

# CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Traffic Matters and Road Safety

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#### 14.1 West Cambourne Bus Link

From: Stephanie Moffat  
Sent: 07 November 2022 17:07  
To: John Vickery <clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk>  
Subject: West Cambourne Bus Link

Hi John

I hope you are keeping well. TW asked me to give you an update on the bus link application.

It was submitted as you know in November 2019 however this still hasn't been determined. Some of this was whilst the County undertook their own review on what service they were going to provide and the use of the link. We have made several changes to our scheme over this time to try and accommodate everything we can for the County whilst staying in line with our land ownership and obligations. This has been challenging but we have been trying to work jointly with the County to bring forwards a solution that delivers the best result for the end users.

We have sent off our 'final' plans and we are awaiting some feedback. We have chased this and I will let you know once we get planning and can move on to the detailed design and construction.

Thanks  
Steph

Kind Regards

Stephanie Moffat  
Managing Director

## 14.2 Cllr O'Dwyer email to Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

From: [cllr.odwyer@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.odwyer@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Sent: 25 October 2022 22:34

To: Amanda Elliott

Cc: Clerk <[clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)>

Subject: F.A.O. MAYOR DR NIK JOHNSON - NEW BUS TIMNETABLES

Dear Mayor Dr Nik Johnson,

The results of your programme to replace the withdrawn Stagecoach bus services is now public. Looking at the bus routes that Cambourne's resident use to travel to and from Cambourne, the route 905 no longer stops at Cambourne on its journey from Cambridge to St Neots and back.

On examining the current timetable (up to 30th October 2022) it takes 41 minutes to travel from Cambridge Parkside Bay 16 to Loves Farm.

The new timetable (31st October 2022 onwards) shows 35 minutes to travel from Cambridge Parkside Bay 16 to St Neots Loves Farm.

This saving of 6 minutes is achieved by ignoring Cambourne's 12.000 residents (increasing with West Cambourne development) and preventing many 6th form students, approaching voting age, from accessing Cambridge Regional College. The Science Park, an expanding employment centre, will also see many without private transport unable to get to work.

Given the population of Cambourne, it must have a negative impact on the financial sustainability of the 905 and to save only 6 minutes it makes no sense in depriving Cambourne of this valued service. There may be logic in provided a 'rush hour' service but to simply bypass Cambourne altogether makes no sense.

Also, there is no public transport available to take Cambourne's residents to St Neots once the new 905 timetable is implemented,

Public transport has a crucial role in facilitating a modal switch away from cars and their carbon emissions. Without an affordable, efficient and reliable public transport system people will use their cars and those, like West Cambourne's residents - 50 homes already occupied, 2.300 to go - may not be persuaded away from their cars once they have an established pattern.

I urge you to reconsider the wisdom of the 905 not stopping at Cambourne and question the cost/benefit of such an action. In fact, I would welcome an explanation of how and why the decision was agreed to with no consultation or justification as a number of residents are complaining and I don't have a suitable answer.

Regards

**Mayor Dr Nik Johnson Response**

Dear Councillor O'Dwyer

Thank you for contacting the Mayor's Office and for raising a number of issues regarding the new bus services.

My CPCA Officers in the Transport Team have worked hard, and continue to do so, in order to ensure the Cambourne service remains comprehensive.

After many discussions, the Citi 4 Cambourne to Cambridge remains every 20 minutes on its existing route. A new route 18 provides an hourly link from Cambourne to St Neots - it also provides an hourly back road route to Cambridge past Comberton College and a link to West Cambourne and Caxton. The 905 has returned to exactly the same route it had prior to Spring 2001 in response to ongoing passenger concerns. This means that the experimental link to the Science Park has been severed because the loadings are very low due to high levels of 'work from home' residents. The Cambridge Regional College can be accessed by students either by paying to travel on one of the CRC's dedicated bus services (already connecting Cambourne to the CRC) or by the No 4 into Cambridge (every 10 minutes) then the No 1 or the A, B or C to the Cambridge Regional College (ten journeys an hour combined). The X3 provides hourly links from Cambourne to Huntingdon and Hinchingsbrooke Hospital in one direction and directly in to Addenbrookes in the other direction. The Ting service collects passengers from outside Cambourne Morrisons and provides direct links to surrounding villages and all parts of St Neots.

My Officers are in regular dialogue with our operators and are continuing to raise all concerns and suggestions with Stagecoach to see if we can persuade them to expand their provision or at least revise the timetables. In addition, we are exploring the art of the possible for April 2023 onwards and will bear all requests in mind as part of this work.

In the meantime, we thank you for your continued patience during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely  
Mayor Dr Nik Johnson  
Mayor's Office