

City Deal - where are we now?

Hardly a day goes by without an article or letter appearing in the Cambridge News pointing to the huge impact that City Deal proposals are going to have on residents and businesses across our city. Much of that publicity and awareness has been sparked by the efforts of local residents' associations, Smarter Cambridge Transport and the Federation of Cambridge Residents' Associations (FeCRA):

The Milton Road Trees & Verges Petition which now has over 4000 signatures was presented and debated in a full session of the County Council in July. It gained support from councillors across the county who voted for it to be considered once again by the City Deal Assembly and Board asking them for a commitment to retain or re-plant an avenue of mature trees in grass verges.

Resolutions were also sponsored by HPERA, MRRA and OCRA (Old Chesterton RA) calling for double bus-lanes to be removed from the Milton Road plans, and for a firm of independent urban architects to be appointed by the City Deal team. These were voted on and passed unanimously at the Local Liaison Forum last month.

When these initiatives were presented and debated at the City Deal Executive meeting at the beginning of September the three voting members of the Board failed to agree a common position on any of them. All they could come up with was a commitment to give us an answer in writing in 2-3 weeks. Not very decisive and not very encouraging!

Where next?

We are not going to give up on this and have agreed to continue engaging with the formal consultation process through the Local Liaison Forum meetings. We have made it very clear to the Joint Assembly and the Executive Board that we have grave reservations about our association with the Local Liaison Forum as we don't wish our involvement to be misinterpreted as showing approval or endorsement of the City Deal plans.

We will be attending a series of six workshops on design details of the Milton Road plans commencing on 20th September. However, if we get a totally unsatisfactory response from the City Deal Board, then we will have to review our strategy and consider whether there are alternative options for us to pursue.

Other consultations

Mitcham's Corner redevelopment

Public exhibitions - **deadline for online response – 17th October**

- Wednesday 14 Sept 3.00 - 8pm at Victoria Homes Pavilion, Victoria Road
- Wednesday 05 Oct 3.00 - 8pm at Victoria Homes Pavilion, Victoria Road

Documents can be viewed at MR Library and at www.cambridge.gov.uk/mitchams-corner-spd

Note: To register for occasional email news from HPERA, contact secretary@hpera.co.uk

City Deal Peak-Time Congestion Control

Public exhibitions - **deadline for online response – 10th October**

- Tue 13 Sept 3.30-6pm Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catharine's Rd, CB4 3XJ
- Thu 15 Sept 4.00-7pm Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Road, CB4 3NY
- Mon 19 Sept 5.00-8pm West Road Concert Hall, CB3 9DP
- Mon 26 Sept 5.00-8pm Emanuel College – The Old Library, CB2 9AP
- Wed 28 Sept 4.30-7.30pm Shirley Nursery School, Nuffield Road, Chesterton CB4 TF
- Tue 04 Oct 11am-2.30pm Addenbrooke's Main Concourse, CB2 0QQ

See www.gccitydeal.co.uk/congestion

Diary Dates

City Deal Joint Assembly

Thurs 29th September, South Cambs Hall, Cambourne 4pm

Keeping Cambridge Special

Sat 1st October, Centre for Mathematical Sciences, Wilberforce Rd, CB3 0WA

Cambridge is changing fast.

Come and tell us what you think makes it special and how should we look after it.

09.00 Registration and coffee

Talks by Ros Aveling (chair of CambridgePPF), Wendy Blythe (Federation of Cambridge Residents' Associations) on community concerns, Nicky Padfield (Master of Fitzwilliam College) for a college view, Tom Foggin (Cambridge Association of Architects) on the role of the architect and David Cleevely (Cambridge Ahead) for a business perspective

10.50 Coffee and Breakout groups - your views on what you have heard

12.20 Report back and discussion – Lewis Herbert (Leader of Cambridge City Council)

13.00 End

Admission by ticket only – please register on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/keeping-cambridge-special-tickets-26681582331> Participants will be asked to donate a minimum of £5 to help cover expenses

City Deal Executive Board

Thurs 13th October, Council Chamber, Shire Hall 4pm

Rebooting the City Deal

Thu 14th October, Lee Hall, Wolfson College, Newnham Road 7.30pm – 9pm

How can we make transport in the Cambridge region work better for everyone? Come along to hear smart ideas and discuss how to implement them.

Presentations by Edward Leigh of Smarter Cambridge Transport and Colin Harris of Cambridge Connect will be followed by a panel discussion, which will include:

- **Daniel Zeichner**, MP for Cambridge and a shadow transport minister with responsibility for buses, cycling and walking.
- **Julian Huppert**, former MP for Cambridge and one of the architects of the Greater Cambridge City Deal.

See <http://www.smartertransport.uk/event/rebooting-city-deal/>