

Organisation	Electoral area	Comments	For / against / neutral
Cambridgeshire County Councillor Cambridgeshire County and East Cambs District Councillor	The Hemingfords & Fenstanton St Ives North and Wyton	I have no objection to this work continuing, bearing in mind that a Motion put forward by Cllr Hunt on 15 th December was duly voted on and passed, I have nothing else to add I agree entirely with Cllr Hunt's email and would also ask that you consult with the relevant town/parish councils, schools and district councillors	neutral for
Cambridgeshire County Councillor	St Ives South and Needingworth	I can confirm my comments are in agreement with the proposal and are the same as Cllr Fullers and I would add that if at all possible could we consult with those dwellings that abut directly on to the A1123, I know there are not many and they would appreciate being consulted	for
Cambridgeshire County Councillor	Somersham and Earith	"I fully support the change in classification of the A1123 to B status. For too long rural villages along the route have been blighted by too much heavy traffic. Earith High Street in particular has narrow footpaths and many old properties with shallow foundations very close to the road. Ideally I would like to see a weight restriction imposed and will continue to pursue this. However in the short term, something must change to improve the life of roadside residents in Earith and Bluntisham. I regret the loss of vital revenue that will result from the change in status and would seek to avoid it if at all possible. Should County Highways put forward an alternative package of local improvement measures along the A1123 utilising the potential £300k first year cost, then I would be happy to review my recommendation. I am aware that Earith and Bluntisham Parish Councils hold a similar view and have listened to them before responding	for
Cambridgeshire County and East Cambs District Councillor	Soham South and Haddenham	As you can imagine, I am 100% supportive of this proposal which as a motion was passed by CCC Full Council on 15th December with no member voting against. The reclassification will: Allow more traffic calming actions. Reduce both Car and Commercial vehicle traffic volumes. Contribute towards carbon reduction in the Towns and Villages along the route. Reduce noise and vibrations. Reduce damage to homes and parked vehicles. Reduce diesel particulates. Increase safety for	for
Cambridgeshire County and East Cambs District Councillor	Sutton	infirm. bugies. children and adults with limited mobility. Reduce wear and tear to road surfaces. The A1123 is one of a number of roads in the County that is heavily used by traffic, including heavy commercial vehicles, on its way through narrow residential village streets not designed or intended for this volume of traffic. There is a County Council working group which is currently reviewing the Council's policy in this matter; and there is also an existing County Council policy on reclassification of roads. These, not a standalone and unevidenced motion to the Council, are the appropriate means to use to raise and resolve these issues. I am in principle supportive of proposals that are effective in addressing excessive heavy vehicle traffic on village roads. I would like to make the following detailed points. 1. Reclassification of the A1123 should not result in a net reduction in the funding available to the Council to maintain the road. We have been advised by officers that the proposal to reclassify the A1123 will lose the Council £250,000 a year in road maintenance funding from the Government. It has finally been admitted by those promoting this scheme that this is indeed the case. Furthermore Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are set to lose £7.5 million in Government funding for road maintenance this coming year, which will add to the financial pressure on highways maintenance everywhere across the county and reduce even further the council's room for financial manoeuvre. Before reclassification of the A1123 is formally progressed, a proper cost benefit analysis should therefore be conducted and reported to the Highways & Transport Committee, both of the impact on the A1123, and of the impact on other roads in the county whose maintenance may deteriorate as a result of this proposal. Such an analysis could of course, and indeed should, consider the effects of reclassification more widely. If it could be shown to have benefits to public health, for example, or to reduce injury accidents, those would be entirely relevant considerations. 2. Reclassification of the A1123 should not simply tip its traffic problems onto the roads of neighbouring villages. An analysis should therefore be carried out of the changes in traffic flow that would result from reclassification of the A1123, with this information reported to the Highways & Transport Committee and shared with those villages and with the police for their comments. 3. It is self-evident that reclassifying a road will not in itself change its use by drivers, including drivers of heavy commercial vehicles who will continue to use the quickest and most convenient route for their journeys. The village in which I live, Sutton, is on the B1381, which is still widely used by heavy vehicles despite its classification as a B road. Reclassification will only deter traffic, or slow its speed, if it is accompanied by practical interventions to achieve these aims—weight limits, speed limits, and other speed restriction measures. Commitment to these initiatives should be absolutely integral to any move to reclassify the A1123. Finally, I would note that the use of the A1123 is not uniform along its entire length. Indeed part of the A1123 in the St Ives and Houghton area is also part of the County Council's Advisory Strategic Freight Route. This further demonstrates that a decision to reclassify the A1123 can only be taken in the wider context of the Council's ongoing review of its policy on heavy commercial vehicles in villages.	neutral - further analysis proposed
East Cambridgeshire District Councillor	Stretham	Thank you for your email regarding this hugely important proposal to reclassify the A1123 and A1421 to B roads. I 100% support what is proposed. As one of the two District Councillors for the Stretham ward I have lost count of the many times residents of my ward have requested this reclassification. The benefits of this initiative would have a major positive impact on the quality of life and safety for residents on this route. This proposal is also viewed by many residents in the surrounding villages as necessary and would contribute tremendously to improving the air quality of the area.	for
