

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER
2018**



**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 6 September to Friday 21 September

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 6 Sep				
Fri 7 Sep	2pm	Employment & Staffing Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Mon 10 Sep				
Tue 11 Sep				
Wed 12 Sep	10:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 13 Sep				
Fri 14 Sep				
Mon 17 Sep	11:59pm	Deadline for motions and questions for Council		
Tue 18 Sep	6pm	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Wed 19 Sep				
Thu 20 Sep	2pm	Climate and Environment Advisory Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	Council Chamber	Victoria Wallace
Fri 21 Sep				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Road Closures

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 3 September, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

3. A14 Parish Bulletin

Please find attached the latest A14 Parish Bulletin, covering September to October 2018.

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

A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

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.

4. Portfolio Holders are now Lead Cabinet Members

Please note that the Leader has reviewed the title given to individual Cabinet members and they will now be known as "Lead Cabinet Member for" rather than "Portfolio holder".

5. Special Meeting of Cabinet: 24 September

Please note that there will be a special meeting of [Cabinet](#) on Monday 24 September at 9:30am.

GENERAL INFORMATION

6. 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		
29/08/2018	Cambridge Independent	Column: New service aiming to increase apprenticeships	P28	Column from Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer in GCP skills portfolio holder role
29/08/2018	Cambs Times Online	Mystery of the £150,000 a year chief executive of Cambridgeshire Combined Authority reportedly on 'gardening leave'	Link	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted in Combined Authority role
29/08/2018	Hunts Post Online	£150,000 a year Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Combined Authority quit by 'mutual agreement' says deputy mayor Charles Roberts	Link	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted in Combined Authority role
29/08/2018	That's Cambridge TV	Video report of recent Great Abington affordable housing event with Hill	Link	
30/08/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Enforcement Officer Chris Bradley appears on Breakfast Show to discuss fly-tipping	Scroll to 20m in	
30/08/2018	Star Radio online	South Cambs Council homes ranked top for energy efficiency	Link	
31/08/2018	Cambridge Network Online	South Cambs Council homes ranked top for energy efficiency	Link	
03/09/2018	Royston Crow online	South Cambs Local Plan declared sound by government inspectors	Link	
03/09/2018	BBC News Online	South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge housing plans wait 'too long'	Link	
03/09/2018	Cambridge News online	Huge plans for tens of thousands more jobs and homes in Cambridgeshire	Link	
03/09/2018	Cambridge Independent Online	Plans for 44,000 new jobs and 33,500 homes backed by Government inspectors	Link	
03/09/2018	Cambridge Network Online	Plans for new jobs and homes given backing by inspectors	Link	
03/09/2018	BBC Look East	Comprehensive report into Local Plans	First	

		being found sound	item	
03/09/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer interviewed about Local Plans being found sound	Scroll to 1h 15m in	
03/09/2018	Heart Radio	Local Plans found sound by Government inspectors		
04/09/2018	Cambridge News	Local Plan coverage. Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer, Stephen Kelly and Caroline Hunt quoted	P1, P4, P5	
04/09/2018	Eastern Echo	Mace secures approval for Cambridge Science Park	Link	Mentions approval of 200,000 sq ft scheme at Cambridge Science Park
04/09/2018	Bidwells Online	Key headlines and opinion following Local Plan reports	Link	
04/09/2018	Planning Resource	Deputy leader slams inspectors for lengthy Cambridgeshire local plans examination	Link	Behind a paywall - unable to read full article
04/09/2018	The Planner	Cambridge plans win inspectors seal of approval	Link	Behind a paywall - unable to read full article
05/09/2018	Cambridge News	More needs to be done to encourage people to get involved in their parish	P4	Cllr Topping and Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
05/09/2018	Cambridge News	Local plan delays have a big impact on area's villages	P4	Cllr Topping, Cllr Bridget Smith and Cllr Van de Weyer quoted

7. 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.

Sunday 2 September: *Sunday Telegraph*: ["Smart" public bins can tell councils when they are full](#)
New "smart bins" will be able to email collectors when they are full, reducing the chances of bins overflowing and causing litter in public spaces.

