

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2019**

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**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

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

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 7 Mar	2:30pm	Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee	Mezzanine	Victoria Wallace
Fri 8 Mar				
Mon 11 Mar				
Tue 12 Mar				
Wed 13 Mar	9:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 14 Mar	10am	Employment & Staffing Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 15 Mar				
Mon 18 Mar				
Tue 19 Mar				
Wed 20 Mar	4pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	Council Chamber	Democratic Services
Thu 21 Mar	6pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Fri 22 Mar				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Improvement Scheme: Monthly Parish Newsletter

The attached newsletter provides you with updates for February to March 2019, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme.

To contact your A14 sections stakeholder manager, please use the email addresses below or the A14 helpline.

Section 1, 2 & 3: Alconbury to Swavesey
John Birchall - John.Birchall@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. Further updates as the scheme progresses can be found on their [website](#).

3. Planned Road Closures w/c 4 March - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 4 March, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

Please note an update to this week's planned road closures on the A14 between Swavesey and Bar Hill.

The below closures will go ahead as planned on Monday 4th and Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th (5 nights in total):

- A14 eastbound Swavesey J28 to Bar Hill J29
- A14 westbound Bar Hill J29 to Swavesey J28
- A14 westbound to westbound Girton J31 loop

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th, the closure has been revised to:

- Dry Drayton J30 westbound entry and exit slips closed, along with a lane 1 & 2 closure between M11 J13 and A14 westbound to Bar Hill J29
- The eastbound carriageway will remain open on these two nights

Also attached is an information poster, detailing how to find further information on the scheme. If you would like some to display in your Parishes, on notice boards, offices etc please contact Highways England who can post them to you.

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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](#) 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.

4. **Working Effectively with Officers - Workshop for Members Mon 18 & Tue 26 March**

District Councillors are invited to attend a workshop on "Working Effectively with Officers" in the Council Chamber, South Cambridgeshire Hall on one of the following dates:

- Tuesday, 26 March 2019 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm
- Monday, 18 March 2019 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

This workshop has been designed for South Cambridgeshire District Council to mirror workshops provided for officers focussed on building effective relationships with Members. It will provide an opportunity for Members to develop their understanding of the relationship; the ways in which they can develop their own working relationships with officers and to consider how the Council as a whole can develop this further.

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		
27/02/19	Cambridge News	Combined authority's new chief executive to be revealed	P5	CA article
27/02/19	Cambridge News	Should we introduce a congestion charge to tackle traffic troubles	P8	GCP article
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	Have your say, urges GCP in latest effort to cut congestion	P8	GCP article
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	Cambridge Biomedical Campus: 30,000 new trips due daily	P8	GCP article
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	Council agrees chief's £200,000 early retirement deal	P9	
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	Lib Dems unveil green vision	P13	
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	New Darwin Green community must wait longer for facilities	P18	Cllr Sarah Cheung-Johnson and Cllr John Williams quoted
27/02/19	Cambridge News online	Claims of disagreements at South Cambs as Chief executive leaves	Link	
28/02/19	Cambridge News	Chief exec's golden goodbye costs council £200k	P1 & P10	
28/02/19	Royston Crow	We've set an ambitious plan for the district - it will really stretch us'	P11	
01/03/19	Cambridge News	Economic growth could be 'choked' without new station	P10	GCP article. Cllr Peter Topping quoted
01/03/19	Fenland Citizen online	Cambridgeshire Mayor's intervention slammed as an "abuse of power"	Link	CA article. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
01/03/19	Peterborough Telegraph online	Anger after Peterborough's metro mayor clashes with scrutiny committee chair	Link	CA article. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
02/03/19	Cambridge News online	Cambridgeshire mayor is 'abusing power', say critics	Link	CA article. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
05/03/19	Cambridge News	Letter: £200k golden handshake is not justifiable	P21	
06/03/19	Cambridge News	Views sought on options for Cambourne-Cambridge link	P13	GCP article. Cllr Gavin Clayton quoted

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.

