

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2017**

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**South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council**

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 3 August to Friday 1 September**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 3 Aug				
Fri 4 Aug				
Mon 7 Aug				
Tue 8 Aug				
Wed 9 Aug	10am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 10 Aug				
Fri 11 Aug				
Mon 14 Aug				
Tue 15 Aug	5pm	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a> (agenda)
Wed 16 Aug				
Thu 17 Aug				
Fri 18 Aug	2pm	<a href="#">Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Mon 21 Aug				
Tue 22 Aug	6pm	<a href="#">Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder meeting</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Wed 23 Aug				
Thu 24 Aug				
Fri 25 Aug	10am	<a href="#">Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Mon 28 Aug		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
Tue 29 Aug	9am	<a href="#">Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a> (agenda)
Wed 30 Aug				
Thu 31 Aug				
Fri 1 Sep				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. The Weekly Bulletin Takes a Break**

Please note that the Weekly Bulletin will be taking a summer break for the next three weeks. The next Bulletin will be published on Wednesday 30 August.

**3. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Monthly Parish Council Bulletin**

Attached is the A14 Parish Council Bulletin, covering July and August.

This bulletin is intended to provide you with updates on key site activities, and which you can also use on your parish website or in your newsletter.

To contact your particular Stakeholder Manager please use the email addresses below or our A14 helpline.

Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line; **Jon Lewell** [jon.lewell@thea14.com](mailto:jon.lewell@thea14.com)

East Coast Main Line to Swavesey; **Jade Pettit** [jade.pettit@thea14.com](mailto:jade.pettit@thea14.com)

Swavesey to Milton; **Bob Pettipher** [bob.pettipher@thea14.com](mailto:bob.pettipher@thea14.com)

A14 helpline **0800 270 0114** - This will be answered by a team member during site hours 8am - 5pm and messages can be left at other times.

Kind regards

#### **A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Team**

Highways England | Woodlands | Manton Lane | Bedford | MK41 7LW

Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

#### **4. Recycling Rates**

As many will have heard, the Shared Waste Service is currently looking at options to improve recycling rates, and to operate flexibly and cost effectively. One of the possibilities is to 'co-mingle' all of the blue bin contents, and stop separating paper out. As this would be a significant change in our approach we are currently evaluating the costs and benefits of any change before discussing this at a Portfolio Holder Meeting (Mark Howell) and then if necessary any decision will be made at Cabinet in September.

In the meantime the residents who are currently not having a separate paper collection (because of vehicle logistics now we work across the border of SCDC and Cambridge City) will continue with this arrangement as originally planned. We will be updating the information available on the web site to reflect this and ensure new residents are aware of this.

##### **Jane Hunt**

Interim Head of Single Shared Waste Service

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **5. 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		
26/07/2017	Cambridge News	You've got a friend - charity 'adopts' disused church	P18	
27/07/2017	BBC Radio	Mike Parsons from shared waste team	<a href="#">8:15a</a>	

	Cambridgeshire	interviewed about Eddington underground bin store	<a href="#">m: Scroll to 2:15 in</a>	
27/07/2017	Cambridge News + Online	Biggest underground bin system in UK starts operating in North-West Cambridgeshire	<a href="#">Link + P3</a>	
27/07/2017	Cambridge News	Crome Lea will remain possible park-ride site	P7	
28/07/2017	Heart Cambridgeshire Radio	Biggest underground bin system in UK starts operating in North-West Cambridgeshire	<a href="#">AM Bulletins + Online here</a>	
28/07/2017	Cambridge Independent	Residents are happy but does Milton Road plan promote growth?	P8 and 9	
28/07/2017	Cambridge Independent	Council vows disabled taxi users will remain protected	P11	Mainly focussed on Cam Cit Co. Quote in final paragraphs from Cllr Mark Howell.
28/07/2017	Cambridge News	Letter: Tories have lost their way	P18	Political opinion from Deborah Roberts. Does not list herself as Cllr.
01/08/2017	Heart Cambridgeshire Radio	Audio of Cllr N. Wright in bulletins through AM and online article.	<a href="#">AM Bulletins + Online here</a>	
01/08/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr N. Wright in studio for 7:15am live interview. Audio of Mike Hill also played out. Both featured in AM bulletins.	<a href="#">Cllr interview 1.15 in.</a>	
01/08/2017	BBC Look East	Clip of Cllr N. Wright in morning Look East TV bulletins.		
01/08/2017	Cambridge News	Landlords renting caravans illegally on traveller site will be prosecuted.	<a href="#">Online here.</a>	
01/08/2017	Star Radio Online	Council to prosecute landlords who have failed to remove illegal caravans from Smithy Fen.	<a href="#">Online here</a>	
01/08/2017	BBC Cambridgeshire Online	Prosecutions to be brought against Smithy Fen landlords.	<a href="#">Online here</a>	
01/08/2017	Cambridge Independent	Council moves to prosecute Smithy Fen illegal landlords.	<a href="#">Online here</a>	
01/08/2017	Cambridge TV	Interview with Cllr N. Wright on Smithy Fen		Interview going out on That's Cambridge news show which starts at 6pm and cycles round through the evening.
01/08/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Wrap up of Smithy Fen coverage on Drive Time. Included audio clips of Cllr N. Wright, a tenant and a landlord.	<a href="#">Scroll to 1 hour 10 in</a>	
02/08/2017	Cambridge News	Council takes action over illegal caravans	P9	On same double page spread as below article.

