

**East Cambridgeshire District Council**  
**Full Council meeting, Tuesday 23 February**

Item 7(a)  
A1123 (and A1421) Re-Classification

This Council ~~unequivocally~~ **broadly** supports Cambridgeshire County Council in its commitment and ambition to reclassify the A1123 (and A1421) from an “A” to “B” road **provided that this does not result in a net reduction in the budget for maintenance of Cambridgeshire’s roads.**

~~Furthermore, the Council commends the motion proposed by Councillor Bill Hunt and agreed by the County Council on 15 December 2020 but expresses its disappointment that this was not supported by all County Members representing East Cambridgeshire Divisions.~~

The reclassification of the A1123 (A1421) **potentially** provides a number of key advantages and opportunities for the East Cambs villages of Haddenham, Stretham, Wicken and Wilburton, specifically:

- following the improvements to the A14, to improve the quality of life for many 1000’s of our residents;
- improve air quality and congestion consistent with the Council’s Climate Change Strategy;
- reduce the incidence of pedestrian and cycle injury, damage to vehicles and houses caused by the use of A1123 as a strategic route (or locally known as the “A14 bypass”) by vehicles especially HGVs.

**The Council recognises, however, that reclassification alone will not fully address these issues, and will only achieve the above objectives in conjunction with practical measures including the appropriate imposition of weight limits, 20mph speed limits in villages, and other speed restriction measures. It further recognises that any reclassification must take place without detriment to residents in other communities not on strategic road freight routes.**

The Council requests the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive to forward this motion to the Executive Director for Place and Economy and pledges our support to this important initiative **to be implemented without a net reduction in the road maintenance budget or detriment to residents in other communities not on strategic freight routes, and alongside the practical measures listed above.**

Proposer: Councillor Lorna Dupré  
Seconder: Councillor Gareth Wilson