

**South Cambridgeshire District Council  
Record of Executive Decision**

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A key decision shall not be taken unless notice of the item has been published at least 28 days before the decision is to be taken except where:

- a General Exception notice has been published under Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has been informed in writing; or
- a Special Urgency notice has been published under Rule 16 of those Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has agreed the decision is urgent.

Unless permission has been obtained from the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee that this decision may be treated as a matter of urgency under Rule 12.19 of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules, this decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under Rule 7 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules or Rule 12 of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules. Where consent has been obtained to exempt the decision from call-in, this will be specified below.

<b>Lead Cabinet Member</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council (Statutory)
<b>Subject Matter</b>	A428 Supplementary Consultation Response
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	Cambourne; Caxton & Papworth
<b>Date Taken</b>	Wednesday, 10 March 2021
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Chenge Taruvinga (chenge.taruvinga@greatercambridgeplanning.org)
<b>Date Published</b>	Wednesday, 10 March 2021
<b>Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in</b>	Wednesday, 17 March 2021
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>In Forward Plan?</b>	No
<b>Urgent?</b>	No

<b>Purpose / Background</b>
<p>Highways England have now submitted their application for a Development Consent Order for the A428 improvements between Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet. This is a significant step forwards in the formal process for the scheme, and matters now become quite procedural and there are set timescales and processes for the application.</p> <p>The first stage is a review of the application by the Planning Inspectorate who will be determining the submission, specifically regarding the consultation which has been carried out by Highways England to support the scheme. The Planning Inspectorate has requested a formal written response on the adequacy of consultation carried out on the scheme. This request was received on the 26th of February with a 14 day deadline expiring this Friday, 12th March.</p> <p>The Cambridgeshire authorities have been working together on a joint response. As this is a fairly procedural part of the process, which doesn't cover the merits or benefits and impacts of the scheme, and is restricted to the consultation that has been carried out, the Cambridgeshire authorities aim to confirm that Highways England has consulted the authorities adequately as part of the pre-application process. However, the response will also highlight areas that need to be</p>

addressed as part of the DCO discussions.

**Declaration(s) of Interest**  
*Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.*

None

**Dispensation(s)**  
*In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.*

None

**Consultation**  
*Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.*

Cllr Ruth Betson (SCambs - Bourn)  
Cllr Gavin Clayton (SCambs - Cambourne)  
Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya (SCambs - Cambourne)  
Cllr Mark Howell (SCambs - Papworth & Elsworth)  
Cllr Nicholas Wright (SCambs - Papworth & Elsworth)  
Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer (SCambs - Orwell & Barrington)  
Cllr Douglas DeLacey (South Cambs - Girton)  
Cllr Nigel Cathcart (South Cambs - Bassingbourn)  
Cllr Heather Williams (South Cambs - The Mordens)

**Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection**

Option 1 – To indicate that the consultation process that Highways England engaged in was inadequate.

Reason for rejection:

The Authorities consider that Highways England has consulted on the terms set out in their Statement of Community Consultation. From review it appears that Highways England has consulted all appropriate groups, parishes and districts as well as statutory bodies.

The authorities also consider that the 2019 and 2020 Statutory Consultations were thorough and of appropriate quality, and engaged well with the public and relevant authorities, satisfying the requirements of the relevant duties to consult with the public. It is harder to say, without having seen much of the detail of the application, whether the Authorities responses to those consultations have been addressed.

<b>Final decision</b>	<b>Reason(s)</b>
Highway England's consultation process on the A428 is adequate therefore there is no objection in respect of this matter.	The A428 improvements will improve capacity on the highway network. The consultation process that was undertaken satisfies the requirements of legislation.

<b>Signed</b>	<b>Name (CAPITALS)</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
Lead Cabinet Member	Signed copy available upon request from Democratic Services (democratic.services@scambs.gov.uk)		
Chief Officer			

**Further Information**  
*Please see attached letter.*