

District Councillors' Report to Parish Councils – December 2021

Burgess Road, Waterbeach Level Crossing

The consultation on closing the crossing at Burgess Rd has now closed. All 3 District Councillors strongly opposed the complete closure, instead arguing for option 1 which is to retain access for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.

A10 Cycle Path

The revised design for the A10 cycle path has been approved.

District Councillors met with U&C to discuss this design. There are issues with narrow sections of path and lack of separation from the carriageway. However, U&C have argued that costs have risen significantly since the sec 106 was agreed and the scheme is expected to be temporary due to an expectation that the A10 will eventually be upgraded. U&C are aware there will inevitably be delays on the A10 when the path improvements are made and recognize the inconvenience this will cause to residents.

New Golden Number

South Cambs DC has introduced a single Golden Number to be used to contact the council. This should help you to be able to talk to the best person within the council more effectively. A call back facility has been introduced so that you don't have to hang on the phone during busy periods. The number is: 01954 713000.

Finance & Audit

Recent public comment on the South Cambs Audit process has been misleading. South Cambs finances are in good health and it is one of just 5 councils in the country not facing a budget shortfall. The Council is continuing to improve its accounting systems and deal with problems inherited from the previous administration. It has however taken significantly longer than the Council expected to transfer 12,000 records on the council's fixed assets from the hopeless old system of spreadsheets used by the previous administration to the new robust system that's designed and managed by CIPFA.

Domestic Abuse: Highlighting support available

As part of the Council's work towards its Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation, we have come-up with a small social-media based campaign to assist with signposting and support around the topic of domestic abuse. It began on White Ribbon Day 2021, Thursday 25 November. This awareness day was established as part of the global White Ribbon movement to end male violence against women. The campaign SCDC is putting together which will start on White Ribbon Day and run throughout the '16 days of action' afterwards recognises that there are many aspects to domestic abuse. It is not just physical violence perpetrated by a man against a woman. It is any type of abuse from someone you have (or have had) a relationship with, including financial, emotional, sexual or psychological abuse. Abusive behaviour includes acting in a controlling, coercive or threatening manner; typical actions might include demanding you keep house in a specific way, taking your money, stopping you seeing your friends and family, or threatening your children or pets. Domestic abuse can affect anyone.

Free Trees Scheme

This year's Free Tree Scheme has been a success with applications from over 70 parish councils who could choose between 6 small trees or one whopper – so this year a total of 420 new trees will be planted.

Waste

South Cambs won a grant to run a trial scheme aimed at reducing waste by helping to take back packaging thereby reducing what goes into landfill. We have a further grant to set up centres for recycling electrical goods. There will be 8 locations around Cambridge and South Cambs where small household electrical items can be dropped off. The council has also produced a toolkit for parishes on ways to reduce residents' waste.

Visit South Cambridgeshire

The new Visit South Cambs website is now up and running. Please use it if you would like to discover new places to visit, eat, for shopping. If you are a food outlet, B& B or pub please do put your details on the website so that we can help you to grow your business.

Business Support

South Cambs is unusual for a district council in that it is heavily involved in supporting local businesses through the regular newsletter and a programme of webinars and events. No business is too small or too big to benefit and we're very pleased that so many Waterbeach, Landbeach and Milton businesses are benefitting from the grant funding that the council has provided.

Cllr Judith Rippeth
Cllr Paul Bearpark
Cllr Anna Bradnam

Noteworthy schemes/strategies and projects to be consulted on in future / consultations recently closed

Scheme name	Type of scheme	Main consultation contact	Status of consultation	Website link
Making Connections	City Access	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Live public consultation on City Access proposals. Known as 'Making Connections'. Closing date 20/12/21.	Link to consultation
North Area Community Forum for above	City Access	GCP	14 Dec 6-8pm	Webinar registration link
Greater Cambridge	Local Plan	South Cambridgeshire District Council	Preferred options consultation started 1	Link to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website

Joint Local Plan		& Cambridge City Council	November 2021. Closes 13 Dec.	
North East Cambridge Area Action Plan	Area Action Plan	South Cambridgeshire District Council & Cambridge City Council	Approval to progress to consultation Spring 22. Formal engagement phase (Reg 19) to follow conclusion of Development Consent Order process for Cambridge Wastewater Treatment plant relocation (see below)	Link to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website
Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant relocation	Nationally significant infrastructure project	Anglian Water	Second phase of consultation closed in August. Development Consent Order to be submitted by Anglian Water	Link – Anglian Water project page
Water Resources East Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP)	Water Resources Management Plan updated every five years	Water Resources East Ltd	Consultation expected in spring 2022	Link to Water Resources East website
East West Rail	Nationally significant infrastructure project	East West Railway Company (Created by Department for Transport in 2018)	Latest consultation closed in June. A statutory consultation is expected next year when communities will be asked to give their comments on detailed proposals.	Link – East West Rail company
Cambridge South Station	Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)	Network Rail	Closed. Following two rounds of public consultation in 2020, a TWAO application and a request for deemed planning permission to build the new station has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport.	Link to Network Rail website
Cambourne to Cambridge	Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Environmental Impact Assessment consultation due to take place during 2022	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website

Waterbeach to Cambridge	Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Aim is to undertake a public consultation on the preferred route for the Waterbeach to Cambridge project later next year	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website
Cambridge South East Transport	Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Application to Government for TWAO to build busway and active travel route in 2022	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website
Cambridge Eastern Access	Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Consultation to take place in late 2021	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website
Greenways	12 x local greenways feeding into Cambridge	Greater Cambridge Partnership	GCP holding further workshops with local residents and other interested parties to explain the designs and listen to feedback	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website
Cambridge South West Travel Hub	Local - A new Travel Hub site at Junction 11 of the M11	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Application currently with Cambridgeshire County Council – determination expected Spring 2022	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website
Foxton Travel Hub	Local - 500 car parking spaces and in the region of 150 high quality cycle parking spaces	Greater Cambridge Partnership	2021 engagement period now closed. Results being analysed for GCP. On the agenda for the next GCP Board meeting.	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website
Combined Authority Spatial Plan	Non-Statutory framework	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	Not currently live	Link to Combined Authority website
CPCA Local Transport and Connectivity Plan	Local Transport Plan - statutory document under Transport Act 2000	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	Consultation closed on 28 November	Link to Combined Authority website