

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER
2017**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 26 October to Friday 10 November

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 26 Oct				
Fri 27 Oct	10am	Licensing Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Mon 30 Oct				
Tue 31 Oct				
Wed 1 Nov	10:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 2 Nov	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	Council Chamber	Victoria Wallace
Fri 3 Nov				
Mon 6 Nov				
Tue 7 Nov	10am	Planning Portfolio Holder Meeting	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
Wed 8 Nov				
Thu 9 Nov	10am	Business & Customer Services Portfolio Holder Meeting	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 10 Nov				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Working with Young People Networking and Information Event

There are still places on the **Working with Young People Networking and Information Event** at Milton Country Park visitors' centre on Tuesday 7th November 5 - 7 pm with registration, networking and bacon/veggie butties from 4.15 pm. The programme will be of interest to anyone involved in out-of-school provision for teenagers, or wanting to find out more. The programme can be seen at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/working-young-people-networking-and-information-event>.

To book call 01954 713070 or email duty.communities@scams.gov.uk with name, parish, email address, phone number (optional) and role (parish councillor, youth worker, etc).

3. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon - Planned Closures

Below are details of this week's planned closures, as part of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme. In addition to these closures, attached are details of other closures in the area on the A14 westbound between Girton (J31) and Spittals (J23).

This week's A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon closures:

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th

A1 northbound between Brampton Hut & Alconbury (each night, 9pm - 6am)

A1 southbound between Alconbury & Brampton (each night, 9pm - 6am)

Other closures in area:

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th

A14 westbound between Girton (J31) and Spittals (J23), plus full M11 northbound road closure

from Madlingley (J13), each night, 8pm - 6am.

The A14 westbound will remain open for local traffic only between Girton (J31) and Fenstanton (J27). The A1307 Huntingdon Road from Cambridge will also remain open so local traffic can join the A14 westbound.

A14 traffic will be directed west on the A428 towards St Neots, north on the A1 towards Peterborough and east on the A14 at Brampton Hut to re-join the A14 westbound at Spittals (J23).

M11 traffic will be directed to exit at Madlingley (J13) and head west on the A1303 and A428 to join the strategic diversion route. M11 traffic wishing to join the A14 eastbound will be directed to turnaround at the A428 Hardwick Interchange and head east towards Cambridge.

For more details about this specific closure email info@highwaysengland.co.uk or call 0300 123 5000.

For questions about our A14C2H closures or scheme, just email A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk.

The official diversion route will be signposted and the diversion maps for the A1 closures are attached. There are variable message signs in place that will advise drivers of the upcoming closures.

Details of closures specific to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme can be found on [Facebook](#) #A14C2H and [Twitter](#) @A14C2H pages. You can also find the latest posts by searching #A14C2Hclosures.

PLEASE NOTE - closures may be subject to change, so check out the social media pages daily for updates.

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

Section 1 & 2 Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line; **Jon Lewell** jon.lewell@thea14.com

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.

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		
18/10/2017	Cambridge News	What £535k will buy you!	P5	
18/10/2017	Cambridge News	Is sports lake dream over?	P7	
18/10/2017	Cambridge Independent	Mental health discussed at walk and talk event		
18/10/2017	Cambridge News	Village set for new housing	P13	
19/10/2017	BBC Look East	Report from our schools Paralympics event	Link	Clip of Cllr S. Ellington included
20/10/2017	Star Radio Online	Council could set one of the highest bars in the country with new taxi licensing policy	Link	
20/10/2017	Star Radio Online	Cambridgeshire schools awarded Paralympic gold	Link	
20/10/2017	Cambridge News online	Cambridgeshire school students with disabilities get their own Paralympic Games	Link	
21/10/2017	Cambridge News online	Skate park could be flattened because kids are too noisy	Link	
23/10/2017	Cambridge News	Push for Girton junction upgrade (GCP)	P11	
24/10/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Bunty Waters interviewed about traffic problems caused by traffic lights in Bar Hill		

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.

Sunday 22 October: *Independent Online*: [Ministers poised for rethink over housing benefit cap for elderly and vulnerable](#)

Ministers are poised for a rethink over changes to the benefit cap for older and vulnerable people who live in supported housing.

Sunday 22 October: *Sunday Times*: [“Rent-to-buy” fund could build 500,000 homes](#)

Plans are being considered by the Treasury to underwrite the £100 billion cost of building about half a million homes over the next decade, which would see families trapped in rented properties benefit from a “rent-to-buy” scheme.

Monday 23 October: *BBC Online*: [Borrow to boost housing, says Sajid Javid](#)

The Communities Secretary Sajid Javid says the Government should borrow money to fund the building of hundreds of thousands of new homes.

