

NEWSLETTER #12

Update on Milton Road

The Good News:

- Proposed bans on turns into Gilbert Road, Arbury Road and Kings Hedges Road have been removed.
- Proposed dual bus-lanes between Hurst Park Ave and Oak Tree Avenue have been removed.
- Commitment to core principle of trees and grass verges down Milton Road.
- Our 'Do-Optimum' plan accepted by City Deal for traffic modelling work to be carried out by consultants, including continental-style roundabout.

The Not-so-Good News:

- Consultants put bus-lanes back in our Do-Optimum plan and squeezed space for walking and cycling. No separation from motor traffic in key areas.
- They failed to model traffic, cycle and pedestrian flows on new-style roundabout – not possible with UK industry standard software. Late in the day they are now going to Dutch firm of highway engineers for advice!

The Challenges Ahead:

- Get enough space for walking and two-way cycling separated from traffic by trees/verges on n-west side between Ascham Road and Ramsden Square. Very important for children and parents travelling to and from school.
- Get sensible layout and light phasing at Arbury Road to improve pedestrian and cycle safety and allow Union Lane to remain open.
- Get good resolution for the roundabout and retain access to and from Highworth Avenue.

Time is Short

Officers' Report to the Assembly & Board:

Friday 7th July – published on CD website

Presentation to Stakeholders and Public:

Monday 10th July – time and venue t.b.c.

CD Assembly Meeting (recommendations)

Wed 19th July 1.00pm Cambourne

CD Executive Board (final decisions)

Wed 26th July 10.00am Guildhall



Yet again, City Deal has proposed bus lanes that squeeze out verges and cycle lanes right near Milton Road Primary School

Please sign the petition and then write e-mails to Councillor Lewis Herbert, Chair of City Deal Board, and your local councillors to let them know that you want trees and verges to protect families who are walking and cycling, as shown in the original "Do-Optimum":

www.MiltonRoadAlliance.org/petition

City Deal Board Members:

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We are still continuing our dialogue with officers to try and get a sensible outcome.

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Student Castle at Mitcham's Corner

We have been informed that City planning officers are minded to recommend approval for the change of use application made by Student Castle. The first and second floor of Block B and ground floor DDA room in Block A would change from Student accommodation to Student accommodation and/or Apart-Hotel.

Apparently the clause in the 2006 Local Plan stating that the accommodation should only be for the two universities in Cambridge is discriminatory and cannot be upheld. The test applied by a planning inspector would be whether the application causes significant harm to the residential area and in this case it is, apparently, not felt that such harm would result. Planningref.16/1691/FUL

We understand that the application will go back to the Planning Committee in July.

Buses to Cambridge North Station



Here's an email received from Orchard Avenue resident Erica (Riki) McDonald:

I contacted Stagecoach to ask what buses we could catch from the Hurst Park Estate to the new Cambridge North Station.

They replied: "Currently we have no plans to divert or introduce any further services to Cambridge North station. It is in its early stages of development and we are constantly reviewing usage of these services. Your comments are very helpful to us in looking at new ideas for the future."

So perhaps if lots of people lobby them they may consider it.

Contact Customer Support at:
Stagecoach East, 100 Cowley Road,
Cambridge CB4 0DN
Telephone: 01223 433 250
cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com

Music to Our Ears



HPERA residents Mary Pountain, Liz Huelin and Rowland Thomas, and Milton Road resident Barbara Taylor will be playing in the 50th Anniversary Concert of the Cambridge Concert Orchestra on Saturday 8th July 7.30pm at the West Road Concert Hall.

Do go along to hear some light music favourites and two newly commissioned pieces. All in support of Voluntary Service Overseas.

More information and tickets available at [West Road Concert Hall](#)