

Transport, Environment & Climate Change Select Committee – 1 February 2024

Agenda Item 4 – Public Questions

1. I am a resident in Haddenham which lies by an open flood plain. To create a raised cycle track there would require expensive heavy engineering needed for supporting elements that would interfere with flood storage and flood flow. Additionally, rescue vehicles could not reach this flooded area night or day. Is a drier, less costly route being considered, which would allow rescue vehicles access day and night, well away from domestic accommodation?
 - Mrs Shirley Henderson

2. Having campaigned for well over 20 years for a safe active travel route between Haddenham and Thame we are delighted that Bucks Council is continuing to pursue the project and is committed to working with charitable organisations, residents, volunteer groups and Parish Councils. In light of the overwhelming usage case for the Haddenham-Thame Greenway, huge public support demonstrated in the public consultation carried out by Bucks Council and endorsement by England's Economic Heartland, can the cabinet member commit to do everything within his power to expedite the investigations currently being carried out so that we will be in a position to see concrete steps forward publicly announced before the end of the year?
 - Alan Thawley, Chair of Haddenham Safe Walking and Cycling Group (HaddSWAC)

3. What plans are there to relay the track from Claydon Junction to Quainton Road and Aylesbury following the use by HS2 for construction work?
 - Chris Wright, Oxon and Bucks Rail Action Committee

4. Why is the council not looking at the opportunity to establish "Walking bus" schemes for local schools? These are schemes which facilitate children walking to school along pre-set routes accompanied by designated adults to reduce car travel to school and encourage young people to walk. There are multiple benefits: reduced road congestion at peak times, carbon and emission savings, children's exercise and health.
 - Richard Brown

Due to time restraints, the following question will not be asked at the meeting however the answer will be appended to the minutes:

5. There has been lots of air quality monitoring along Broad Street/Berkhamsted Road in Chesham, and it is clear that the pollution levels are higher than is desirable. What actions (aside from monitoring) are Bucks planning to take to reduce air pollution along this road?

- Vicki Mistry