Thursday 28 February, *Times*: [Build new homes away from roads, says watchdog](#)
New-build flats and houses should be situated away from the roadside, according to health advisers in new guidance on town planning to cut exposure to dirty air.

Tuesday 5 March, *BBC Online*: [Council tax bills in England to rise by an average of 4.5%](#)
Research by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa) has found that council bills in England will increase by 4.5 per cent a year from April.

Wednesday 6 March, *BBC Online*: [Fall in apprenticeship starts](#)
Apprenticeships starts have fallen by a quarter since reforms, including a levy on large employers, were introduced, according to a National Audit Office report.

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 27 FEBRUARY 2019



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: Funding Applications

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** the recommendations made by the Grants Advisory Committee on 22 February 2019:

	Applicant	Village(s) affected	Description	Total applied for (£)	Total recommended (£)	Additional conditions/ comments
1	Cambourne United Football Club	Cambourne	Provide new equipment for FA's new 'Just Play' project	1,000.00	954.76	Grant awarded for equipment only
2	1 st Over St Mary's Scout Group	Over	Purchase of new tents for camping events	1,000.00	1,000.00	
3	St Catherine's Parochial Church Council	Litlington	Installation of kitchen and toilet facility	1,000.00	Deferred	
4	Footprints Café Ltd	Sawston	Sound proof panels to enhance acoustics in training room café	1,000.00	Deferred	Further documentation needed
5	Willingham Action Group	Willingham	Purchase and install bird boxes	354.19	354.19	
6	Histon and Impington	Histon and	Develop and	1,000.00	Defer	More info

	Communication s Community Interest Company	Impington	create a new online “hub” for news in Histon and Impington			needed on relationship to PC
7	Heathfield Area Recreation Trust	Thriplow (Heathfield)	Purchase a marquee to support a new youth club	1,000.00	1,000.00	
8	The Connections Bus Service	Cottenham	Provide a 10- week babysitting course for students in Cottenham	1,000.00	Nil	On-going revenue costs are outside scope of scheme
9	Cambridge Past, Present and Future	Stapleford	Purchase materials for outdoor education program	995.50	995.50	

9. Consultation response on A14 Motorway Status

The Deputy Leader **AGREED** to submit the following response to the Planning Inspectorate:

South Cambridgeshire District Council supports the proposed amendment to the Development Consent Order (DCO) to amend the status of the A14 between the M11 at Girton and the new Ellington junction and the A1 between Alconbury and Brampton from all-purpose trunk road to motorway.

The Council recognises that the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme is already designed and being built to a high specification and that slow vehicles, which would be prohibited from using a motorway, are accommodated by the local access road and provision for non-motorised users.

It is also recognised that the changes would provide Highways England more control over traffic speeds to further improve safety for road users and achieve more consistent journey times. This may deliver benefits to the local and national economy, and local residents by keeping traffic on the most appropriate roads and out of villages and parts of Cambridge, and in terms of noise and air quality for these residents. Addressing congestion and improving traffic flow on the A14 is in line with recommended actions in the Council's Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP).

It is understood that the proposed amendment to the DCO is a non-material change that would not alter the existing provisions and requirements in the DCO which Highways England will need to fulfil in delivering the A14 Improvement Scheme.

On this basis and for the reasons set out above, the Council supports the application for a change to motorway status.

10. Mobile Warden Scheme Grant Funding 2019/20

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** to award the Mobile Warden Schemes the grant funding for 2019/20 as per table 1 below.

To support a valuable community led service within each of these wards/villages in keeping with the Council's aims and objectives.

The decision to award the grants as per Table 1 was made taking into consideration:

- a) the amount of grant requested,
- b) the fees charged by each scheme to the client,
- c) the number of clients supported in the previous year,
- d) income and expenditure for the previous year,
- e) the schemes finances, and
- f) the amount of reserved and unreserved funding.

