

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017**



**South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council**

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 18 May to Friday 2 June 2017**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 18 May				
Fri 19 May				
Mon 22 May				
Tue 23 May				
Wed 24 May				
Thu 25 May	2pm	<a href="#">Council</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Wilma Wilkie</a>
Fri 26 May				
Mon 29 May		Spring Bank Holiday – Offices Closed		
Tue 30 May				
Wed 31 May				
Thu 1 Jun				
Fri 2 Jun				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLORS**

**2. Northstowe Community Update - May 2017**

Here's a latest round up of activity at Northstowe. Exciting times as the first residents move in, construction picks up pace, and more detailed planning for Phase 2 gets underway.

**3. "Let's Talk!" Listening and Engagement**

South Cambridgeshire District Council is launching 'Let's Talk', a listening and engagement exercise exploring the things that make our communities strong, what could make them stronger still, and how these insights can build a picture for what we want the future of our district to look like.

Rather than set up traditional public meetings, we're aiming for a series of more informal conversations with our residents. In order to do this, we'll shortly be contacting a wide variety of community organisations, inviting them to participate. This could be through a number of methods and will include a mixture of community events and focus groups, supported by on-line material and conversations.

Our parish councils are of course vital cogs in the wheel of community life so, as well as spreading the word through local events and newsletters, we'll be running a short workshop session at the next Parish Liaison Meeting at Cambourne on Tuesday 27 June 2017.

For information please contact Richard May on 01954 713366, email [richard.may@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:richard.may@scamb.gov.uk).

**UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

Unless otherwise specified, please confirm your availability to attend any of the following briefing or training events by contacting [Patrick Adams](#) on 01954 713408. This will ensure your training records are kept up to date and suitable venue and catering booking can be made. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**4. Planning Workshop for District Councillors - 31 May 2017 at City Council**

On Wednesday 31 May, Cambridge City Council are hosting an all day planning training session, which will cover the following subjects:

- Development Management
- Planning Decisions
- Planning Enforcement
- Role of councillors in pre-application and application stage
- Predetermination and Conflicts of Interest
- Decisions Contrary to Officer Advice

The session will begin at 9:15am and end at 4pm.

If you wish to attend this course, please contact Patrick Adams: [patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk)  
(01954) 713408

**5. Licensing Training at Cambridge City - 12 June 2017**

**For the special attention of those who will be members of the Licensing Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year**

Cambridge City Council are hosting an all day licensing training course on Monday 12 June.

If you would like to attend this course, please contact me: [patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk)  
(01954) 713408

**6. Safeguarding Through Licensing: 10 July 2017 at SCDC**

**This training is mandatory for any councillors wishing to serve on Licensing Panels for the 2017/18 municipal year**

The Council are hosting an all day licensing training course at South Cambs Hall in Cambourne on Monday 10 July.

**The course objectives:** To provide a forum for discussion and learning amongst key stakeholders in relation to safeguarding issues around children and other vulnerable people where licensing can make a difference. These events will look at lessons to be learned as well as examining successful and emerging initiatives involving all partners with a role in protecting children and vulnerable adults.

This event is aimed at local authority officers, police officers, social services and all who are involved in the safeguarding of vulnerable persons. The Institute of Licensing accredits this event at 5 hours CPD.

If you would like to attend this course, please contact me: [patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk)  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 7. Media Monitoring



Arising from the results of the Member Communication Needs Survey, many members highlighted the fact that residents found out about SCDC matters through the media.

The Council's Communications Team will produce a weekly summary of recent news items to be published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of SCDC.

Contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

Date	Publication	Details		
11/05/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Wotherspoon interviewed about first residents moving in at Northstowe		
11/05/2017	Heart Radio	First residents move in at Northstowe		
11/05/2017	BBC Look East	First residents move in at Northstowe		
11/05/2017	Cambridge News	First residents move into new town of Northstowe	<a href="#">Link</a>	
12/05/2017	Cambridge News	Northstowe welcomes first residents	P4	
12/05/2017	Star Radio online	Decisions from South Cambs planning committee	<a href="#">Link</a>	
13/05/2017	Cambridge News	Mayor puts city metro scheme on agenda (Combined authority)	P5	
13/05/2017	Cambridge News	Mixed reactions to city traffic survey's aims (City Deal)	P8	

### 8. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



#### Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)

The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

Thursday 11 May: *Telegraph*: [Bring back drinking fountains to cut plastic bottle waste and improve health](#)

Drinking fountains must be brought back to aid Britain's litter problem, campaigners have urged.

Sunday 14 May: *Mail on Sunday*: [Taxi licensing investigation](#)

The Mail on Sunday reports on an inquiry into taxi licensing at South Ribble Council and a subsequent peer review by the LGA.

Sunday 14 May: *Sunday Telegraph*: [Home buyers will get pollution warnings, experts predict](#)

Property listings will include traffic lights-style pollution warnings in the near future, experts predict as they report that poor air quality can knock up to 15 per cent off house prices.

Monday 15 May: *BBC Online*: [Litter enforcement](#)

An investigation by BBC Panorama, to be aired tonight, has found that a leading company which

enforces litter laws on behalf of local councils, incentivises its staff to issue fines.

Wednesday 17 May: *BBC Online*: [Cities need “hedges rather than trees” for environment](#)  
Hedges are often better than trees at soaking up air pollution among tall buildings, research by the journal Atmospheric Environment has found.

## 9. View Planning Applications



To view the list of planning applications that have recently been submitted to the Council, please visit the authority's on-line [Planning Application Search](#). Once the page has loaded, you can use the [Search option](#) to set your own criteria of parish, area and date range.