Monday 3 September: *Express online*: [Commercial waste scam costing councils thousands](#)
Temporary illegal travellers sites are being used as cover for an organised waste disposal scam which is costing councils across the country hundreds of thousands of pounds in clean-up costs, it has been reported.

Tuesday 4 September: *Sky News Online*: [Government rejects online voting for disabled voters amid electoral fraud fears](#)

The Government has rejected proposals for online voting for disabled voters, claiming that it increases the risk of voter fraud.

Tuesday 4 September: *Guardian*: [Government faces court action over "illegal" planning policy](#)
Friends of the Earth are launching a legal challenge against the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), claiming it was illegally adopted because the Government failed to assess its environmental impact.

Tuesday 4 September: *Mail Online*: [Plastic could be recycled as fuel for electric cars](#)

A new recycling technique, discovered by British researchers, could see plastic used to fuel

hydrogen-powered vehicles.

8. 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.scambs.gov.uk/content/access-information>

OTHER INFORMATION

9. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Employment & Staffing Committee 7 September 2018](#)
- [Planning Committee 12 September](#)

Minutes

- [Planning Committee 16 August](#)

Plans

- [Notice of Key and Non Key Decisions expected from 5 September](#)

Issues

- [Brexit Advisory Group – Terms of Reference](#)

10. **SCDC Starters and Leavers**



New Employees at the Council

Name: Atef Sayed
Job title: Acquisition Manager
Date started: 1 September 2018

Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Tracey Harrison
Old Job title: Administrative Officer
New Job title: Joint Housing Development Officer
Date moving: 17 September 2018



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Agenda Item 2

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire: major improvements

Construction work on the new A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon scheme is underway. We are currently carrying out a variety of tasks for which we need to close lanes or carriageways on the A1, A14 and some local roads at times, usually overnight between 8pm and 6am, unless otherwise stated. A clearly signed diversion route will always be in place for closures.

For this week, the planned closures are:

Full closures

Monday 3 (one night)

- A14 westbound Brampton Hut junction 21 to Ellington junction 20

A signed diversion will be in place. Vehicles will follow the A14 link road at junction 23 to travel north on the A1(M) then travel west on the A605 to re-join the A14 at junction 13

Non motorway traffic west at Wooley Road, south on Ellington Road and west at Wooley Hill to re-join the A14

Monday 3 to Friday 7 (five nights)

- A1 northbound between Buckden and Alconbury
A signed diversion will be in place; Vehicles will travel east on the A428, north on the A1198, west on the A14 and then north on the A14 link road to re-join the A1

- A1 southbound between Alconbury and Buckden

A signed diversion will be in place. Vehicles will be diverted south on the A14 link road, then east on the A14, south on the A1198 and west on the A428 to re-join the A1

- A14 eastbound Ellington junction 20 to Brampton Hut junction 21

A signed diversion will be in place. Vehicles will travel east on the A605 then south on the A1(M) to the A605 to re-join the A14 at junction 22. Non motorway traffic will be diverted east at Wooley Hill, then north on Ellington Road and Wooley Road to re-join the A14.

- A428 eastbound Madingley to A14 eastbound junction 33

Motorway traffic will travel south on the M11, east on A505 and north on A11 to re-join the A14. Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge.

- M11 junction 14 exit slip
- A14 westbound between junctions 36 and 31

A signed diversion will be in place. Motorway traffic will travel south on the A11, west on the A505 and then north on the M11. Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge

Friday 7 9pm to Sunday 9 6pm

- B1040 Potton Road, between St Ives and the A14

Vehicles travelling from the A14 will be diverted west along the A14 then south on the A1198 to re-join the B1040. Vehicles travelling from the A1198 will follow the route in reverse.

Friday 7 pm to Monday 10 6am

- Grafham Road

Saturday 8 (one night)

- A14 westbound between junction 31 and junction 27

Vehicles will be diverted west on the A428 then north on the A1198 to re-join the A14 at Godmanchester

Local access will be maintained between the strategic diversion and the hard closure

- M11 northbound junction 14 to A14 westbound

Saturday 8 to Sunday 9 (two nights)

- A1307 outbound from Castle Street Cambridge to A14.