Scheme	Grant Awarded 2019/20 (£)	Amount Awarded 2018/19 (£)	Reason(s)
Histon & Impington (Age UK)	2,520	2,520	Increase from 2018/19 due to additional new schemes.
Swavesey (Age UK)	1,240	1,240	
Small Villages (Age UK)	3,040	3,040	
Teversham (Age UK)	1,600	1,600	
Waterbeach (Age UK)	1,300	n/a	
Linton (Age UK)	2,500	2,500	
Stapleford (Age UK)	1,000	n/a	
Cottenham	1,800	1,200	Uplift to reflect low reserves and increased client charge.
Harston	1,250	1,250	
Haslingfield	250	250	
Melbourn	2,200	2,200	
Milton	2,155	2,155	
The Mordens & Litlington	2,155	2,155	
Great Shelford	1,000	n/a	Great Shelford has not applied every year. They last applied in 2016/17.
TOTAL	23,410	20,110	

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/the-council/access-to-information/access-to-information-summary/>

OTHER INFORMATION

11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Planning Committee 13 March](#)

Decisions

- [Community Chest: Funding Application](#)
- [Mobile Warden Scheme Funding 2019/20](#)
- [Consultation Response on A14 Motorway Status](#)

Minutes

- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub Committee](#)
- [Planning Committee 13 February](#)

12. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have left

Name: Peter Naylor
Job title: HR Coordinator
Date left: 1 March 2019

Agenda Item 2

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme February to March 2019

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

Traffic Management:

Sections 1 and 2: Narrow lanes and reduced speed limits will remain in place on the north and southbound carriageways of the A1 for a few more weeks as we complete the surfacing of the new road. The following closures will be used for this work:

A1 northbound - weekend closure from Buckden to Brampton Hut from 9pm on Friday 1 March to 5am on Monday 4 March, including Brampton exit and entry slip roads.

Weekday overnight closures (9pm to 6am) from Buckden to Alconbury on the nights of Friday 1, Monday 4 – Friday 8 and Monday 11– Friday 15 March.

The signed diversion for these northbound closures is via the A428, A1198 and A14.

A1 southbound - weekend closures from Brampton Hut to Buckden from 9pm on Friday 8 March to 5am on Monday 11 March, 9pm on the Friday 15 to 5am on Monday 18 March and 9pm on Friday 22 to 5am on Monday 25 March, including Brampton exit and entry slip roads. A signed diversion will be in place via the A14, A1198 and A428.

Weekday overnight closures Monday 4 – Friday 8 March, Monday 11- Friday 15 March and Monday 18 – Friday 22 March, Alconbury to Buckden.

The signed diversion for these southbound closures is via the A14, A1198 and A428.

Section 3:

Conington Road will be closed during the weekend of Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 March for utility and carriageway works.

Sections 4 & 5:

There will be 7-night closures of both the east and west bound A14 between junction 28, Swavesey and junction 29, Bar Hill, from 9pm to 6am on Monday 4 - Sunday 10 March. This is for the concrete to be poured to form the deck of the new Lolworth bridge.

Narrow lanes and the 40mph speed limit on the A14 between the M11 junction at Girton and Dry Drayton remain in place in preparation for construction activity.

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Scheme information is also available at our website

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H and you can also follow us at:



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Construction Activities:

Section 1: Surfacing of the A1 continues on both carriageways, with the top layer of asphalt being laid during weekend closures to ensure a high-quality, durable running surface. Gantries have also been erected during overnight closures. Surfacing will switch from the northbound carriageway to southbound, with final surfacing and barrier construction on course for completion before the end of March. This will be another project milestone.

