

## **MANIFESTO FOR TRANSPORT IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**Everyone in Cambridgeshire should be able to make journeys easily and affordably, while protecting lives and respecting the needs of others. Journeys should also safeguard the precious world we live in.**

**Cambridge City Council elections in May are a key test of our local politicians' commitment to this goal. Every candidate can play a part by pledging their support for a transport network that works for us all.**

### **We ask all local politicians:**

#### **Ask 1: Sign up to a fair and efficient transport future for our county**

Cambridge City Council will not help to meet the county's objectives in terms of reducing inequality, supporting business, promoting health and wellbeing for all, and reducing carbon emissions without finding sustainable solutions to the region's transport challenges. Make your commitment and play your part in helping to achieve this.

#### **Ask 2: Support local control of the bus network and faster routes for buses**

Support franchising of the bus network to increase local control, provide better services and ultimately increase bus ridership. Give your backing to more bus priority schemes, so buses can run more quickly and to timetable, rather than getting delayed in traffic jams.

#### **Ask 3: Back plans for more safe and attractive routes for walking, wheeling and cycling**

Use your influence to make walking, wheeling and cycling in the city safer, easier and more pleasant. Work with residents to identify opportunities for local highway improvements to existing routes. Help to ensure that new planning proposals focus on meeting all transport users' needs, including those of bus users, and not just those of private car drivers. Support the allocation of adequate space for footways and cycleways and press for the repair of inadequate and unsafe routes.

#### **Ask 4: Advocate for better journeys to school**

Work with your local primary schools and parents to press for measures such as 'school streets' and safer routes to school. Support the case for safe, healthy and independent travel for all children and young people and the reduction of air pollution and congestion.

#### **Ask 5: Become a champion for accessibility**

Strive for a transport network that gives everyone the freedom and independence to get to where they want to be. Transport choices should not be inhibited by characteristics such as age, income, background or disability. Support stronger enforcement measures against anti-social and pavement parking to improve journeys for all road users – drivers, bus passengers, walkers, wheelers and cyclists.