

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board  
Public Questions and Answers**

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| <p>Iris Bostanci</p>  | <p><b>Agenda Item No. 6 : Greater Cambridge Greenways –Barton, Horningsea, Melbourn, and Sawston</b></p> <p>I came to a GCP meeting in this room four and a half years ago to ask about a safe active travel route between Melbourn to Royston, our local town. This needs to include a bridge over the A505 to keep people safe. I was really glad when this route was included in the official Melbourn Greenway.</p> <p>Many people travel between Melbourn, Meldreth and other villages and Royston every day, for work, shopping, or after school activities. A safe path would allow many people to walk or cycle this short distance, and it could also be used by scooters and mobility scooters. At the moment it's just not safe, so it's no wonder people feel they have to drive. And the whole distance is just over one mile!</p> <p>When I came to the GCP before, I was seven years old and in Year 4 at Meldreth Primary School. I am now eleven years old and in Year 7 at Melbourn Village College, and there is still no safe path.</p> <p>I was disappointed when the GCP's application for government funding for the bridge to Royston was not successful earlier this year. But I am really glad that you have chosen to keep the Melbourn to Royston link as part of your plans for the Melbourn Greenway as it's so important.</p> <p>More and more people agree with the aim of building environmentally friendly and healthy transport options, so on behalf of them I want to ask you: How old do you think I will be by the time a safe cycle link from Meldreth to Royston is built and ready to use?</p> |
| <p>Yunus Bostanci</p> | <p><b>Agenda Item No. 6 : Greater Cambridge Greenways –Barton, Horningsea, Melbourn, and Sawston</b></p> <p>My name is Yunus. I also came to the GCP meeting with my sister Iris and my friend Alfie four and half years ago. We are all really impatient to see safe and environmentally friendly local travel options for the places we need to get to every day. My family doesn't own a car so we go everywhere by bike, train or on foot.</p> <p>I want to ask about the link from Meldreth train station to Melbourn. Together with my sister and friends from school, I walk between our house near Meldreth train station and Melbourn Village College every day. This takes us along a narrow footpath that is in constant use every day, by students, commuters, and others.</p> <p>The only permitted option at the moment for bicycles to travel between Meldreth Station and Melbourn is Station Road, over a railway bridge together with all the cars and lorries that make it a very busy place. This bridge has a "pinch point" that is very unsafe for cyclists when cars and lorries overtake near the blind peak of the bridge. This route is also not safe for pedestrians, because the pavement is so narrow and not continuous - so you have to cross the road multiple times. With Station Road so unsafe, everyone is forced to use the tiny footpath.</p> <p>We are glad to see that plans exist to widen this footpath in order to provide a safe and direct link for cyclists to Meldreth train station as part of the Melbourn Greenway. How soon will this be completed?</p>                               |