

Kings Dyke Crossing – Spin the Story....

Whilst we all need a bit of 'good news' under these present circumstances, the press release coming from the leader of Cambs CC - Cllr Steve Count, is some way off the mark.

I was 'first to write' on the 16th April -

*The expected break in news is welcomed by most of Whittlesey and other commuters using the A605 – It appears that CCC and Cllr Count are now vindicated in their stance to cancel the previous association with the Kier Group®
Let us all hope once more that the project will go ahead – but there are still many variables*

Let us go back and jog a few memories....
from This Web-blog on the 28th February 2013 I wrote :-

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[A Bridge is a coming!!!! £15 Million +++](#)

*Nick Clarke leader of Cambs County Council has announced today (28th)...
A 'Bridge' is to be built....sooner than later, possibly within the next 3 years...
All kudos being given to our (2) County Councillors Martin Curtis and Ralph Butcher...
Of course no one else has been campaigning for either a bridge or by-pass for the last 50+ Years!..
Whilst I and many if not all of Whittlesey are very happy at this 'news'.....Like the Supermarket Plan, I will be Jumping (In my dreams) for joy when I see the building work begin.
The only sting and there has to be one, is that 'We' Cambs ratepayer will be funding two thirds of the cost.
No Government help – No Euro help....!!! – they have no money.....
Why not go the whole hog and charge us for using it....*

Now quite a few things have changed and I admit there is Government help, (not at the time) and we are still indirectly paying for it as tax payer.

We have no Cllrs Nick Clarke, Butcher or Curtis, we have had several leaders of Cambs CC and what was supposed to have been completed for (lets be generous £15M has now become (maybe) £32M (+ some contingencies) my basic simple mathematics tells me this is more than 'double' the original build costs.
(How does that save money)....

Perhaps with the project being somewhat (taking the original 2013 figures) some 6+ years overdue – or am I to be corrected on this.

I fully accept that now (since March 2020) that the Corvid-19 situation is of no making of Cambs CC and that any future plans are very much dependent on the easing of businesses to be able to get back to some sort of normality.

‘We’ went through a time warp of differing estimates, time scales and excuses for well over 6 years. I cannot and do not hold the current administration and ‘some’ Councillors for this debacle – but there are some serious mis-calculations done by someone/somebody – and too date no one has held their hands up to say ‘we’ were responsible.

Many may say I have spun the above for my argument – wrong – those who have followed my Web-blog for 10 years will see I’ve been pretty consistent with my reporting of The KD Bridge project.

I do not and am not qualified to have all the answers – but I always state I am accountable in my small role as a local Councillor and Community Activist – and so should those who have got us to this stage of the KD Bridge project – but I doubt if that will happen.

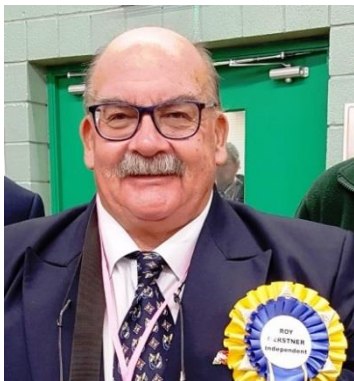
Finally taken from CCC’s own website :- *It is expected the main construction work will begin in spring 2019 with the new road and bridge opening in late 2020.*

16th April :- Can view on CCC Website ;-

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/kings-dyke-contract-award-set-to-be-discussed>

As of Saturday 25th April the much published ‘hoarding’ updating residents entering and leaving Whittlesey near Kings Dyke Had not been updated !!!!

I am one of the 99% of residents who have waited, and waited all these years to have this bottleneck sorted and appreciate that options for a ‘proper’ bypass is being ‘looked at’ – If that was ever to be authorised – we can expect to wait a very very long time for it to happen....



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Primarily I report on Council meetings & business to keep the electorate informed on both what I am actively involved with and in part other interests that I believe the electorate within Whittlesey & District may also wish to be informed.

My Web-Blog is community based and I report and comment on many other subjects.

I occasionally make a mistake and am more than happy to correct this if it pointed out to me.