

Report for Parish Councils – October 2018

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A meeting of the Local Liaison Forum was held on September 12th in Sawston Village College. A presentation Greater Cambridge Partnership included plans for two new signal crossings providing cycleway continuity along with safety improvements at the Hildersham junction. It's proposed to use some of the existing two lane width to provide an in slip for Dalehead foods. As previously discussed, it is proposed to close the Dean Road central reservation to prevent traffic from Bartlow turning right but still allowing right turns for traffic from West Wickham and West Wratting

The recent resurfacing work should soon be complete, with the final section, near Dalehead Foods, due for completion on Tuesday 8th October

Local Plan

The South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was adopted at a full Council meeting on Thursday 27 September 2018. This follows the announcement at the start of September that Government Inspectors have found the plans 'sound'. The Local Plan for Cambridge City was also found sound. Together, the two plans propose 44,000 new jobs and 33,500 new homes in Greater Cambridge by 2031. Following the adoption of the Local Plan, it can now be given full weight in planning decisions. Not all of build out will be complete before 2031 but the main developments envisaged in the plan are:-

- A new town north of Waterbeach – approximately 8,000-9,000 homes
- A new village at Bourn Airfield – approximately 3,500 homes
- An expansion to Cambourne to the west – planning permission has already been granted for 2,350 homes
- Homes on land north of Cherry Hinton and west of Teversham – 1,200 homes (420 in South Cambridgeshire. The remaining homes are in Cambridge City)
- Around 900 homes in the better served South Cambridgeshire villages
- Continue to develop Northstowe – around 10,000 homes
- Continue to build homes in existing growth sites on the edge of Cambridge (Southern Fringe, Cambridge East, Darwin Green and Eddington)

The plans also allow for the extension of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus at Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Peterhouse Technology Park on Fulbourn Road.

Parish Councils and Cabinet Liaison Meeting

The next Parish Councils and Cabinet Liaison Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 November at 6:30pm at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne.

£400,000 grant pot launched to help communities

Voluntary and community groups are being asked to step forward and bid for a share of over £400,000 of grant funding to make sure vital services are delivered in South Cambridgeshire villages.

The three-year funding deal by South Cambridgeshire District Council will see money available for groups supporting communities on issues ranging from community transport and homelessness to living independently and support for people for upcoming national changes to benefits.

The Council's new Grants Advisory Committee will assess bids and debate where funding should be invested.

Providing a three-year funding package is designed to help the voluntary sector and community organisations plan and programme their work

The areas of work service support grant funding is available for are:

- Housing options advice and services preventing and relieving homelessness
- Community transport
- Specialist welfare advice
- General welfare advice
- Independent living
- Fit to learn
- Support for parishes and communities

The Council is looking for services to be delivered to the entire district but would welcome bids from organisations looking to cover part of the area as more than one group can be successful in each category. New organisations and groups who have never applied for funding are also being urged to bid.

County Council

Due to the gradual removal of Central Government support, next year's finances are set to be very challenging with increasing pressure on non-statutory services and it was announced that 1800 staff will be taking 3 days unpaid leave over Christmas to save money.

Proposed changes to some bin collection arrangements

Changes to some aspects of bin collections in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire are being proposed to streamline the service. Now that we have a shared service they need to be streamlined. Most of the changes affect Cambridge City only but the one proposed change for South Cambs residents is the introduction of a charge for those who want more than one green bin, which Cambridge City residents already pay. The first green bin will remain free. 95% of Councils that offer a garden waste service already charge for additional green bins, including Cambridge City Council. It will be £35 pa but reduced to £20 for the first year. The scheme would officially begin in April 2019 with residents able to sign-up from early next year.