

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER
2017**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 7 September to Friday 22 September

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 7 Sep	6pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Fri 8 Sep	10am	Business & Customer Services Portfolio Holder - CANCELLED		
Mon 11 Sep				
Tue 12 Sep	6pm	Parish Planning Forum	Council Chamber	Jane Green
Wed 13 Sep	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	County Council	Wilma Wilkie
	4pm	Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting	Monkfield Room	Victoria Wallace
Thu 14 Sep	6pm	Cabinet	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace (agenda)
Fri 15 Sep				
Mon 18 Sep				
Tue 19 Sep	10am	Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
	6pm	Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting	Swansley Room A	Ian Senior
Wed 20 Sep	4pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	Council Chamber	Wilma Wilkie
Thu 21 Sep				
Fri 22 Sep				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Monthly Parish Council Bulletin

Attached is our latest A14 Parish Bulletin, covering August and September.

This bulletin is intended to provide you with updates on key site activities on the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme, so please feel free to circulate the information in your own newsletters or on your parish websites.

You may have noticed over the last few editions of this newsletter that we've delivered news by activity rather than by each section of the scheme independently.

We're always looking at the best way to provide you this information and we'd appreciate your feedback on which format you prefer; news by activities or section by section.

We'll adapt the way we write to you depending on the majority's preference, so please do get in touch.

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

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Section 3 East Coast Main Line to Swavesey; **Jade Pettit** jade.pettit@thea14.com

Section 4 & 5 Swavesey to Milton; **Bob Pettipher** 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

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3. Community Housing Groups to Receive Boost from Council

On September 12th the Housing team at South Cambs will be launching a new community-led housing initiative.

DCLG's Community Housing Fund recently awarded both South Cambs District Council and Cambridge City Council just over £50,000 each in grant funding to help boost the provision of affordable homes delivered by community-led housing groups. The two Councils have decided to pool their funds and embark upon a year-long pilot of advice, support and funding for community groups to kick start their housing ambitions.

At the Parish Forum on September 12th details of how community-led housing groups can apply, on a competitive basis, to the Council for up to £4,500 in grant funding will be released. This funding is intended to help communities to develop their ideas for community-led housing, explore opportunities in their local area and form a legally recognised entity in order to further their plans.

For more information please contact Emily Mulvaney at emily@clteast.org or on 01353 668985 or 07766 991145

GENERAL INFORMATION

4. 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		
30/08/2017	Cambridge News online	Fresh advice issued on dealing with illegal Traveller encampments	Link	
30/08/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Advice for Cambridgeshire landowners following unauthorised Traveller encampments	Link	

30/08/2017	Star Radio Online	Council issues advice for landowners following unauthorised Traveller encampments	Link	
30/08/2017	Cambridge News	Your views on tunnel vision	P8	GCP piece on plans for underground tunnel transport system in Cambridge
30/08/2017	Cambridge News	Gridlock from new homes	P20	Reader letter about plans for Cherry Hinton North redevelopment
30/08/2017	Cambridge News online	This village is bursting at the seams because everyone wants to live there	Link	
30/08/2017	Cambridge News online	Travellers pitched up in four locations across the county today	Link	
30/08/2017	Cambridge News online	Fresh advice issued on dealing with illegal traveller encampments	Link	
31/08/2017	Cambridge News	Travellers set up in four new locations (SCDC advice included)	P6	
31/08/2017	Cambridge News	Who digs tunnel move for city? (GCP and CA)	P8	
01/09/2017	BBC Look East	Cambourne to Cambridge Busway routes revealed (GCP)		
01/09/2017	Cambridge News	Report unveils options for new bus route (GCP)	P4 and 5	
01/09/2017	Cambridge News	Possible locations for Park and Ride site revealed (GCP)	P5	
01/09/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Report on Elite Athlete Award Scheme grants	Scrol l to 1'50 in	
01/09/2017	BBC News Online	Powerlifter Camille Holland hoping for European title (Elite Athlete Award Scheme grants)	Link	
01/09/2017	Cambridge Independent	We want a big conversation over £1 billion spending plan	P10	GCP piece
01/09/2017	Cambridge Independent	We won't oppose homes'	p12	Cottenham Parish Council abandons attempt to reverse SCDC planning permission
01/09/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Campaigners slam new plans for Cambridge to Cambourne busway	Link	
03/07/2017	Heart Cambs Radio	Athletes in South Cambs can now apply for District Council funding	Bulle tins and Twitt er	
04/09/2017	Cambridge News	Protesters on march against busway plans	P2	
04/09/2017	Cambridge News	Funding on offer for would-be stars	P8 (sport supp)	
05/09/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Ellington interviewed as local member about A14 works and Swavesey diversion		

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



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

Thursday 31 August: *Independent Online*: [£1 billion of taxpayers' money subsidises planning applications](#)

£1 billion of taxpayers' money will have subsidised planning applications by 2022, according to LGA research.

