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With regard, to Grove Lane, the road has been resurfaced at no cost to the County Council. The CC is know looking at the illegal access into the car park and the makeshift bridge, as well as the boundary issues ie use of Highway verges.

There are a number of, Planning Enforcement processes in progress which may alter the CC position in due course. The CC are working with the Environment agency and National Highways on these issues, it is therefore not straight forward as they all have their own procedures which we need to navigate.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership have now come up with their revised proposals for the Congestion charge in Cambridge following the consultation.

The proposals are that the:-

Congestion Charge will operate between the hours of 7am and 10am and the 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday, The cost will be £5.00 for cars, £10.00 for vans and £50 for HGV's.

Motorists will get 50 free days per annum, however this means drivers/ commuters will still pay in excess of £1000 to commute into Cambridge on a daily basis.

There will also be a 50% discount for locally owned small to medium businesses using HGV's and vans. Its not yet known whether this is just for Cambridge City businesses or for all businesses in Cambridgeshire.

There will also be a 50% discount for people on low incomes, this however will still mean that these residents will have to find in excess of £500 to commute into Cambridge per annum

There will also be exemptions for most people who have, to travel to Addenbrookes, the Royal Papworth and Rosie Maternity Hospitals, as these hospitals will remain in the zone. As, yet we don't know how this will operate and who will not be exempt. There will also be exemptions for those in receipt of Carer benefits and personal mobility benefits.

Also, motorbikes will be exempt from the charge.

However, the Labour Party in Cambridge and the Lib Dems in South cambridgeshire have said they won't support these proposals as they are seen as a vote loser as seen in the recent Cambridge. So the proposals are dead in the water until after the General election.

I have received a the large amount of complaints about weeds along the edges of our roads, if the PC consider this an issue, as Cambridgeshire County Council are no longer carrying out annual /cyclic weeding due to it being cut from the budget, back in February.

I would suggest that the PC circulates the petition to show the Cllrs in charge that this is an important issue The link to the petition is https://shorturl.at/dkFTZ

I would also ask that the PC consider writing to object to this policy and request that it is reversed. I would suggest you write to Stephen Moir, Chief Executive, Frank Jordan, Executive Director Place and Sustainability and Cllr Alex Beckett, chair of Highways and Transportation.

With regard, to next year's Local Highways Improvement Bids Parishes will be able to submit applications from Friday 27th October 23 until noon on Friday 12th January 24. The County Council will undertake feasibility studies between February and May.

The LHI Panel meetings will be in June /July 24. With the report to Committee in September 24.

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