

## Cambridgeshire County Council Report – November 2024

### **Buses**

The consultation by the Combined Authority continues until the middle of November on a proposal for bus franchising. There are still doubts about the funding for the franchising option.

### **Mill Road Bridge**

A special meeting of the Highways & Transport Committee held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October voted to restrict traffic over the Mill Road bridge in Cambridge to buses, taxis and blue badge holders/ carers. There is still a total lack of clarity around how the exemptions for carers will work and officers at the Committee meeting did not help with any clarity. I was unable to take part, as those of us who had attended the previous meetings which decided the fate of Mill Road in July 2021 and March 2023 were excluded.

### **CSET Busway**

County Council voted to proceed with the Traffic & Works Order for an off-road busway over the Gog Magog hills, with £7m to be spent on a feasibility study. The final build cost is around £160m at current build costs.

There is an acceptable alternative, that could cost £20m, which achieves most of the objectives and doesn't destroy green fields and at a much lower cost.

### **LHI Scheme**

The new scheme has opened for applications and closes in early January.

### **Greater Cambridge Partnership**

Chaos continues in Cambridge due to schemes such as the Milton Road junction that has 36 sets of traffic lights and is causing congestion, with no gain for residents.

I am keeping a watching brief on the issues that are coming out of Cambridge, over which we have no democratic input.

### **Swaffham Heath Road/ A1303 Crossroads**

Physical work on changing the junction commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> September and is expected to continue for 15 weeks.