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**Dears Sirs** 

Re: A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvements, Public Consultation 2019

## Cambridge City Council response

Cambridge City Council is party to the response to the consultation being sent in by Cambridgeshire County Council on behalf of Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership.

To be clear, given that the scheme improvements are not located within Cambridge City Council's authority area, within the joint response, the Council is party to the response points that relate to the wider transport impacts of the improvements, but has not contributed to the comments about the physical impacts of the scheme.

## South Cambridgeshire District Council response

South Cambridgeshire District Council is also party to the response to the consultation being sent in by Cambridgeshire County Council on behalf of Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership.

The joint response includes discussion of the potential transport impacts of the proposed A428 scheme, which extend beyond the limits of the physical improvement works. In addition to the points on this topic set out in the joint response, South Cambridgeshire District Council would like to raise the following points:

- The Council is concerned that the provision of a single lane on the A428 at the Girton interchange, being created as part of the ongoing A14 improvement project, may be insufficient to accommodate current and future numbers of vehicles that will be using the road, including traffic generated by the A428 improvement scheme subject of the current consultation.
- The Council asks Highways England to explore the benefits and feasibility of including an all-ways junction at Girton Interchange a study referenced in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough draft Local Transport Plan<sup>1</sup>. An all-ways junction would provide through traffic with the option of avoiding the existing single carriage way onto the A1303 between the Hardwick roundabout and J13 of the M11. The A1303 route is already congested and any additional traffic on the A428 heading east into Cambridge will further exacerbate the existing congestion levels.

Yours faithfully,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority draft Local Transport Plan (2019)