The system will provide a range of information on current and decided applications since 1948, including a brief description of the development, reference number, decision and the date of decision. More recent applications show the name and telephone number of the council officer who is dealing with the application.

Search results are presented in a collection of pages, the number of which depends on the number of results your search produces. There are navigation tools to allow you to browse your results.

## DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

Please click on the link below to find details of decisions made by officers under delegated authority:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/access-information>

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



#### Decisions

- [Planning Committee 10 May](#)

#### Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

#### Issues

- [Shared Services Annual Report](#)
- [Council's Response to Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation](#)

11. **SCDC Starters and Leavers**



**Staff who have moved jobs**

Name: Joanne Dixon  
Old job title: Recovery Officer  
New job title: Revenues & Benefits Support Officer  
Date of change: 3 April 2017

Name: Lee Hillam  
Job title: Refuse Leading Hand  
New job title: Operations Programme Manager  
(Health and Safety)  
Date of change: 17 April 2017

**Staff who have left**



Name: Chris Morgan  
Job title: Senior Planning Officer  
Date leaving: 9 June 2017

Name: John Benson  
Job title: Team Leader (Refuse)  
Date leaving: 23 May 2017

Name: Julie Hulyer  
Job title: Team Leader (Refuse)  
Date leaving: 23 May 2017

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# Agenda Item 2 Northstowe Community Update May 2017

## First residents are in

The very first residents of Northstowe moved into their new homes at the end of April. With 26 of the 92 plots on the [Bloor Homes](#) site already sold off plan, further occupations will take place steadily over the summer months (avg 4-5 per month). A preview and welcome event to mark the first residents moving in took place on 11th May followed by the public launch of the show homes and full marketing suite on 13th May. Progress on site is moving quickly - construction has started on 44 properties so far and Bloor expect to be off site within 24 months.



## What's happening on site?

Gallagher contractors will complete remaining earthworks at the Hatton's Rd ponds by end June and finish up bulk earthworks on the western end of the Phase 1 site and final 'snagging' on the roads around the school towards the end of May.

[Taylor Wimpey](#), [Linden](#) and [Bovis](#) have all started preparations for construction putting their compounds in place and [Barratt](#) are expected to move on site shortly. All are working towards first occupations in the autumn.

Landscape architects Randall Thorp, who have been involved with some of the innovative play areas at Cambourne, have been engaged by Gallagher to look at the design of the 5 main play areas to be provided across Phase 1. Dick Longdin made a call at the Forum to the local community, young and old, to get actively involved as part of the public consultation process to help guide and shape the final designs selected. He explained how the traditional concepts of play area design could be challenged. You can take a look at how the play areas might look in his presentation [here](#). If you are interested in getting involved email [northstowecommunity@scams.gov.uk](mailto:northstowecommunity@scams.gov.uk).



## Planning News

The draft Maintenance and Management Strategy for Phase 1 open spaces is under negotiation with Gallagher Estates and is expected to be submitted shortly. Pre-application discussions continue with the housebuilders on their subsequent Phase 1 parcels. By agreeing points up front, it is hoped lead times through to approval will be minimised.

Planning permission for Phase 2 (3500 homes) was granted at the beginning of the year. HCA have been busy working on the Design Code which sets out the guiding principles for the look, feel and movement across the development forming a detailed technical guide for the Phase 2 build. This will be submitted in the next couple of months following examination by a Quality Panel (group of professional urban designers and experts) and local public consultation this month. Across the board progress is stepping up as initial discussions with HCA on Phase 3 (for a further 5000 homes) are set to commence in the autumn.

In conjunction with the Design Code, HCA have engaged landscape architects Chris Blandford Associates to develop the Healthy Living and Youth and Play Strategy to look at healthy living measures and play opportunities that can be developed to encourage all future residents, whatever age, to lead active, healthy lifestyles. Local community consultation will take place during May and June including a community workshop. Contact us if you would like to get involved.



## Community News

NHS England have provided continued funding for the Healthy New Town programme for the next 2 years to look at how best to provide healthcare for Northstowe residents and health facilities for the town centre in Phase 2. An activity plan has been drawn up to ensure the Healthy New Town principles are applied to all aspects of the development. Work has also been commissioned to look at older people's accommodation and care needs, population growth and capacity planning for health and social care needs along with the Healthy Living and Youth and Play Strategy.

CMAT (Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust), who will be delivering the new secondary and Special school, held an update meeting for parents on 19 April. The first set of new students will start in September 2019 with construction expected to commence during 2018. [Read more](#)

The Community Wing at the school is taking shape. The micro self service library is in place and furniture is on its way for the café and community use spaces. Plans are underway to get the pop up café and home working hub up and running over the next few months.

The Community New Residents packs, including lots of local information, a history leaflet, running and walking routes developed by local residents and much more, have now been personally delivered to the first new residents by representatives from the Northstowe Community Working Group (NCWG) who will continue to visit residents as they move in. Take a look at some of the welcome info on [www.northstowe.com](http://www.northstowe.com). The NCWG are now turning their attention to building a programme of activities and community projects for the coming year.



If you would like to join the NCWG or are involved in any groups interested in using the community wing facilities, would like to volunteer or have any ideas for new community activities or projects, please email [northstowe.community@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:northstowe.community@scamb.gov.uk).

It was great to see so many, including future Northstowe residents, attend the Drop-in and Forum last month. [Find out more](#) on what was covered. The **next Community Forum and Drop-in** is on Wednesday **19 July** at The Pathfinder School, Northstowe (access off Station Rd B1050). Drop-in from 6pm followed by the Forum 7 -9pm.

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