



Skills and Employment Committee

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Title: Public Questions

Public Report: Yes

Question 1 – Antony Carpen

To Skills and Employment Committee

Question:

I note that despite my previous public questions about the importance of transport infrastructure to education and skills providers, Grant Thornton appears to have given minimal consideration to the issue in their report. In particular they seem to have given minimal consideration to:

- How we got to here with the creation of educational cold spots
- Government policies from the late 1980s onwards that led to the over-concentration of A-level places in one part of southern Cambridge
- The impact that substantially-improved transport infrastructure could have on the sustainability of new centres of further education in Cambridgeshire.

Mindful that the new government is taking a different approach to the previous one as already demonstrated by Northstowe, how will the CPCA be assessing what transport infrastructure is required to sustain any new facility/building providing further education options north of Cambridge?