

CABINET – 15 MARCH 2011

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions received from the following Members:

1. Councillor John Sanders to the Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure

“What measures will LPT3 include to improve cross-city cycle routes in Oxford?”

Answer

“Radial cycle routes as well as routes across the city centre will be improved and there will be schemes to improve cycle access to park and ride sites.

Schemes and investigative work will include:

- *cycle/pedestrian improvements to allow 2-way cycling on Pembroke Street;
- *Jackdaw Lane cycle and footbridge over the Thames;
- *identification of other ‘missing links’ and potential schemes to further join up the city’s cycle network.

It is unfortunate that due to the country’s deficit that the previous government left behind that funding for such schemes will be difficult to identify.”

2. Councillor John Sanders to the Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure

“Paragraph 10 of the report on LPT3 claims under aims and strategic objectives that it will “tackle deprivation” how does the Cabinet Member for Transport envisage that LPT3 will tackle deprivation?”

Answer

“The LTP will tackle deprivation by:

- Supporting growth and the competitiveness of the local economy - by reducing congestion, securing infrastructure and improving the local environment the Plan will help to retain existing jobs and attract new ones to the county
- Making it easier to get around the county and improving access to jobs and services – by creating the conditions for sustainable long term transport services the Plan will give real choice to the deprived and open up opportunities for them
- Promoting healthier travel – the most deprived people often have the least healthy lifestyles and the Plan will provide more opportunities for them to choose more healthy travel options

These ambitions may not be realised in the first few years of the Plan because of the deficit that the previous government left behind but the plan will guide investment for 20 years towards these important goals.”