Section 2: Another recent milestone was the transfer of traffic onto the new alignment of the B1514 Brampton/Buckden Road, beneath the new A14 underpass. This has allowed us to begin building up the level of the new A14 over the old Buckden Road as it heads towards the new River Great Ouse (RGO) crossing. The RGO viaduct is now structurally complete and a time-lapse video of the construction of this impressive structure, can be found on our website:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/major-milestone-for-a14-as-huge-new-bridge-completed/>



Section 3: Surfacing on the Huntingdon southern bypass has resumed, transforming long stretches into recognisable road. Less obvious, but essential, is the mainline drainage work, which is progressing well, with completion expected in the spring. Work to create the embankments for the new bridge at New Barns Lane is nearly complete and the beams for the bridge are expected to be installed in April.

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At Conington Road, we have almost completed the kerb installation, with the road and new bridge expected to be open to traffic in the spring. Works to complete ponds are underway, as are preparations for landscaping and seeding, fencing and access track construction.

Sections 4 and 5: Construction of the new Bar Hill junction is progressing well. Following a series of night closures, the bridge deck is almost complete. One half of the new junction will be brought into operation later this year, after which we will demolish the old bridge. Details will be shared closer to the time.

The new bridge, which will give the village of Lolworth both east and west access to the road network once completed, is progressing well.

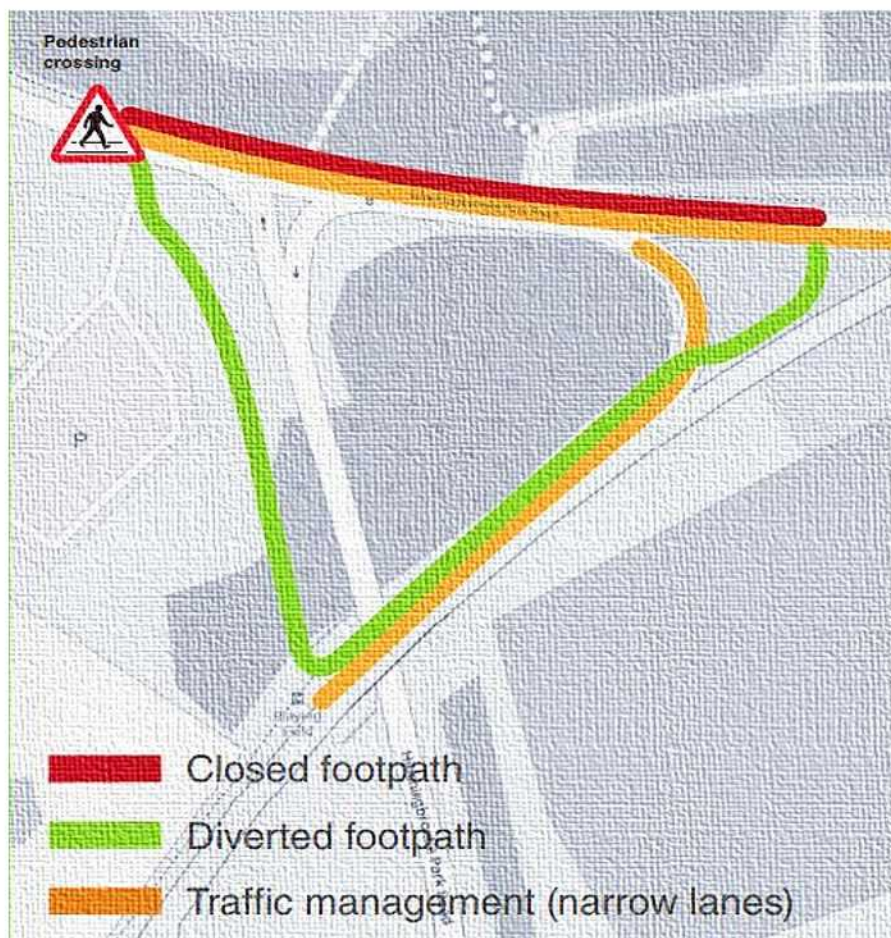
In March we intend to open the new local access road between Girton and Dry Drayton. This road will connect to the existing A1307 / Huntingdon Road as it leaves Cambridge. Once this road is open the access from the A14 into the crematorium will be changed.

