

COUNTY COUNCIL: 21ST MARCH 2023

## Agenda Item No. 7 – Better Public Transport: Cambourne to Cambridge Project – Conservative Amendment

Proposed by Councillor S Count                      Seconded by Councillor M Howell

Additions in bold and deletions shown in strikethrough

The Full Council is asked to:

- (a) Note the report, and the likely timescales for the formal consent process; and
- (b) Agree to:
  - (i) **Ask the Chief Executive to have an impartial report prepared to directly compare the on-road bus prioritisation scheme and separate cycle scheme proposals, put forward by Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CPPF), (including the ability to liaise with CPPF should any clarifications be required) against the largely segregated busway and maintenance track Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) proposal. The report to be produced to the best of their ability for the July meeting of Council, using latest available data and officers' best judgement to include direct comparisons between the two schemes for:**
    1. Both legs of return journey times, to and from Cambourne to: (i) The West Cambridge Campus, (ii) The Addenbrooke's bio medical campus, (iii) The Cambridge Science Park and (iv) Cambridge City Centre, using public transport.
    2. Both legs of the return journey time for general traffic, to and from Cambourne to Cambridge City Centre.
    3. Estimated Capital costs.
    4. Impact on the County Council finances for future maintenance costs.
    5. Delivery timescales and a judgement on whether both need powers of Transport and Works Act orders and compulsory purchasing powers.
    6. The difference in the ecological impacts of constructions that would therefore need to be mitigated.

7. **Impact on Carbon net zero targets, considering both construction and longer-term impacts.**
8. **The BCR for both schemes and a value for money judgement for both.**
9. **Anticipated impact and timescales on both schemes should the Girton interchange be made all-way.**
10. **Impact and timescales on both schemes and their BCR in relation to Government announcements in the March budget and in May regarding details of proceeding with the East West rail proposal.**
11. **Officers best judgement on compliance with the Local plan 2018.**

- (ii) **This Council further delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, the right to add (but not subtract) any other further important points of comparison felt need to be included in the report.**

**(c) Agree to:**

- (i) **delay considering recommendations ii to vi below until the July meeting of Cambridgeshire County Council, to enable the consideration of the report.**
- ~~(i)~~ (ii) Make an application under the provisions of section 6 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for an Order authorising the construction and operation of a guided transport system from Cambourne to Cambridge;
- ~~(ii)~~ (iii) Seek a direction from the Secretary of State under Section 90(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission be deemed to be granted for the development provided for in the proposed C2C Order;
- ~~(iii)~~ (iv) Authorise the GCP Executive Board:
  - (a) To progress negotiations with any owners of interests in the affected land and other persons affected by the scheme and to make necessary arrangements to acquire land or rights within the proposed C2C Order, whether by agreement or through the exercise of powers contained in the C2C Order;
  - (b) To progress negotiations with any affected parties or objectors to the C2C Order with the aim of avoiding, or securing the withdrawal of, any objections to the TWAO; and

- (c) To promote the C2C Order through, and participation in, any public local inquiry or other processes and procedures arising or resulting from the submission of the application for the Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO);

~~(iv)~~ (v) The delegation of powers to the GCP Executive Board to:

- (a) Prepare the necessary documents and any other evidence deemed appropriate to support the Transport and Works Act application;
- (b) Undertake further design development work on the C2C Scheme and progress the ongoing statutory process, including further refinements to the C2C Order prior to submitting the Transport and Works Act order application and application for deemed planning permission; and
- (c) Deliver the C2C Scheme to practical completion subject to the C2C Order being made and deemed planning permission granted and to the approval of a Full Business Case in line with any existing agreements and in compliance with the MoU between GCP and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) in accordance with internal governance requirements and procurement best practice and in consultation with the Council's Section 151 Officer where appropriate; and

~~(v)~~ (vi) The delegation of powers to the Council's Section 151 Officer to negotiate, agree, enter into, execute and serve (where appropriate) all relevant legal agreements, notices and other documentation necessary to facilitate and underpin the C2C Order including provisions to protect the apparatus of statutory authorities which may lead to ongoing liabilities, and to submit the Transport and Works Act Order application, and the application that a direction be given that planning permission be deemed to be granted together with all supporting documents, and to prepare such further documents as may be required to support those applications, save that the C2C Order application will not be made until the satisfactory completion of agreements with the landowners of three development sites, namely Cambourne West, Bourn Airfield and West Cambridge as approved by the Section 151 Officer.