

County Councillor's Report for Parishes, June 2019 – Anna Bradnam

Combined Authority - is drawing up a **Local Transport Plan (LTP)** to serve the County for the next 30 years. This will provide the policy foundation and strategic context for key projects like the CAM Metro, Wisbech, Soham and Cambridge South rail station proposals, the dualling of the A47 and A10 and the ongoing work to reform the bus network.

If approved on 29 May, the CPCA will commence a series of half-day public consultation events across the county and online from June 2019 for 12 weeks. The purpose of the public consultation is to set out with local communities the transport challenges faced by region and to seek feedback on the approach and policies proposed to address them. Once responses have been received a final version will be approved late in in 2019. In a recent informal discussion with Mayor Palmer, he confirmed that the Ely to Cambridge Transport Study will not report until Spring 2020 at the earliest.

Guided Busway

Please can I remind anyone who cycles to the Cambridge Regional College to take great care when crossing the Guided Busway. Following a recent incident where a young girl was knocked off her bike by a bus when she had followed friends across the Busway, the County Council has said that safety is a priority and taken very seriously. Crossing points are being re-assessed for safety. As a result of this review, some additional enhancements, such as extra signage and a guard rail, will be installed on the busway at Kings Hedges Road over the next few weeks. A temporary barrier has been installed (Wednesday 29 May) before the permanent work can be completed. The aim is to increase awareness at the crossing point, reminding cyclists and pedestrians to stop and look for buses before crossing the busway.

Smart Cambridge wins grant funding

Cambridgeshire County Council and the Smart Cambridge programme have been awarded a £94,000 grant from the Department for Transport (DfT) to open up transport data to support innovation and to improve traffic networks. Announced on 30 May by DfT, the award follows a successful bid to the Opening Local Authority Transport Data Competition 2019 by Smart Cambridge, which is part of the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The grant will be used to open up urban traffic management data, Bluetooth Data and real-time car parking data sources and feed the raw data into a common database. The data can then be used to identify areas where highways operations can be improved, provide live incident management, support transport planning and the development of innovative products or solutions.

Cycling Scheme Award

The County Council's work to encourage children to take up cycling has been recognised through a prestigious award. The award recognises the support and importance the Council places on [Bikeability](#) training (like the old 'cycling proficiency' training) and the work the Cycling Projects Team is doing to encourage and support thousands of children in Cambridgeshire receiving Bikeability training. The award was presented to Mike Davies and John Stanley from the Cycling Projects Team by Paul Robison from The Bikeability Trust on Tuesday, 28 May at the Outspoken offices in Cambridge.

Innovate and Cultivate Fund

The Innovate and Cultivate Fund is Cambridgeshire County Council's fund to help voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations realise their projects and ideas that

help address the needs of local residents. The County Council's website explores the new 'Cultivate Seed Fund Projects' which offer inspiration, guidance and support for setting up and running projects that are known to strengthen communities and support vulnerable people. Projects include Timebanks, Good Neighbour Schemes, Dementia Friendly Communities and Men's Sheds more information is available at: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-&-localism/innovate-and-cultivate-fund/>

The Innovate and Cultivate Fund has two funding streams:

- Cultivate - grants of £2,000 - £19,000 aimed at encouraging local networks where people help themselves and each other
- Innovate - grants of up to £50,000 for big projects with big ideas that demonstrate an innovative approach.

To be eligible, all projects must:

- be either new, or build on an existing project in a new location or with new beneficiaries
- show that they will reduce pressure on Council services and / or offer direct savings for the Council.

Application Deadlines:

1 August 2019 - Cultivate grants and Innovate grants

1 November 2019 - Cultivate grants only

1 February 2020 - Cultivate grants and Innovate grants

For more information and to apply, please visit the Innovate and Cultivate Fund page on the [Cambridgeshire Community Foundation website](#).

Shire Hall site. Having marketed the site and received bids from 30 organisations, a member working group drew up a shortlist of four bidders. On 14 May Full Council debated the merits of the options which included proposals on how the Castle Mound and Civil War Earthworks would be protected. Council approved Brookgate as the council's preferred bidder to lease the site and further negotiations have started to agree the full terms, including the length of the lease which will be for between 30 and 40 years. Brookgate, are responsible for the CB1 development at Cambridge Central station and the area around the Cambridge North station. They propose, subject to planning permission, a prestige hotel and prime office accommodation on the site. The lease arrangement means the site will remain in public ownership and public access can be secured.

Around the Parishes:

Fen Ditton – the junction of Horningsea Road and High Ditch Road has been open again although the raised table has not yet been completed. Vanessa Kelly advises us that the section next to the paddock – involving widening the path and building a retaining wall – will be done over the school summer holidays.

The works on widening the Wadloes path will start on Monday 3 June, for an estimated 8 weeks, but the Wadloes path **will be open** from 12.00pm each day during the Bumps. Also it is hoped that the contractors, will open the path again at the end of each working day, in time for the evening cycle commute.

The new controlled crossing near Fen Ditton Primary School should go live from w/c 3 June.

A meeting has been arranged on Wed 5 June for the parish councils of Horningsea and Fen Ditton to be briefed about arrangements for the opening of the Wing Primary School, such that it should not impact negatively on pupil uptake at Fen Ditton Primary School. Since both primary schools are part of the Anglian Learning Trust, they are committed to both schools maintaining their pupil number.

Waterbeach

Waterbeach New Town Community Forum – save the date - Wed 10th July. Ryan Coetsee (SCDC) has requested any items for the agenda. The venue has not yet been agreed.

Bannold Road – I am advised the County Highway Team is seeking repairs from the developers.

Chittering – County Highways Engineer visited the site of the proposed new passing place on 2 May. Highways are suggesting this work could be done under Local Highways Improvement funding. The parish council refer to the

Milton

CCTV Jane Coston Bridge

In response to my queries about this I received a response from Richard Burnett at the Integrated Highways Maintenance Centre (IHMC) - who is managing the project - in October 2018:

The cameras were installed by MID at the request of the Parish and Police back on the dates you mentioned and they were wirelessly monitored by the Milton Park and Ride site. However the cameras were not great as the wireless technology at the time was not very good, so they were switched off and just left as a visible deterrent to act as dummy cameras – which would explain why they weren't ever handed over to the IHMC Integrated Highways Management Centre when it was set up in 2011 or to the City's CCTV service. ...if there is an appetite for live monitored cameras for public safety at the location, then this would be done by the Shared City/HDC CCTV Service managed by Eddy Gardner (Eddy.Gardner@huntingdonshire.gov.uk) and I can confirm that the technology has significantly improved from those early days so the quality needed for evidence can be achieved.

I received an update on 30 April 2019:

I carried out a site visit last week and put together a document for what is needed. I have also spoken with officers at Hunts DC to discuss options and we are now just waiting for quotes for the cameras and transmission elements, so hopefully we will have something soon to update you with.

Having checked on 30 May, I am advised they are still awaiting a quote for the works.

Trees on the A10 – Letter from the parish council's Solicitor is with the County Asset Information Searches Manager.

Landbeach and Horningsea

No specific updates.

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