Friday 1 September: *BBC Online*: [Birmingham bin strike threat](#)

Refuse workers in Birmingham have warned they will resume industrial action after accusing the city council of renegeing on deal that saw the previous lengthy bin strike suspended.

Sunday 3 September: *Telegraph*: ["Ugly new homes will create more NIMBYs" warns Environment Committee Chair](#)

Inappropriate buildings being imposed on local communities by the Government will create a generation of NIMBYs, the Chairman of the Environment Select Committee, Neil Parish has warned.

Sunday 3 September: *BBC Online*: [£200m to help rural areas get connected](#)

The Government has announced some of the first pilot areas to benefit from a £200m fund to help rural hospitals, schools and businesses benefit from "full fibre" faster broadband.

Monday 4 September: *Guardian*: [May urged to back bold action on housing crisis](#)

The Department for Communities and Local Government has confirmed that it will publish details, by the end of this month, on how local authorities should assess the need for housing in their local area.

Tuesday 5 September: *Telegraph*: [Councils face ban on using ASBO laws to punish bin breaches](#)

The Government is preparing to publish a consultation paper that will issue enforcement guidance for councils using bin fines, according to Whitehall sources.

Wednesday 6 September: *Telegraph Online*: [Fees and charges](#)

The TaxPayers' Alliance has raised concerns about local authorities requiring people to pay for services on top of the council tax they already pay.

Wednesday 6 September: *Times*: [Dog walkers told to carry two plastic bags](#)

Canterbury City Council has warned dog walkers who fail to carry two plastic bags for collecting their pet's mess face an £80 fine.

6. 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 30 AUGUST 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'](#).

7. Central Bedfordshire Local Plan Consultation

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed that a consultation response be submitted based upon paragraphs 18-25 of this report.

This decision was first published on Thursday 31 August and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 7 September. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 8 September.

8. Huntingdonshire Local Plan Consultation

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed that a consultation response be submitted based upon the following:

“Huntingdonshire are consulting on their draft Local Plan between the 4th July and 4.30pm on the 25th August. They intend to consult again in late 2017 on a Proposed Submission Local Plan and submit their plan for examination in March 2018. The plan includes strategic scale developments at Alconbury to the north of Huntingdon and at St Neots East. The plan proposes sites to meet all of the objectively assessed housing need in the district. Overall its draft policies and proposals are considered to be an appropriate response to the planning challenges affecting Huntingdonshire insofar as it affects South Cambridgeshire. The plan is also considered to be consistent with the agreed duty to cooperate documents relating to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area.” (paragraph 10 of the report)

This decision was first published on Thursday 31 August and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 7 September. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 8 September.

9. Uttlesford Local Plan Consultation

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed that a consultation response be submitted on the draft Uttlesford Local Plan based upon paragraphs 15-35 of this report, taking account of agreed modifications and additions concerning transport, the North Uttlesford Garden Community start date, build-out rates, water supply and disposal, and ‘rat running’.

This decision was first published on Thursday 31 August and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 7 September. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 8 September.

10. Neighbourhood Plans: Thriplow Neighbourhood Area designation

The Planning Portfolio Holder approved the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for the parish of Thriplow as proposed by Thriplow Parish Council (see Appendix A).

This decision was first published on Thursday 31 August and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 7 September. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 8 September.

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

11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 7 September](#)
- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub-Committee 19 September](#)
- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 13 September](#)
- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board 20 September](#)
- [Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 13 September](#)

Decisions

- [Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting 25 August](#)

Minutes

- [Planning Committee 9 August](#)

Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

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Agenda Item 2

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

August to September 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. Night closures at the end of July ensured that the main beams of the Grafham Road Bridge over the A1 were placed in position safely and successfully.

Night closures are now in place for the safe installation of the CCTV cameras which are required to monitor the road during late September, when we will narrow the lanes and set a reduced speed limit to allow work to progress safely. We will let you know the exact dates as soon as they are confirmed.

