

## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

### **STAGECOACH**

Council Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Stagecoach have announced extensive cuts to the bus services in Cambridgeshire a number of which will adversely affect Cambourne's residents. This announcement was made on their website under 'New Sustainable Bus Network for the East. [East Bus Network | Stagecoach \(stagecoachbus.com\)](https://www.stagecoachbus.com/east-bus-network) We have written to stagecoach to get clarification of the impact and consultation carried out. Please see below.

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*Cambourne Town Council were dismayed to learn that there are number of changes to bus routes affecting Cambourne and there had been no consultation with the Council. There is a lot of work taking place to promote sustainable transport and the use of busses. We have been in discussion with yourself earlier in the year regarding services in Cambourne and we were told you would keep us informed of potential changes..*

*Can you explain what consultation that has been carried out and the direct impact on Cambourne residents.*

*Kind Regards  
John'*

We have written to our County and District Councillors on the issue.

We have also had a few residents contacting the Town Office regarding the issue, such as an email from a resident below.

*'Good afternoon.*

*I understand stagecoach are cancelling the no 18 route and the 905 will no longer stop at Cambourne. The no4 will no longer stop at villages between Cambourne and Cambridge. This seems to then leave residents of Cambourne with only 1 bus route to Cambridge and seemingly no way of accessing St Neots or Comberton and surrounding villages. Residents of Comberton, Caldecote, and Bourn appear to be about to be marooned too.*

*Cambourne is still without 6th form provision and all over 16s travel outside of the village for their studies. The limited bus routes will have a major impact on these students as well as on workers who previously relied on public transport to get to neighbouring villages for their employment. The elderly will also lose out on being able to use their bus passes to attend adult education classes, exercise or social groups in the locality.*

*The knock-on impact on traffic, congestion and air quality in the area must therefore be significant, and those on low incomes will inevitably be hardest hit.*

*I ask that you please push for the reinstatement of services to and from the villages around Cambourne. As the town expands we need this provision for all ages.*

*Kind regards  
Resident of Great Cambourne*

There has been a lot of publicity about the cuts and the Combined Authority Mayor is considering what action the Combined Authority will take, as the lead for public transport.