

Motion submitted by Councillor Dr Haq Nawaz

THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMBINED AUTHORITY WAR ON MOTORISTS

Council notes the many policy initiatives proposed by or supported by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and/or the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) which are deliberately designed to force people out of their cars.

This Council further notes that the rural nature of much of Fenland, together with wholly inadequate public transport alternatives, means that for many people in Fenland, their ability to use a car is essential in accessing work, leisure, education and shops and other services.

Support given at CCC and/or CPCA to the following policy initiatives is therefore inimical to the economic and social well-being of residents in Fenland:

- road-space reallocation
- modal filters to reduce traffic volumes
- road capacity reduction schemes
- 20 minute cities
- physical and pricing interventions designed to create 'traffic disappearance'
- 'trip budgets' for new residential development as part of 'traffic demand management'
- fiscal measures such as road charging and congestion charging.

The geography and economy of Fenland is such that our area depends more on private vehicle transport than many other areas, and is likely to do so for many years to come.

Council therefore rejects all proposals to introduce any of the following in or near to Fenland:

- road-space reallocation
- modal filters to reduce traffic volumes
- road capacity reduction schemes
- 20 minute cities
- physical and pricing interventions designed to create 'traffic disappearance'
- 'trip budgets' for new residential development as part of 'traffic demand management'
- fiscal measures such as road charging and congestion charging.

Council therefore requires its Members whom the Council has appointed as our representatives on the CPCA Board and its committees, and Officers who interact with the CPCA and CCC, to reflect the sentiment within this motion when interacting with CCC, or when representing this Council at meetings of the CPCA or its committees.