Carriageway widening continues on the Cambridge Northern bypass at Milton. The green tents, which can be seen in the centre of the road, sit over the guided busway, and are protecting traffic from the debris of the hydro demolition (high pressure water jet targeted demolition) work taking place beneath. Once this activity is completed, we will modify the bridge to accommodate the two extra lanes of traffic.

Embankment and road widening at the eastbound off-slip at junction 32, Milton, will start in late March/early April, following completion of utility diversions on Cambridge Road. Work will include constructing a retaining wall around the north west junction, during day-time hours and will take approximately 8 weeks.

Section 6: Preparatory work continues, including archaeological excavations along the route of the Pathfinder Link road into Huntingdon. Tree removal has begun on a small stretch of Hinchingsbrooke Park Road, to prepare for construction in the summer and the footpath between the traffic lights opposite the school and the crossing near Brampton Road will be closed temporarily. This is to allow excavations and diversions of utility cables buried under the footpath.

We'll re-route the footpath temporarily and the lanes of Hinchingsbrooke Park Road and Brampton Road will be narrowed during this work, which could take up to 12 months to complete. Some of the work will require overnight or weekend single lane closures. Access to Hinchingsbrooke estate, Hinchingsbrooke School, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and for emergency services will always be maintained, as traffic light control will be used. Please refer to the diagram below.



Open Doors 2019

On 23 March we will be supporting '**Open Doors – Get in to Construction**'. This national annual event is a unique chance for you to see what goes on 'behind the scenes' on the U.K.'s largest highways scheme and to learn more about the diverse range of skills and professions needed on a major infrastructure project.

Please use the links below to book places for guided tours of our works sites and a chance to meet members of the A14 team:

Brampton - <https://opendoors.construction/site/265>

Ermine Street – <https://opendoors.construction/site/266>

Swavesey - <https://opendoors.construction/site/264>

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Archaeology



Modern technology plays a key part in the post-excavation assessment of the huge range of ancient archaeological finds on the project continues. X-rays imaging is a non-destructive way of exploring metal archaeological finds in more detail, allowing Mola Headland specialists to reveal the true form of heavily corroded items and understand how each artefact was made and to study the features that aren't necessarily visible to the naked eye.

Excavation sites across the project ranged from the very wet to the very dry, so some metal items discovered are remarkably well preserved, while others are very corroded. Finds are arranged on a sheet, as shown in the first picture above, carefully labelled and x-rayed, producing the images shown in the second picture.

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As some of these finds have been in the ground for thousands of years, their identity and detail has been lost or disguised, but it can be retraced. The ring pictured above has been placed face-down on the x-ray plate so that any detail on the front will show up on the x-ray. It's not unrecognisable as a ring, but x-raying it allows the team to see whether any small details, facets or decoration are hidden beneath the corrosion on the surface.

After studying an x-ray image, the specialist conservation team may be able to identify an interesting feature, for example an inlay or something unusual about its shape, which might help with dating. The x-ray image can also help gain a better understanding of the items condition.

Mobile Visitor Centre

If you'd like to book a visit for your village or town, please email:

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A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme



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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 4 to Sunday 10 (seven nights)

- A14 eastbound between Swavesey junction 28 and Bar Hill junction 29

Strategic traffic will be diverted south on the A1198 at junction 24, then east on the A428 to re-join the A14.

- A14 westbound between Bar Hill junction 29 and Swavesey junction 28

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

- A14 westbound to westbound Girton junction 31 loop

Monday 4 to Friday 8 (five nights)

- A1 northbound between Buckden and Alconbury

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

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 entry slip

Saturday 9 6am to Monday 11 5am

- A1 southbound between Brampton Hut and Buckden

Vehicles will be diverted east on the A14, south on the A1198 then west on the A428 to re-join the A1

Saturday 9 7am to Sunday 10 7pm

- Offord Road

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 7am to 7pm

- Oakington Road, Dry Drayton