A signed diversion will be in place. Vehicles will be diverted north on the A1049 Histon Road to junction 32 of the A14

Sunday 9 (one night)

- A14 eastbound between junction 30 and junction 31

Vehicles will be diverted south on the A1198 at Godmanchester then east on the A428 to re-join the A14 at Girton

Local access will be maintained between the strategic diversion and the hard closure

- A14 westbound between junction 31 and junction 30

Vehicles will be diverted west on the A428 then north on the A1198 to re-join the A14 at Godmanchester

Local access will be maintained between the strategic diversion and the hard closure

- M11 northbound junction 14 to A14 westbound

For more information about this scheme, visit

<http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon/>, or stay updated by following us on <https://twitter.com/a14c2h> and <https://en-gb.facebook.com/A14C2H/>.

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Agenda Item 3

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

September to October 2018

Sections 1 and 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line
Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey
Sections 4 and 5 - Swavesey to Milton
Section 6 – Huntingdon

A word of caution we ask you to share

As mentioned in our last update, we are now surfacing new sections of the road, so please treat with caution any offers for the sale of excess materials claimed to be from the A14. No one associated with the project will be selling surfacing materials to the public or local businesses. Please pass this message on to as many people as possible.

Traffic Management:

Sections 1 and 2: Narrow lanes and a 40-mph speed limit remain in force on the A1 and both north and southbound carriageways will be closed for two weeks in September. This is to allow for the installation of the technology required to display accurate information on the new gantries. Our teams must work very close to and over the new carriageway which can only be achieved safely with a full closure.

Section 3: There will be a weekend closure of the A1198 between Papworth Everard and Godmanchester at the end of September to allow for work (drainage, street lighting and bridge works) at the junction with the new A14, to be completed. The road will be closed from 08:00 on Saturday 29 September until 05:00 on Monday 1 October. The diversion route (south to north) will use the B1040 through Hilton and the A14 to Godmanchester. Access to farms and businesses around Lattenbury Hill will be maintained on the A1198 from the south. Wood Green Animal Shelter will be accessible from the north.

Hilton local access road will be moved onto the new Hilton Road bridge on the weekend of 22 – 23 September.

Sections 4 & 5: Closures of the A14 will be needed in September to allow us to work safely on the bridges at Swavesey and Bar Hill. The A14 at Bar Hill will be closed to through traffic from 21:00 on Friday 14 September until 06:00 on Monday 17 September. Access at Bar Hill will be for local traffic only.

The week-day night closures of the A14 between the Girton Interchange and Milton will end shortly as the works move into phase 2. Limited night works are anticipated from September to the end of this year.

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme September to October 2018

Construction Activities:

Section 1: Work on the southbound A1 is nearly complete, with top soil now in place and replacement farmers' tracks almost ready for use. On the northbound section, a temporary arrangement is in place at Wooley Road.

This will eventually be permanently closed, when the replacement local access road linking Wooley Road to the new Ellington / Brampton Hut junction is complete.

Section 2: Close to the Brampton site office, the concrete structures supporting the Buckden Road bridge are almost complete. This bridge will take the new A14 over the local road. From the Buckden Road roundabout, you can now begin to see how all the pieces fit together, including new and improved pedestrian and cycle routes.

Our prefabrication yard, which produces the concrete components for all the new structures, has to date manufactured nearly 1600 separate beams and parapets. The huge steel beams which form the viaduct crossing the lakes, the River Great Ouse and the East Coast Mainline are now in place. Earth works have progressed quickly during the dry summer, enabling us to join the component parts of this impressive structure.



The bodies of water, visible from Brampton Road Bridge over the realigned A1 are essential to ensure that the highway drainage is separate from the existing land drainage systems.

You can contact us on our dedicated A14 Public Helpline 0800 270 0114
Scheme information is also available at our website
www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H and you can also follow us at:



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Section 3:

The dry summer has allowed us to press on with earthworks at a rate of more than 85,000 cubic metres a week. This is equivalent to the weight of 149,600 average sized cars. We have 50 dump trucks, 18 bulk excavators, 17 bull dozers and 20 compaction rollers working in the section.

