution.

Yours sincerely Penny Heath Chair, Friends of Queens' Green