

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER
2017**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 21 December to Friday 5 January 2018

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 21 Dec				
Fri 22 Dec				
Mon 25 Dec		Christmas Day – Office Closed		
Tue 26 Dec		Boxing Day – Office Closed		
Wed 27 Dec				
Thu 28 Dec				
Fri 29 Dec				
Mon 1 Jan		New Years Day – Office Closed		
Tue 2 Jan				
Wed 3 Jan				
Thu 4 Jan	10am	Civic Affairs Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 5 Jan				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon - Planned Closures

Below are details of this week's A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon closures. There aren't any other closures planned until after the holidays, so this will be the last weekly parish update until the New Year.

During tonight's A14 westbound closure the white lines between Girton and Bar Hill will be refreshed. During the overnight closure last Friday the white and black lines were refreshed on the eastbound carriageway between Bar Hill and Girton.

The complete removal of the old markings from any surface is difficult without causing damage to the existing road. Making the new markings more prominent will ensure the lane markings are clearer for all road users, without the added disruption to drivers while the patch repairs are carried out.

The traffic management team will continue to monitor these markings to ensure that they are prominent and refresh them when needed. They regularly meet to review the roadworks and they're always keen to hear feedback, especially ways the traffic management can be made safer for road users. So please do let them know if any concerns about these are raised and we'll investigate.

This week's A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon closures:

Mon 18 for one night

A14 westbound Girton (J31) & Fenstanton (J27), including A1307 outbound (9pm - 6am)

Mon 18 to Thurs 21

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

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

The official diversion route will be signposted and you can find diversion maps on the social media pages (or just email them for additional copies).

The details of closures specific to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme are regularly updated on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/a14c2h) (www.facebook.com/a14c2h) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/A14C2H) (@A14C2H) pages. You can also find the latest posts by searching #A14C2Hclosures.

For questions about the A14C2H closures or scheme, just email A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk. For updates or information about closures not related to the scheme email info@highwaysengland.co.uk or call 0300 123 5000.

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.

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](mailto:Patrick.Adams@thea14.com) 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.

3. District Councillor Briefing - Homeless Reduction Act on Mon 15 Jan at 4pm

A specialist trainer will be giving a briefing on the Homeless Reduction Act on Monday 15 January at 4pm in the Swansley Room.

All District Councillors are invited to attend.

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		
13/12/2017	Cambridge News	Metro plans 'not end for the busway'	P11	GCP article
13/12/2017	Cambridge News	This vanity project will prove costly	P23	Letter from Cllr Bridget Smith about light rail plans from Combined Authority
13/12/2017	Star Radio Online	Council sends Christmas cheer to local hospital	Link	
13/12/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Sue Ellington interviewed about #MincePieMoment campaign	Scrol l to 1hr 40in	
13/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	£1.4bn metro by 2025 'is achievable' says mayor	P1 & 6	GCP and CA article
13/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Campaign to tackle loneliness	P5	
13/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Mayor and GCP at odds over busway	P6	Mayor Palmer comment on GCP plan
13/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Five point plan to get us moving	P7	GCP article
13/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Community chest grants help make a positive difference for 10 projects	P19	
13/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	GCP planning a lot more community work	P27	GCP article
15/12/2017	Cambridge News	Letter: We deserve a proper discussion	P21	Letter about GCP transport consultation
15/12/2017	Star Radio Online	Changes to bin collections this Christmas and New Year	Link	
15/12/2017	Cambridge News online	Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Christmas and New Year bin collection dates 2017	Link	
18/12/2017	Cambridge News	Lucky to get Heidi as MP (Cllr Shelton mentioned)	P19	

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 14 December: *BBC Online*: [Fly-tipping prosecutions at record low in England](#)
Councils in England secured 1,571 fly-tipping prosecutions in 2016/17, compared to 2,209 in 2007/08, government figures show.

Friday 15 December: *Guardian*: [Homeless crisis "hits working families"](#)
Homelessness is now a risk even for people in stable jobs, a report from the Local Government Ombudsman has found.

Saturday 16 December: *Times*: [Call for action as fly-tipping hits eight-year high](#)
Councils are calling for a more effective legal system to streamline prosecutions for fly-tipping, which latest figures show has reached an eight-year high.

Saturday 16 December: *Telegraph*: [Eight in 10 rural homes are mobile blackspots](#)
Eight in 10 rural homes and businesses cannot get a mobile phone 4G signal according to a report by Ofcom.

Tuesday 19 December: *BBC Online*: [UK plan to tackle plastic waste threat](#)
The Environment Secretary Michael Gove has outlined a four-point plan for tackling plastic waste.

Wednesday 20 December: *BBC Online*: [Homelessness in England a "National Crisis", says MPs](#)
A report by the Public Accounts Committee has said that the Government's attitude to tackling homelessness is "unacceptably complacent".

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.

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

7. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Minutes

- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board 22 November](#)

8. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have left

Name: Laura Kitchen
Job title: Business Improvement Officer
Date leaving: 20 January 2018

Name: Paul Mumford
Job title: Team Leader, New Communities
Date leaving: 2 January 2018

Name: Abigail Murray
Job title: Trainee Accountant
Date leaving: 11 January 2018

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