Monday 23 October: *Telegraph*: [Council cuts blamed for rise in time to build new homes](#)

Houses are taking longer to build, partly due to cuts in council planning departments, according

to a report by house builders Barratt.

Tuesday 24 October: *Mail*: [Councils “spending millions” on mileage rates](#)

Councils are spending millions of pounds on mileage rates by allowing mileage to be charged above the HMRC-recommended rate of 45p a mile, according to a Taxpayers' Alliance report.[SCDC pay the recommended rate of 45p per mile]

Wednesday 25 October: *Times*: [Fines for littering will almost double to £150](#)

The maximum fine for people littering will almost double from £80 to £150, under new powers being given to councils to tackle littering.

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 18 OCTOBER 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. Community Chest Grant - St Mary Church

The Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder **agreed** the following Community Chest funding:

Name of applicant	Project description	Total cost of project (£)	Total awarded (£)
St Mary the Virgin Church, Great Abington	Urgent repair of gas supply pipes for the heating	£1,110	£1,000

This decision was first published on Monday 23 October and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 30 October. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Tuesday 31 October.

8. Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency

The Housing Portfolio Holder:

- a) Approved Option A: to lobby the County Council as part of a collective appeal from the local authorities, to try and negotiate a different settlement.
- b) Recommended Option C to Council: to review the fees charged by the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency (CHIA) with a view that the HIA should be self sustaining. This would require fees to be increased from their current 15% to at least 18%, the exact level of fee to be determined in consultation with the County Council in time for the Council's budget setting meeting in February 2018.

This decision was first published on Thursday 19 October and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 26 October at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 27 October.

9. Disabled Facilities Grants - Portfolio Holder report

The Portfolio Holder:

- a) Approved the Joint Housing Adaptations Agreement that provides a framework from which the districts will work towards developing a Joint Adaptations Policy (Option A).
- b) Approved as an interim before the Joint Policy is agreed, the flexibility within the Council's existing policies to provide for 'top up' funding where necessary and subject to available funding (Option B).

This decision was first published on Thursday 19 October and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 26 October at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 27 October.

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

10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Licensing Committee 27 October](#)
- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 2 November](#)
- [Planning Committee 1 November](#)

Decisions

- [Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting on 18 October](#)
- [Community Chest Grant – St Mary Church](#)

Minutes

- [Cabinet 14 September](#)

11. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Nelu Mailat
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 13/10/17

Name: Mihai Mailat
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 13 October 2017

Name: Nicholae Mailat
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 13 October 2017



Name: Eloise Limmer
Job title: Planning Officer (working for Cambridge City Council but on SCDC terms and conditions)
Date started 9 October 2017

Name: Emily Louise O'Sullivan
Job title: Planning Placement Student
Date started 4 September 2017

Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Dennis Ockenden
Old job title: Housing Services Officer
New job title: Project Surveyor
Date moved: 9 October 2017





Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Matthew Bullock

Job title: Environmental Health Officer

Date leaving: 3 December 2017

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Important roadworks information

Dear Sir/Madam,

Repair works on the A14 westbound between Girton and Huntingdon

I write to inform you that Kier will shortly be completing repairs at the above location on behalf of Highways England. This work will ensure that the carriageway remains safe.

We plan to complete this work overnight **starting Monday 16 until Saturday 28 October, working 8pm to 6am on weekdays only, weather permitting.**

This work will be completed under a full A14 westbound road closure and diversion from Junction 31 Girton to Junction 23 Spittals, plus a full M11 northbound road closure and signed diversion from Junction 13 Madlingley.

A14 through traffic will be directed west on the A428 towards St Neots, north on the A1 towards Peterborough and east on the A14 at Brampton Hut to re-join the A14 westbound at Junction 23 Spittals.

M11 traffic will be directed to exit at Junction 13 Madlingley and head west on the A1303 and A428 to join the diversion route above. M11 traffic wishing to join the A14 eastbound will be directed at the A428 Hardwick Interchange east towards Cambridge.

The A14 westbound will remain open for local traffic only between Junction 31 Girton and Junction 27 Fenstanton. The A1307 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge will also be open for local traffic wishing to join the A14 westbound.

Apologies in advance for the temporary inconvenience and local disruption experienced during these works. We will do our utmost to complete the works as quickly as possible, and where possible will complete any noisy works during the early part of each night shift.

To stay informed about all the latest major roadworks happening near you, visit www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england to register for the latest alerts. If you have any enquiries please contact the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, or by e-mail to info@highwaysengland.co.uk.

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Frequently Asked Question:

While the A14 is closed will I still be able to access and exit my property if the only access available is within the road closure extents?

