

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Transport Assessment for the Guided Bus***

Please could you provide a copy of the Transport Assessment as I assume this contains the information I am interested in.

Please could you also explain how the information in a Transport Assessment can have made its way into the guided busway project without the full council or cabinet making a decision to accept its contents?

Please see the link below that will take you to the Transport Assessment for the Guided Bus.

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/thebusway/history/inquiry/ta.htm>

It is important that the difference between policy decisions that are made by councillors, including the Council's Cabinet, and the detailed delivery of an agreed scheme is made clear. In this instance, the Cabinet, and then Full Council, made a decision to apply for the scheme under the Transport and Works Act in 2003. A further decision in 2006 was taken to implement the Guided Busway. I have included further links below to Cabinet reports that detail both of these decisions and actions.

Oct 2003 - decision to apply under Transport and Works Act

<http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/db/reprack.nsf/c3cf865e3cc1131380256a6b0037e439/7c193df76abc885780256d94004aa4dd?OpenDocument>

July 2006 - decision to implement Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

<http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/db/reprack2009.nsf/c3cf865e3cc1131380256a6b0037e439/861ce251e6fca491802571a0004d3823?OpenDocument>

The Transport Assessment fed into the process of councillors taking a strategic decision on the Guided Busway project, and single decker buses were always planned for the southern section. The detail of the scheme, such as the use of single decker buses on the Southern section, has been implemented through the delivery of the scheme rather than by individual Cabinet decision.

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