

AGENDA ITEM 9

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

a) Future of the A10

East Cambridgeshire District Council, hereinafter referred to as 'the Council', notes that:

- The A10 corridor between Ely and Cambridge is a strategically important route for commuters, freight, agricultural traffic and local communities across East Cambridgeshire and the wider region
- The road currently carries more than 18,000 vehicles per day and remains largely single carriageway, resulting in congestion, delays, safety concerns and reduced reliability for residents and businesses
- The need to upgrade the A10 corridor has been recognised for decades, ~~with studies dating back to the 1970s examining options to increase capacity and improve connectivity between Ely and Cambridge~~
- More recently, Cambridgeshire County Council undertook extensive option development work considering highway capacity improvements, junction upgrades, modal shift, and active travel measures, ~~the outcome of which was a recommendation for full dualling of the corridor with a parallel active travel route~~ **which helped inform later proposals for a range of interventions including junction improvements, dualling options and associated active travel measures**
- This work was subsequently taken forward by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), culminating in a Strategic Outline Business Case in 2020, which proposed a range of primarily road-based improvement options, including online and offline dualling of the A10, with associated cycling and walking infrastructure
- Public engagement undertaken in 2020 demonstrated strong local interest in addressing congestion and improving connectivity along the corridor, **while also highlighting concerns around environmental impact, deliverability and the need for sustainable transport improvements**
- The A10 corridor is critical to supporting planned growth across the region, including up to 17,000 new homes and 14,000 new jobs, and is essential to maintaining the economic vitality of East Cambridgeshire and neighbouring areas
- The importance of the A10 upgrade is recognised by Homes England, which is planning a further study of the route through the Strategic Place Partnership, with work having begun in January 2026.

- **The Council further notes that the Government has indicated that the scheme is not currently a national funding priority, making it difficult to secure funding for full corridor dualling in the near term**
- **The Council further notes that proposed Local Government Reorganisation may result in the southern and northern sections of the route falling under different successor authorities, which could complicate the governance, prioritisation and delivery of any major corridor-wide scheme**

The Council believes that:

- ~~Full dualling of the A10~~ **Improving the A10 by dualling and other measures** between Ely and Cambridge is the most effective long-term solution to address congestion, improve safety, and provide the capacity required to support the sustainable growth of the region
- Failure to progress the scheme **improvements to the corridor** risks constraining economic development, worsening congestion for residents and businesses and undermining confidence in the delivery of essential regional infrastructure
- Given the public funds spent over decades, the years of technical work already undertaken and the clear strategic importance of the route, the A10 ~~dualling project~~ **corridor programme** must remain a priority within regional transport planning.
- **The Council believes that, while partial or full dualling may still form part of the longer-term solution, it may not be achievable in the near future given current funding constraints, delivery uncertainty and wider governance changes**
- **The Council further believes that a phased approach, beginning with urgent junction improvements, safety works, active travel provision and other targeted interventions, is the most responsible and deliverable way to secure progress now while keeping open the option of further capacity enhancements in future**

Therefore, the Council resolves to:

- Reaffirm its strong support for **urgent improvements to the A10 corridor, including the full dualling of and other improvements to the A10 between Ely and Cambridge, including provision for high-quality active travel infrastructure, acknowledging the urgent need for deliverable improvements, particularly junction and safety interventions continue without delay**

- Instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor of the CPCA requesting that the A10 ~~dualling~~ **improvement** scheme remains a strategic transport priority and that work to progress the project continues without delay
- Instruct the Leader of the Council to request that the CPCA provide clarity on the programme for further development work, including the study by the Strategic Place Partnership and the pathway towards delivery of the scheme
- Instruct the Director (Community) to share this motion with neighbouring local authorities, Members of Parliament representing communities along the A10 corridor, and relevant regional stakeholders, in order to invite them to demonstrate their support for progressing the scheme on a cross-area basis

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