02/08/2017	Cambridge News	Site couple's nightmare of finding a new home	P8	On same double page spread as above article.
02/08/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Another follow up on Smithy Fen. Featured Reporter Jozef Hall in studio plus interview with landlord.	TBC	

## 6. 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.

Friday 28 July: *Times*: [Builders lose fight to modify prince's eco-friendly town](#)

Three of Britain's biggest housebuilders – Bovis Homes, Lindon Homes and Taylor Wimpey – have lost an attempt to change the plans for a garden town on the outskirts of Plymouth.

Monday 31 July: *Times*: [Narrow roads squeezing buses out of new estates](#)

Residents of newly built housing estates are being cut off from transport networks because developers are failing to construct wide enough roads, according to Stagecoach.

Tuesday 1 August: *Guardian*: [Relationship between councils and NHS is cracking under the strain](#)

In an opinion piece, public policy commentator Richard Vize says that while collaboration between the NHS and councils is essential to modernise care, tensions between the two are growing.

Wednesday 2 August: *BBC Online*: [Volunteers to tackle rubbish "pile-up"](#)

Volunteers are to clear Birmingham streets of waste left piling up because bin collectors are on strike.

## 7. 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.

## EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2017



In accordance with the [Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution](#), any executive decision shall be published normally within five days of being made. That record will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in for review by the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or by any five other councillors.

A list of decisions currently within the call-in period is available [on the Council's website](#).

The call in procedure is set out in full in [Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 'Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules'](#).

### 8. Community Chest Grant - The Thriplow Society

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder

**AGREED** to award The Thriplow Society a further £112.40 for the purchase of display boards and stands.

*This decision was first published on Friday 28 July and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 4 August at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Monday 7 August.*

### 9. Local Green Space - Local Plan Response

The Planning Portfolio Holder

- i) **Agreed** to submit to the Local Plan Examination Inspectors the 'Further work on Policy NH/12: Local Green Space responding to the Inspectors' Interim Findings' document in **Appendix A** in response to their Interim Findings;
- ii) **Agreed** to Proposed Modifications to the submitted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan that relate to sites identified as Local Green Space in the Submission Local Plan set out in **Appendix B** be submitted to the Inspectors examining the Local Plan; and
- iii) **Agreed** that delegated authority be given to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development to make any subsequent minor amendments (particularly relating to sites in Bassingbourn, Fulbourn and Orwell) and editing changes, in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder.

*This decision was first published on Thursday 27 July and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 3 August at 5pm. If not called-in the decision can be implemented on Friday 4 August.*

### 10. Modifications to Local Plan Monitoring Indicators

The Planning Portfolio Holder

- (a) agreed the proposed modifications to the submitted South Cambridgeshire Local

Plan (as set out in **Appendix A** of this report) that relate to *Policy S/12: Phasing, Delivery and Monitoring* and its *supporting text*, including *Figure 4: Monitoring Indicators*, be submitted to the Inspectors examining the Local Plan in response to their request, along with the 'audit trail' for the changes to monitoring indicators in **Appendix B**; and

- (b) agreed that delegated authority be given to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to make any subsequent minor amendments and editing changes, in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder.

*This decision was first published on Thursday 27 July and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 3 August at 5pm. If not called-in the decision can be implemented on Friday 4 August.*

#### **11. Land North of Cherry Hinton SPD**

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed

- a) The content of the draft Land North of Cherry Hinton Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (Appendix A to the report);
- b) That any amendments which may arise from consideration of the SPD by Cambridge City Council can be agreed by the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder.
- c) To approve the draft SPD for public consultation to commence in August 2017;
- d) To approve the consultation arrangements as set out in paragraphs 16 and 17 of the report from the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development, and the proposed schedule of consultees in Appendix B.

*This decision was first published on Thursday 27 July and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 3 August at 5pm. If not called-in the decision can be implemented on Friday 4 August.*

#### **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.scambs.gov.uk/content/access-information>

## OTHER INFORMATION

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



#### Decisions

- [Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting 26 July 2017](#)
- [Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder: Grant to Thriplow Society](#)
- [Partnerships Review Committee 28 July](#)
- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board 26 July](#)

#### Minutes

- [Business & Customer Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting 7 July 2017](#)
- [Scrutiny Committee 6 July 2017](#)

### 13. SCDC Starters and Leavers



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Daniel Weaver  
Job title: Ecology Consultancy Officer  
Date: 1 August 2017

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# Agenda Item 3

## A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

### July to August 2017

**(Section 1 & 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line Section / 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey / Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton)**

#### **Traffic Management:**

**Section 1 & 2.** There were night closures at the end of July while the main beams of the Grafham Road Bridge over the A1 were placed in position.

