

## **2 Bob Jarman**

### Question

Do you still plan to remove existing trees from Milton Road AND Histon Road?  
Please give details.

### Response given

Dear Mr. Jarman,

I refer to your question about the possible removal of existing trees from Milton Road and Histon Road.

The City Deal schemes for Milton Road and Histon Road aim to deliver improved infrastructure for bus, cycling and walking trips which will necessitate some significant changes to existing highway layouts and it is anticipated that a number of existing highway trees may need to be removed as a consequence.

Alongside the transport objectives set for each scheme, there is also an objective to enhance the environment of the roads and as part of the design process the opportunity is being taken to identify new areas for tree planting to mitigate any loss of existing trees.

In response to a resolution from the Milton Road Local Liaison Forum in August last year, the Executive Board has made clear its aspiration for a new avenue of tree planting along Milton Road as a core design element. I attach a copy of the full response from the Board, for your information.

On Histon Road, which has fewer highway trees, the Executive Board is also seeking new tree planting wherever possible as part of the scheme design to mitigate the loss of any existing highway trees.

At the next stage of public consultation when detailed scheme designs will be put forward for comment, details of any trees that would need to be removed would be provided along with details of new tree planting including precise locations and species type.

I hope this clarifies the current situation with regard to any possible tree removal.

## **5 Alistair Burford**

### Question

By the end of this month expenditure on work on the A428 Madingley Mulch to Grange Road project will be in the region of £1.3m before shared costs. By the time it's back on the agenda in July a further third of a million pounds will have been spent

Given that there is such widespread opposition to the preferred option to build an off road busway and P&R that will inflict irreparable damage to the Coton Corridor, West Fields and one of the City's most iconic landscapes at Madingley Hill.

Given that the Mouchel Report concluded that there was;

- *Lack of dedicated resources and insufficient resource*
- *Lack of strong dedicated technical leadership*
- *Weak systems and processes*
- *The need for a more up to date evidence base*
- *The need for more robust governance*
- *An inability among those delivering projects to articulate the overall vision and how their piece supports that*
- *Insufficiently developed working relationships between officers and members*
- *The need for a more proactive approach to communications*

Given that there are moves afoot to legally challenge the public consultation process.

Does the Assembly not think that it should be demanding that the Executive Board recognise that City Deal money is actually Public Money and that the Officers and councillors are Public Servants entrusted to manage our money responsibly and;

As the body established to scrutinise decisions made by the Executive Board, will the Assembly recommend to the Executive Board that work on the A428 corridor be paused to allow some consideration to the real concerns being raised?

### Responsive given

Dear Mr. Burford,

I refer to your question to the recent City Deal Joint Assembly meeting.

Without agreeing with the premise outlined in this question, it is relevant to respond with information that the Board has decided to carry out a wider search of potential locations for a park and ride site, and will also be looking at comparisons between on-road and off-road, including receiving a presentation on the LLF's 'option 6'. This additional work, which has grown out of the Board's recommendations in October, is indeed to ensure that we are able to find the best solution for reliability and improved journey times for people travelling between Cambourne and Cambridge.

## **7 Barbara Taylor**

### Question

We hope that you have all had a chance to look at the Milton Road Alliance's "Do Optimum" alternative for the proposed redevelopment of Milton Road.

[http://www.miltonroadalliance.org/Will\\_Milton\\_Road\\_set\\_the\\_standard\\_A4.pdf](http://www.miltonroadalliance.org/Will_Milton_Road_set_the_standard_A4.pdf)

We understand that discussion regarding Milton Road has been deferred from these March meetings to June "in order that officers can take more time to assess and engage further with the LLF, on the detailed proposals submitted before developing final recommendations to present to the Board". (Quote from City Deal email to MR LLF members, 17th Feb)

Given the City Deal's stated commitment to take account of the views of the public in decision-making, will the Milton Road Local Liaison Forum be given an early preview of the traffic modelling to be proposed in relation to the Milton Road Alliance's "Do Optimum" alternative and the opportunity to comment on it before decisions are made by the Joint Assembly and Executive Boards? If not, why not?

*Response given*

Dear Ms. Taylor,

Thank you for your email about traffic modelling and the sharing information with the Milton Road Local Liaison Forum, sent to South Cambridgeshire's Democratic Services Team. We have liaised with the project team and they have sent us the below response.

The Milton Road Project Team is currently assessing in detail the Local Liaison Forum's resolutions and the 'Do Optimum' proposal. This work will assess how well these proposals respond to the project objectives and will consider how best to combine elements of the current 'Do Something' proposal and the 'Do Optimum' alternative. The outcomes from this assessment process, as well as traffic modelling information on both 'Do Optimum' and 'Do Something', will be shared with the Milton Road LLF as part of the planned ongoing discussions with the LLF and prior to consideration by the Joint Assembly and the Executive Board in June.

I hope this is of assistance.