Town Council - St Ives	St Ives	The proposal was discussed at the Council's Planning Committee on the 24 February. The Council's comments are limited to the stretch of roadway between Hartford roundabout to Earith. The Council does not agree with reclassification on this stretch as this is a main lorry route and there are concerns about the possible reduction in maintenance which could lead to increased noise pollution for residents of St Ives and accidents. There was no supporting background information with the consultation. The Council also requests further information on the following: Provision of background information on the reason for this proposal; Cost of new signage; Figures on any predicted reduction of traffic levels especially lorries; Whether this proposal would have any impact on the road gritting policy; How this proposal coordinates with other road schemes in the county and CCC carbon reduction policies.	against
Parish Council - Holywell-cum-Needingworth	Holywell-cum-Needingworth	Members considered the matter and discussed at some length. With the amount of development the Parish is currently having to absorb and associated traffic this will bring the members decided that it would be inappropriate to downgrade the road to a "B" road at this time. It was acknowledged that Needingworth does have the benefit of a bypass unlike villages further down the route e.g. Bluntisham & Earith. It was also noted that any downgrade would potentially impact on the St Ives study as this road joins Harrison Way at the Morrison's roundabout. The Council resolved not to support the reclassification to a "B" Road.	against
Parish Council - Bluntisham	Bluntisham	In principle Bluntisham Parish Council supports the change in classification. Our village is one of many who sees far too high a number of HCV's and other traffic travel through to save a few minutes journey time. Station and Rectory Road in Bluntisham have several properties and although now we have a 30mph speed restriction, it still causes concern for many while crossing the road to get to school or simply going for a walk. To be able to introduce a weight restriction through the village would be an ideal long term solution and Bluntisham Parish Council feel this would be the first step into getting this change. The Parish Council are concerned with the loss of revenue resulting from a change in status, however, feel that to do nothing would not change the circumstances either.	for
Parish Council - Earith Parish Council - Haddenham	Earith Haddenham	the Council decided that the road should be declassified to a B road status I will start by saying that this has been a long term objective of the Parish Council due to the high volumes of traffic through our village especially Heavy Goods vehicles taking short cuts due to hold ups on the primary routes. We were waiting to see what benefits the Ely Bypass, the A14 Upgrade and finally the improvements the A1(BP garage) and Lancaster way business park roundabouts would bring. Unfortunately the Covid Lockdown has meant that we will not see the full effects for some time yet. However, I can say as a resident of Hop Row that we are still experiencing a significant number of Articulated long distance HGVs that are coming through the village. These appear to be coming principally from the A142 via the A1421 and struggling to negotiate the crossroads in the middle of our village. I know that the brief traffic survey carried out by the CC in 2018 ? stated that only 7% of HGV traffic was through traffic, but this does not match out local experience. We were intending to carry out some lorry counts but this will have to wait until lockdown restrictions are eased. I will also say that at our Parish Council Meeting this month Parish Councillors voted to support the Reclassification and this is recorded in the minutes of that meeting. There was some concerns expressed as to loss of funding for maintenance on the Haddenham to Earith section but this it was felt should not be a major problem as there would be lower maintenance costs due to the reduced HGV traffic which seems to cause most of the damage and the fact that the road has to be maintained in a safe condition whatever it's classification. There were no issues on downgrading the A1421 and it should not have been an A road in the first case as it only encourages traffic to take short cuts through the villages rather than stay on the Principal routes where villages have been bypassed. As well as the volumes of traffic coming through our village we have a proven problem with speeding, confirmed by our proactive Speedwatch and Roadwatch sessions. Downgrading the road to B status will enable us to consider speed restricting measures not possible on A roads. As well as helping solve our speeding problems it will also maybe deter people from using shortcuts through our village and stick to major roads where villages have been bypassed	for for
Parish Council - Wicken	Wicken PC	In response to the consultation to reclassify the A1123 to a B road, Wicken Parish Council support the proposal. The Parish Council does have strong concerns with the condition of the road between Dimmocks Cote and the church in Wicken.	For
Parish Council - Soham Parish Council - Little Thetford	Soham TC Little Thetford	At the Full Council meeting on Monday 8 March Soham Town Council decided to support the re-classification of the A1123 & A1421. I fully agree as a PC and member of the public that the current A1123 is not fit for purpose as an A road especially now that the A14 improvements have been completed. My main concern is around HGV vehicles that use the A1123 and that they create a lot of both air and noise pollution. The A1123 passes through many villages and towns whereas the A14 and A142 bypass all the towns and villages along their routes. I would urge Cambridge CC to consider the impact that the A1123 has on the residents that live along it route and the cost of maintaining it as an A road, especially the section between Haddenham and Earith, which is always subsiding and has to have continuous road works and often requires long closures making travel for local residents difficult. Both the A14 and A142 are excellent roads and take away the need for the A1123. The only HGV that need to use this road should be for deliveries and collections along its route.	For for
