

IT'S NOW TIME TO ACT!

The deadline for your feedback about the City Deal proposals for Cambridge is **15th February**, so there's no time to lose. Send your feedback to the City Deal team as soon as possible.

Use the questionnaire that was posted through your door in December 2015 (one per person). Make copies if you need to, or you may acquire new forms from Milton Road Library, or telephone **01223 699906** to order more direct from the City Deal team.

The standard paper feedback forms should be sent by post to: Freepost RTJH-CJXZ-LECX, City Deal Team, Cambs County Council, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP

NOTE: if you feel the questions do not give you the latitude to express your opinions, the small box (item 13) gives you some space to do so, and you can include a separate page if need be.

If you have more you would like to say, please write to the officials or your representatives (contact details overleaf).

You can also complete the form **on-line** at:
<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/18ZDL/>

Comments can also be sent by email to:
city.deal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

What are the issues?

You may or may not agree with the following viewpoints, but the feedback to us from many residents is as follows. Feel free to use anything from here in your feedback to City Deal if you feel that it fits with your views:

- The combination of **no-right-turns** at Arbury Rd and Gilbert Rd plus the replacement of the Highworth roundabout with traffic lights will create a **rat-run** leading to increased traffic in the Hurst Park Estate in both directions between the Hurst Park Ave and Leys Rd exits, with contingent congestion, pollution, danger and noise.

- Because the roads in the Hurst Park Estate are narrow and not intended for use as thoroughfares, heavy traffic will lead to **faster road deterioration** and congestion will cause **delays** at the Leys Rd / Arbury Rd and the Hurst Park Ave / Milton Rd accesses.
- If **Highworth Ave traffic is forced to travel north** through the Estate, then their routes to Milton Rd/Arbury Rd will be delayed by hold-ups at the end of Hurst Park Ave and Leys Rd.
- There is insufficient justification for the **removal of Highworth roundabout** because i) No evidence has been accumulated that proves the roundabout is dangerous to cyclists, and ii) the ability of traffic lights to better regulate traffic flow than roundabouts is hotly disputed through international experience.
- The proposal to turn Milton Rd into a dual carriageway will involve **destruction to the environment and beauty of the area**. The removal of most of the trees and bushes is unwelcome and unnecessary. Alternative options, such as those put forward by Cambridge Smarter Transport*, should be considered to allow space for better cycleways, footpaths and to avoid the destruction of trees and greenery (e.g. more carparks outside the city, plus measures to reduce the amount of incoming traffic, a single bus lane instead of two and intelligent, linked traffic light systems).
*www.smartertransport.uk
- The proposed **cycle path systems** do not link together such that the "Cross-City Cycling" scheme will hardly be "cross-city" at all. It will feature carriageway crossings, navigating congested residential areas and cycling too close to buses in-between new cycle paths. Locally, the Arbury Road Route runs from the top of Arbury Rd to just south of Arbury Court, at which point cyclists are expected to cross Arbury Rd, cycle to the top

of Leys Ave and then cycle through our Estate to Milton Rd, on roads with heavy congestion, parking and no cycle paths.

- The congestion at the end of Hurst Park Avenue and in Ascham Road/Gurney Way intimidates and presents danger to parents, carers and their children on school runs. With effectively a dual carriageway on Milton Road and a need for vehicles turning right into HPA/AR to cross three transit lanes will further risk the safety of walkers.

Contacts

Please send your own letters and messages to City Deal officers via the questionnaire, but also to local councillors and key decision-makers.

Decision-makers (the Executive Board):

- **Cllr Lewis Herbert**, Chair and City Council Leader
171 Hills Rd, Cambridge CB2 8RJ
Email: lewis.herbert@cambridge.gov.uk
- **Cllr Steve Count**, Leader, Cambs County Council
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- **Cllr Francis Burkett**, Ldr, Sth Cambs Dist Council
Merton Hse, 17 The Broadway, Grantchester
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Key Influencer:

- **Cllr Tim Bick**, Chair of City Deal Assembly
13 Warkworth Street, Cambridge CB1 1EG
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Local councillors:

- **Cllr Ysanne Austin (City)**
63 deFreville Ave, Cambridge CB4 1HW
Email: ysanne.austin@cambridge.gov.uk
- **Cllr Damien Tunnacliffe (City)**
35 Pentlands Court, Cambridge CB4 1JN
Email: damientunnacliffe@yahoo.co.uk
- **Cllr Jocelynn Scutt (County)**
Email: scutt.jocelynn@gmail.com

More contacts can be found on our website:
www.hpera.co.uk/contact

Drop-in Consultations:

for Cross-City Cycling proposals:

- Tues 2 Feb, 5-8pm, Meadows Comm Centre
- Thurs 4 Feb 5-8:30pm, Shirley Primary Sch.

HPERA recent efforts ...

HPERA representatives attended the following events recently to put forward residents' views:

- 15 Jan: City Deal Exec Board meeting, Guildhall
- 20 Jan : City Deal, N Area Cttee Mtg, Shire Hall
- 21 Jan: Alternatives Mtg with Smarter Camb. Transport & Camb Cycling Campaign, Chest'n CC
- 27 Jan: Mtg with Richard Preston and Jocelynn Scutt at Milton Rd Library to discuss local issues.

Website and Twitter

The website is continuously updated and has the latest meeting reports to keep you informed. The Twitter feed is growing with followers from a wide range of contributors.

HPERA submission

HPERA are drafting a submission to send to the City Deal team shortly after the N Area Cttee Meeting. This is in First Draft form at the moment. If anyone would like to help hone this document as part of a review team, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Key Meetings

- **North Area Committee Public Meeting with Lewis Herbert, Ldr, Cam CC & Chair, City Deal**
Thurs 4 Feb, 6pm, Chesterton Comm College
- **Gtr Cambridge City Deal Jt Assembly Mtg**
Friday 12th Feb, 2pm, Guildhall, Cambourne

Thank-you

Thank-you to everyone who has contributed to helping us inform the City Deal Team of our views regarding the proposed developments. This includes: drafting documents, attending and speaking at meetings, press publicity, web and social media and leaflet drops. If you would like to help and wonder why you've not yet been asked, please give us a prompt via: committee@hpera.co.uk.

And Finally ...

If you would like to donate to help with our hall, printing and stationery costs, please drop your contribution through the door at: **HPERA, 65 Hurst Park Ave, Cambridge CB4 2AA.**