Section 3: Road closures will be necessary on the A1198 for the imminent opening of the new bridge and roundabouts. The first road closure will begin at 9 p.m. on Friday 1st September, ending at 6 a.m. on Monday the 4th September. This is for drainage works on the A1198 carriageway. The second closure will take place between 15th and 18th of September to configure the new alignment with the existing carriageway. Traffic lights will continue to operate at plant crossings at Hilton Road, Potton Road and Offord Road.

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.

Construction Activities:

Section 1: Culverts under the A1 are being extended to allow for the next stage of road-widening on the east side, including the initial construction layers.

We are planning to divert Alconbury Brooke and the old bailey bridge has now been removed.

As part of the scheme's legacy, we are committed to establishing flood compensation areas to balance out the A14 works. These areas will remain to work with existing flood modelling. Before this mitigation work can commence, detailed archaeological investigations must be completed. Topsoil clearance has started to the west of the A1, north of Brampton Hut, to allow archaeologists to carry out their work.

Section 2: The Grafham Road Bridge's main beams have been lifted into place over the existing A1. These will support the new sections of the A14. The adjacent beams already in place to the west, will span the realigned A1. The new bridge will be completed before the old Grafham Road bridge is demolished. The new bridge will feature both pedestrian and equestrian pathways. To date on the River Great Ouse

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crossing, we have completed 70% of the piling work, 5 of the 16 supporting pier structures and 80 % of the west abutment, which is where the bridge structure lands on the embankment works. We have also manufactured and stored the bridge deck sections, ready for installation later in the year

Section 3: Structures continue to be the focus in this section, with extra efforts being made to open the realigned A1198 ahead of schedule. Work continues on the structure that will

carry the A14 over the East Coast Mainline and beams have been lifted at some of our smaller structures such as Silver Street. Progress on the bridges at Hilton Road and Potton Road continues. Once the traffic is on the newly aligned A1198 these bridges will quickly begin to take shape.

Section 4 & 5: The accommodation block area at Swavesey is almost complete and we expect it to be occupied in mid-September.

The bailey bridge across the A14 close to Swavesey junction was installed over two nights at the end of August, meaning there is no need for haulage vehicles to traveling on the A14 carriageway. Construction materials can now be transported from the borrow pit in Boxworth to the north side of the A14, via this temporary bridge. These materials will be used to build the new Swavesey junction.

Piling works continued next to the A428 in preparation for the construction of two new bridges. The image below shows some of the 36 columns, which will support the bridge deck, which have now all been completed, A concrete pour to create the deck itself will take place in September. The beams on the second bridge under constructed at Girton junction will also be installed in September.



Bridge columns under construction next to A428.

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Environmental

Section 1: Fourteen Water voles have been released back into Alconbury Brooke following their winter and spring stay in a local special habitat, under the care of our very experienced, licenced ecologists. The capture and release was undertaken with the blessing of Natural England and enabled us to undertake various water course diversions without harming these endangered animals.

Section 4 & 5: A water recycling unit is being installed near the borrow pit at Dry Drayton. This facility, which is made from recyclable materials, will enable our road sweepers to empty their tanks locally. The unit works by trapping sediment from dirty water and filtering out clean water which is then re-used. Without this facility, our sweepers would need to travel significant distances to another licenced facility to deposit waste water, so we have reduced dramatically their trips on the A14; which enables them to spend more time keeping the local roads clean. This unit will be fully operational early in September.

Archaeology

Section 1 & 2: As mentioned above, archaeological investigations will commence shortly in the flood compensation areas to the west of the A1, north of Brampton Hut.

Section 3: Over 100 archaeologists continue their ground investigations across the 13km span of this section, in the vicinity of the Offord, Conington and Hilton Roads

Section:4 & 5 A team of 14 archaeologists continues to working alongside the A14 close to Bar Hill. Another team of 30 is investigating excavations at Girton. We will be announcing details of their exciting finds later this month.

In total, we currently have over 200 archaeologists working on the project.

Community Engagement

In August, we took our mobile visitor centre to Willingham, Hemingford Market, Truck Fest at the Norfolk Showground and Perry.

Forthcoming visits include the following venues:

RAF Wyton Family Day - Thursday 31st August

Little Shelford Village Event - Saturday 9th September 1pm to 5pm

Graffham Shop - Saturday 16th September 10am to 2pm

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