Department for Transport	DfT	I can confirm that the Department has no objection to your councils plans to consult on the matter on the understanding that neither road forms a part of the Strategic Road Network and that the consultation is conducted in terms of the advice contained within the Guidance on Road Classification and the Primary Route Network including consultation with any other I can confirm that the Department has no objection to your councils plans to consult on the matter on the understanding that neither road forms a part of the Strategic Road Network and that the consultation is conducted in terms of the advice contained within the local authorities which might be affected by the routes re-classification. I should advise you that the equivalent B road classifications for both of these roads (i.e B1123 and B1421) are not available. If your council decides to re-classify they will need to be given designations B1543 or above (all numbers below this are already in use or reserved.) If you have a preference on numbers I can reserve these on our database	neutral
Highways England Suffolk County Council	Highways England Suffolk County Council	Thank you for your consultation on this proposed change. Highways England has no objection to it or comments to make. Thank you for asking Suffolk County Council for comments on the potential reclassification of the A1123 and A1421. Having reviewed the proposals and noting that there are no legal restrictions on movements we do not consider that it has a significant impact of the public highways in Suffolk and do not have any objections to them.	neutral neutral
Peterborough City Council	Peterborough CC	On the principle of renumbering the A1123 and A1421 they would initially object, as this might directly impact on the funding provided by the Department for Transport (DfT) for maintaining the highway in Peterborough. For this objection to be withdrawn, PCC would need assurances that Peterborough's allocation from the DfT would be unaffected	neutral
East Cambs District Council Hunts District Council	East Cambs District Council Hunts District Council	This Council unequivocally supports Cambridgeshire County Council in its commitment and ambition to reclassify the A1123 (and A1421) from an "A" to "B" road. I confirm that Huntingdonshire District Council has no comments to make.	for neutral
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Road Haulage Association Logistics UK Cambridgeshire Police	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Road Haulage Association Logistics UK Cambridgeshire Police	It appears from your response that the questions and queries I had have been answered, therefore I would suggest that the CPCA have no objections to the re-classification of the A1213 and A1421. No response No response	neutral neutral
East Cambs District Councillor	East Cambs District Councillor	Thankyou for the engagement. From a police TM perspective, I anticipate no objection to this proposal on the part of the Constabulary. However, I am somewhat guarded that following any de-classification, the issue of a rash of additional regulations (weight and/or speed reductions for example) are likely to come to the fore which of course would be subject to individual consideration and without an actual change to the road/highway environment may not be supported.	neutral
East Cambs District Councillor	East Cambs District Councillor	I wanted to write to give my full support to this excellent proposal. Re-classification of the A1123 and A1421 to B roads would provide a huge improvement to the quality of life and safety for residents in this route. I also know that many residents and the parish councils in my ward (Soham and Wicken) very much welcome this proposal. I very much hope to see this happen as soon as possible	for

The Joint Parishes HCV Group	The Joint Parishes HCV Group	The HCV group are not opposed to the declassification of the A1123 and the A1421. However, we feel it would be a pointless exercise without other extensive traffic measures being implemented at the same time. CCC will incur a yearly financial loss by making the A1123 into a 'B' road so the financial benefit of implementing other control measures at the time could outweigh any shortfall and the cost to all taxpayers - (more detailed response is in a separate document)	neutral but some reservations
St Ives Civic Society	St Ives Civic Society	I understand from the planning meeting of St Ives Town Council there is a proposal to downgrade the A1123 to B road status. Agenda and minutes of your council record this is a proposal by councillors representing the more rural eastern part of the route, albeit supported by councillors representing the western section. Other than a desire to reduce use of the route by long distance travellers no supporting information has been put forward. The use of the route is entirely different between the very rural eastern end and the much more heavily populated western end. In the St Ives and Hartford area the A1123 from Hartford to the A1096 and the whole of the A1096 is a County Council Freight Route. See: https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Cambridgeshire-Advisory-Freight-Map.pdf This alone is confirmation of the commercial importance of the western end. Change of designation of the route is reported to result in a reduction of £250,000 per year in grant, approximately £10,000 per mile per year. However, lorry use would only slowly reduce as Sat Navs are updated/replaced whilst driver's memories would last for much longer. Meanwhile, maintenance costs would not reduce, resulting in either a deterioration in the route or a loss the county has to recover from elsewhere. I fear winter gritting would also be reduced. In the short term, whilst the works in Huntingdon continue on the link up of the A1307, some drivers will continue to favour the A1123 over the much longer access via the Brampton Hut interchange. Indeed local traffic, generated in the businesses of St Ives and northern Huntingdon, and sometimes travelling just between the two locations, will always use the route. Long term I understand proposals to improve all the junctions from the Ramsey Road junction on St Audrey Lane to the A1307 are being costed with a view to bringing forward a scheme of improvements. This work is urgent to help reduce rat-running in St Ives, as drivers seek shorter journey times. It should not be jeopardised by a change in designation to B road status. In conclusion the change should not be contemplated until after completion of the works in Huntingdon and a full survey and consultation has been carried out. This survey and consultation should also consider the retention of A road status for the Advisory freight route and the reclassification of the eastern section of the route.	against until further work is done