**FeCRA Committee Question for the Full Council Meeting 25 Feb, 2021**

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The Government has pledged to make the Oxford Cambridge Arc the premier growth corridor.

On the key issue of water supply, it says the spatial framework will “support an integrated water management approach’.

It is recognised that the Cam’s grazed meadows play a vital role in addressing climate change, floodplain management and local food supply and that they should be the backbone of a Cam landscape strategy.

Yet the Council the official sponsor of plastic cows on Cambridge Commons sponsored by business is proposing to cut the out of hours emergency service for the graziers, and the budget report states this has no impact on climate change. By cutting the pinder service for the real cows on Cambridge commons you are saving only £8,000 and are also threatening the livelihoods of small producers that play a vital role in flood plain management, climate change, nature farming,and local food supply.

The graziers some of whom have been farming here for over thirty years, say they were not consulted about these plans.

So who was consulted? **Will you ensure that this vital *out of hour*s service for the graziers is retained?**

The budget proposes £710,000 growth funding for the Wider Cambridge Visitor Project to encourage even more people to come to an already very crowded city.

How can residents and local businesses be involved in key decisions about climate change and biodiversity if landscapes are prioritised for investment because they will generate the council income as accelerator parks and visitor destinations or as mitigating development?

The new joint Local Plan provides an exceptional opportunity to consider the Cam as it flows through South Cambs and the city.

**Q Will you commit to a River Cam Landscape Strategy that prioritises the natural environment and is based on community involvement not developer profit or generating income for the council from accelerator parks and visitor destinations?**