**Section 3:** Traffic lights remain on Offord Road and Hilton Road for plant crossings. New Barnes Lane is now closed until April 2018. Occasional lane closures will continue on the A1198 between 09.30 and 15:00: when traffic will be monitored and TM removed where safe to do so.

**Section 4 & 5:** Narrow lanes and speed restrictions continue on the A14 between Swavesey and the Girton interchange. Speed is limited to 40mph in the narrow lanes and speed cameras are monitoring compliance. Lane closures are in place on the eastbound A428 by the Madingley turn-off and on the northbound A1307 between Girton Road and the A14.

***Advanced warning - A14 Night time closures will be needed when we install the temporary bridge crossing of the A14 near Swavesey. This is currently likely to be late August.***

#### **Construction Activities:**

**Section 1:** The new construction access from the A1 to land to the west is ready to be opened.

**Section 2:** Fifty percent of the River Great Ouse Crossings piles are in place, bringing the works close to the river itself. The pre-cast concrete yard has produced 360 separate units of the total 1600 required, which equates to over 1000 cubic metres of concrete cast.

South of Brampton Hut, a concrete pour for the east abutment of the bridge is imminent. This will take the new A14 over the realigned A1.

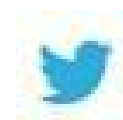
We have now completed approximately one hundred and forty 1.8m wide concrete piles; these are the tubes of concrete that are lowered into the ground to support structures. The longest of these reaches a depth of 38 metres. A further thirty-five narrower piles have also been completed, meaning that the piling for the bridges in the section of new road between Brampton Hut and Buckden is almost complete.

Earthworks are progressing well; we have placed 100,000 m<sup>3</sup> of stone to form the River Great Ouse construction platform. A 600,000m<sup>2</sup> area of land has been stripped of topsoil for archaeological investigations. 350,000 m<sup>3</sup> of fill has been placed to shape the embankments south of Brampton Hut, forming the realigned A1 and the new A14 in this location.

On a smaller scale we are nearing completion of a number of farm tracks, providing the farmers with revised access routes.

As the excavation of borrow pits continues, we are monitoring local fishing lakes to ensure that water levels are not adversely affected. Recharge lagoons have been created for

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**Scheme information is also available at our website**  
**[www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H](http://www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H) and you can also follow us at.**



## **A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme July to August 2017**

ground water control. Over 1200 metres of ditches have been dug, providing a permanent drainage solution.

**Section 3:** Piling works continue at Mere Way and the New Barns bailey bridge is being erected. Bridge building at Silver Street & Corpus Christi continues and construction of the Hilton Road bridge is progressing well.

**Section 4 & 5:** Piling works next to the A428 continue, in preparation for the construction of two new bridges. Utility works are ongoing alongside the A14 from Swavesey to Girton, with the installation of water pipes and power cables. Work is also taking place alongside the A14 near to Swavesey junction in preparation for the installation of a bailey bridge.

The bridge is scheduled to be installed over both carriageways of the A14 in the last week of August. This operation will require a full night closure of the road. When the date of this closure is confirmed, details will be circulated. Once in place, the bridge will be used to transport construction materials from the borrow pit area in Boxworth to the north side of the A14 to build the new Swavesey junction. The bridge will remove any need for construction vehicles to travel on the A14 carriageway.

### **Environmental**

**Section 1, 2 & 3:** The electric car charging points are in daily use in the compound car parks.

**Section 4 & 5:** The water voles that were temporarily housed at Noon Folly Farm have now been released into Longstanton Brook. A rare species of wildflower, commonly known as a Slender Tare has been identified on site. We have collected seeds and will replant these in a suitable area away from the works. A Ringer Plover has laid three eggs on the edge of our compound at Swavesey. The area has been segregated and we are now please to confirm that the eggs have begun to hatch.

### **Archaeology**

**Section 1 & 2:** We will be starting archaeological investigations shortly in the flood compensation areas to the west of the A1 north of Brampton Hut.

**Section 3:** Across the 13km of the section, a total of 104 archaeologists continue their ground investigations near Offord Rd, Conington Rd, Hilton Rd and New Barnes Lane.

**Section:4 & 5** A team of 14 archaeologists continues to working alongside the A14 close to Bar Hill. Another team of 30 continues with excavations at Girton. Details of finds will be made public in due course.

### **Community Engagement**

In July we took our mobile visitor centre to Oakington, Alconbury, Harston, Fenstanton, Easton and Woodgreen Animal Shelter.

In August we have confirmed visits to the following places;  
9<sup>th</sup> August **Willingham** (4-7pm), 12<sup>th</sup> August **Hemingford Market** (8.30am to 1.30pm),  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August **Truck Fest Norfolk Showground** and 23<sup>rd</sup> August **Perry** (7-9pm)

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**Scheme information is also available at our website**  
[www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H](http://www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H) and you can also follow us at.

