

Dear Greater Cambridge Partnership

**Re. Cambridge South West Travel Hub - Council Planning on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) to express our support for the Cambridge South West Travel Hub project, as one of the solutions to provide sustainable public transport links, minimise traffic, and reduce on and off-street parking for our neighbours while enabling employment growth with adequate infrastructure.

We know the many challenges which travelling to Cambridge creates for those taking short, medium or long journeys and the desire of many to commute in active and sustainable ways. The difficulty comes in finding solutions which work for as many people as possible, we acknowledging this can be challenging but the status quo of business as usual can no longer be maintained.

Currently, there are around 21,000 people working in research, industry and the NHS on the campus and it is thought that the expansion and relative cost of housing in the area leads us to believe this number may significantly increase in the future. Despite homeworking, the growth on campus is expected to result in the numbers travelling daily to continue to grow. Pre-covid we anticipated trips to Campus to be around 41K/day and by 2031 to grow to about 67K.

This makes it pressing to find options to help those staff, as well as visitors and patients, coming from the M11, particularly as the demand on services from an ageing and growing population is likely to increase.

We want to help people get to the campus via the most sustainable, simplest and cheapest means, ensuring that this approach helps to reduce carbon emissions and is reliable.

While it is anticipated that organisations on the campus will continue to adopt some element of home working post-covid, most of our staff still need to be on site to support the delivery of healthcare, research and study. We need to be able to give these groups sustainable travel options to reach the campus and other areas of Cambridge.

We hope that the Cambridge South West Travel Hub project will be able to join up with other transport infrastructure schemes around the city as they develop, working closely with local communities to find solutions to issues they have raised throughout the consultation period.

As always, the campus is more than happy to help in any way it can to assist GCP, the Planning Authority, the city and its residents to improve transport provision to ensure that Cambridge can function well for its communities.

Yours faithfully,



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For and on behalf of

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