Yes. To return to your property, please slowly approach the road closure point and explain to the operative that you need to access your home. You will then be escorted back to your property by a member of the site team at 15mph. ***Please have this letter with you as proof of residence so that you are permitted through without further question.***

To leave your property during working hours only, **please call our site supervisor on 07850 557987** and an operative will arrive to escort you from your home access safely through the closure at 15mph.

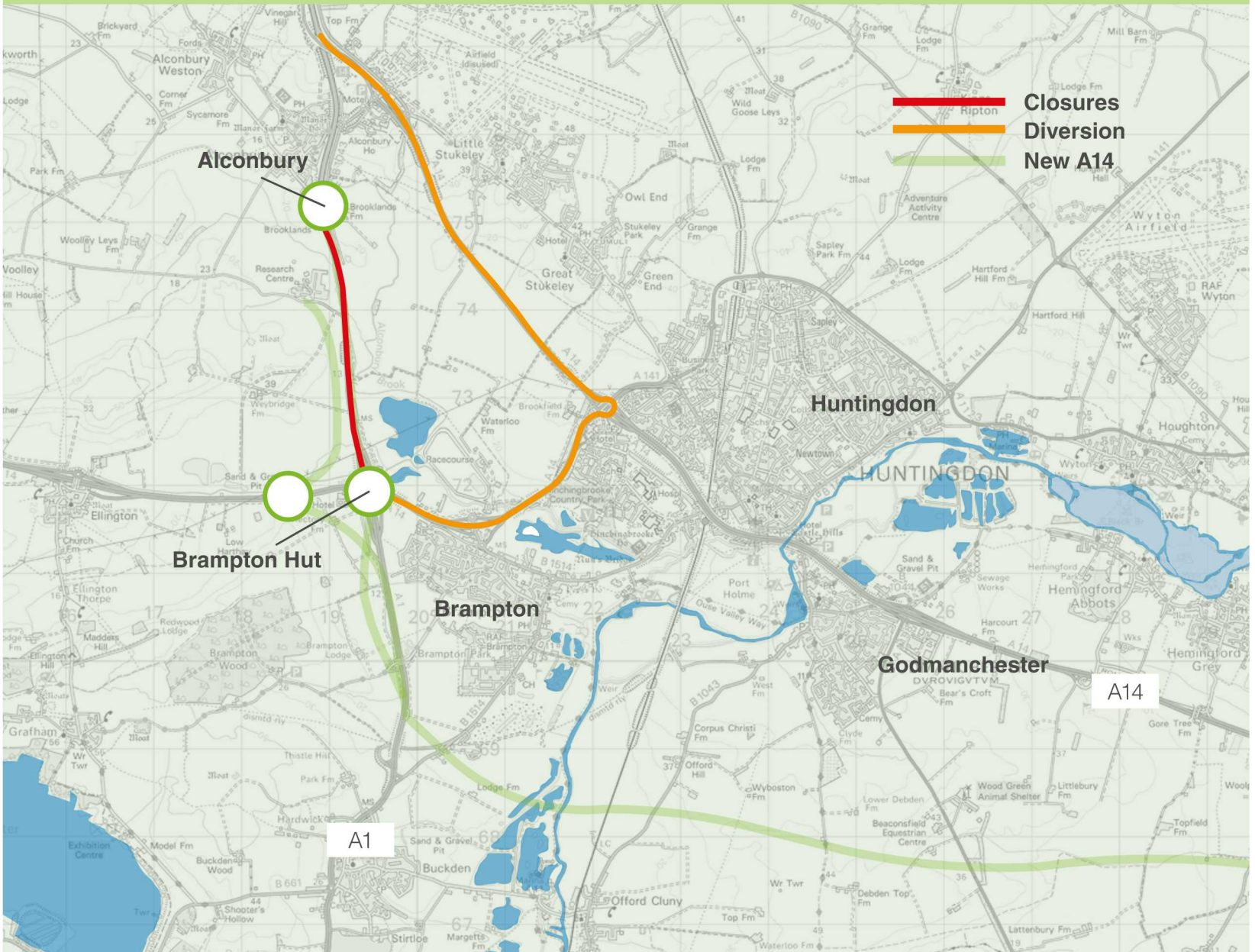
Please note that while driving through roadworks, please drive with particular care as this remains a live site with operatives at work.

Yours faithfully,

Adam Sharpe
Delivery Manager
For and on behalf of Highways England

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

Diversion for A14 closures between Brampton and Alconbury



The scheme will:

- combat congestion, making the A14 more reliable and providing capacity for future growth
- unlock economic growth, both regionally and nationally
- improve local connectivity
- improve safety for road-users and the community
- leave a positive legacy in Cambridgeshire

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