We have completed 41% of the main line drainage, with 28 people working 12 hours a day on this activity. The drainage system takes carriageway water into ponds, allowing it to be released in a controlled way into the water courses. More than half our culverts are complete, mainly taking existing ditches and streams under the new carriageway.

We have started the foundation layers for the carriageways, laying 18,000 tonnes out of a total of 153,000 of concrete bound granular material. Laying of asphalt will start in early September.

Hilton Road new bridge will open at the end of September and the B1043 Offord Road will open at the end of November.

Sections 4 and 5:

Work on the new bridge at Swavesey continues. Overnight closures of the road have allowed us to undertake work on the bridge deck. The layout of the new junction and the associated roundabouts is now much more obvious. We anticipate that this bridge will be open to live traffic this autumn. We will then undertake the demolition of the old Swavesey bridge.

Construction of the side abutments (supports) for the new bridges at Bar Hill is progressing well and the steel girders which will span the A14 and form the bridge for the new junction can be seen resting beside the eastbound carriageway. We will be lifting these beams into place in September, when there will be a Friday night to Monday morning closure of the A14 (between 14 and 17 Sep - see TM section above for more detail).

The temporary bailey bridge near the Dry Drayton turn-off was removed in August during an overnight closure. Work on the new local access road that will run from Oakington Road to Huntingdon Road is progressing well. It is anticipated that traffic will be using this road this autumn. Work has also commenced on constructing a new access road from this road into Cambridge Crematorium.

The lengthy period of night work along the Cambridge Northern Bypass will end soon. During these works we have removed the central safety barrier and resurfaced the road, allowing traffic to move across as we start to widen this section of the A14. During phase 2, most of the work will be carried out during the day.

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Section 6 Huntingdon Works:

Early preparatory work in this section of the scheme will start later this year, but the removal of the viaduct cannot begin until we have A14 traffic on the new road. The recent information we have shared about our work in Huntingdon can be found via this link:

[**A14-Cambridge to Huntingdon- Preview of plans for Huntingdon**](#)

Ecology:

Looking after wildlife along the A14 is an essential part of the project and we strive to find ways to improve the environment. One example of this can be seen in section 3.

Old West Brook, an artificially straight and biodiversity-poor watercourse parallel to Potton Road (B1040), has been realigned to create a more natural watercourse. It now has gravel beds and meanders of deep and shallow water with varying flow velocities. This provides a much wider range of wildlife habitats, while retaining the capacity to cope with a potential 1/100-year flooding event which must be incorporated in the scheme's design.

Nearby, work has continued throughout the summer to establish an ecological haven in a newly-cut section of Covell's Drain. This involved nurturing and watering new turf and vegetation through the hot, dry summer before it replaces a section of drain that must be filled in. This new stretch of Covell's Drain, pictured below, mimics the rich biodiversity of a natural watercourse, encouraging wildlife to move in as soon as it is connected.



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Community Engagement

The A14 Mobile Visitor Centre will be at the following events/venues:

Bar Hill Tesco – 3 & 6 September 2018
Little Paxton Village Groups – 15 September 2018
Milton Country Park Autumn Festival- 23 September 2018
Prickwillow Ploughing Festival – 06 October 2018

If you'd like to book the MVC to visit your village or town, please email:
[**A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk**](mailto:A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Volunteering:

The A14 team is always on the lookout for local volunteering opportunities. If you or your parishioners have any community projects where we could provide some people power to help, please call our helpline on 0800 270 0114 or email Samantha.kedie@thea14.com.

A14 Charity Welly Walk

All 500 tickets for our charity **'Welly Walk' on Sunday 9th September 2018**, raising money for Cancer Research UK, have been snapped up. We hope you secured tickets to this unique event.

The walk will follow the new A14 between A1198, Ermine Street and Swavesey Junction and will be a unique opportunity for members of the public to explore 10 kilometres (just over 6 miles) of what will eventually be the new road carrying traffic between Cambridge and Huntingdon.

We'll report on the day and share pictures in the next newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has donated to our fundraising page.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/a14c2h-wellywalk-giving-page>



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