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9 October 2018

To: Members of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board:

Councillor Lewis Herbert Councillor Ian Bates Councillor Aidan Van de Weyer Phil Allmendinger Claire Ruskin Cambridge City Council (Chairperson) Cambridgeshire County Council (Vice-Chairperson) South Cambridgeshire District Council University of Cambridge Cambridge Network

Dear Sir / Madam

Please find a supplement for the next meeting of **GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD**, which will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER - SOUTH CAMBS HALL** on **THURSDAY**, **11 OCTOBER 2018** at **4.00 p.m.**

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AGENDA

4. Questions from Members of the Public

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	Relates to Agenda Item 11: Quarterly Progress Report [to be asked under item 4: Public Questions]						
2	Yunus Bostanci	My name is Yunus Bostanci. I am 10. I live with my family in Meldreth, and I am a Junior Travel Ambassador at Meldreth Primary School. I think cycling is important because it avoids CO2 emissions and is enjoyable. I think Melbourn Greenways is important, in particular the Melbourn to Royston link, because fewer people from Meldreth would have to drive and more would be able to cycle, without fearing for their safety, to go to Tesco, to go to the Leisure Centre, or to just go shopping or for a tea in Royston. Next year, I will go to school at Melbourn Village College and I will have friends from Melbourn, from Royston as well as other surrounding villages. Safe Melbourn Greenways cycle paths would mean that I can visit my friends independently. My question is: Do you want me to grow up being a cyclist and active commuter, or do you want me to grow up getting in the habit of driving everywhere?	Yunus Bostanci plans to attend the meeting and ask his question in person				
3	Iris Bostanci	My name is Iris Bostanci. I am 7 years old. I go to Meldreth Primary School, and I am a Mini Junior Travel Ambassador. I don't like cars because they are bad for the environment, animals often get killed by cars, and driving makes me car sick. I enjoy cycling because when I cycle I feel free, and I have participated in the annual A10 Bike Awareness Ride twice already. Last time, I cycled the 11km from Cambridge to Melbourn by myself and was the youngest person to do so, as reported in the local newspapers. My question is: How old do you think I will be by the time the Melbourn to Royston bike path is finished?	Iris Bostanci plans to attend the meeting and ask her question in person				

		My name is Dr Adam Bostanci. I am a Science Writer with a	Dr Bostanci plans to attend the meeting and ask his question in
		technology company and a Research Associate at the	person
		University of Cambridge. I live in Meldreth with my family.	
		We do not own a car, mainly to minimise CO2 emissions. As	
		part of my work, I have been involved with the Commuting	
		and Health in Cambridge research project at Cambridge	
		University. I use the A10 cycle path 2 days each week (both	
		to cycle into Cambridge and home again), and my partner	
		uses it more frequently than that. The Melbourn to Royston	
		link, as part of Melbourn Greenways, would be	
		transformational because residents of Meldreth and	
		Melbourn could become much less car-dependent. Above	
		all, it would enable safe and convenient cycle access to	
		Royston, our nearest town, for shopping and leisure, as well	
		as safe and convenient cycle access to fast commuter trains	
	Dr Adam	to and from London and safe cycle access for school	
4	Bostanci	students travelling in both directions. Further, it would	
		complete the cycle link between Cambridge and Royston,	
		providing the spine of a much-needed local network of cycle	
		paths, with all attendant benefits. Based on my experience	
		with the Commuting and Health in Cambridge project, I am	
		conscious that active commuting options and an active	
		lifestyle have health and, separately, wellbeing benefits. Safe	
		and convenient bike paths can have a catalytic effect in	
		promoting active commuting and a more active lifestyle, in	
		particular among people who were previously inactive.	
		Moreover, one can envisage that Melbourn Greenways	
		would have other intangible community benefits for our	
		villages. My question is about the less tangible benefits of	
		cycling infrastructure: how do health, wellbeing and	
		community benefits factor in the benefit cost analysis that	
		accompanies your decision making?	

		My name is Alfie Richardson and I'm a Junior Travel	Alfie Richardson plans to attend the meeting and ask his
		Ambassador at Meldreth Primary School. My job is to	question in person
		persuade more people to walk, scooter and cycle to	
		school. Our Deputy Headteacher Mr Jones has mostly given	
		up driving to work and cycles from Shelford, though he had	
5	Alfie Richardson	to drive today in order to get us to Cambourne. I cycle with	
		my Dad as much as possible but in many places the roads	
		are too dangerous. My question for you is: What ideas do	
		you have for getting children involved in making decisions	
		about improving cycle links between villages?	