

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2019**

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**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 4 April to Friday 19 April 2019

| Date | Time | Name | Venue | Contact |
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| Thu 4 Apr | 2pm | Council – CANCELLED | | |
| Fri 5 Apr | | | | |
| Mon 8 Apr | | | | |
| Tue 9 Apr | | | | |
| Wed 10 Apr | 10am | Planning Committee | Council Chamber | Ian Senior |
| Thu 11 Apr | | | | |
| Fri 12 Apr | | | | |
| Mon 15 Apr | | | | |
| Tue 16 Apr | 5:20pm | Scrutiny and Overview Committee | Swansley Room | Victoria Wallace |
| Wed 17 Apr | 10am | Planning Committee (Wellcome Trust) - POSTPONED | | |
| Thu 18 Apr | | | | |
| Fri 19 Apr | | | | |

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Change of Membership to Climate and Environment Advisory Committee

Please note that Councillor Geoff Harvey has replaced Councillor Peter McDonald as a member of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee. A full list of the membership of the Committee is available below:

<http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1095>

3. Planned road closures w/c 1 April - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 1 April, 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: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line

John Birchall - John.Birchall@theA14.com

Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey

John Birchall - John.Birchall@theA14.com

Section 4 & 5: Swavesey to Milton

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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 the [website](#).

4. Planned road closures w/c 8 April - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 8 April, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

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Please note, Bob will be leaving the project on 30th April 2019. John Akester john.akester@thea14.com will be taking over as Stakeholder Manager for Sections 4 & 5.

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5. A14 Monthly Parish Newsletter to April 2019

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

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.

6. Member Workshop: Low Carbon Council Homes on Mon 15 April at 4pm

Date: Monday 15 April

Time: 4pm

Venue: Council Chamber

Event: Workshop for District Councillors on how the Council can improve the energy efficiency for our 5,300 existing Council homes.

7. Scrutiny Questioning Techniques Tue 16 April at 1:30pm

Date: Tuesday 16 April

Time: 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Venue: Swansley Room

Event: A training event on techniques for asking questions at meetings of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

GENERAL INFORMATION

8. 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 | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| 27/03/2019 | Cambridge News online | Parents outraged after noise complaints threaten to tear down Burwash Manor's playground | Link | |
| 27/03/2019 | BBC Radio Cambridgeshire | Cllr Anna Bradnam interviewed about how the Council works to improve taxi driver safety | 12 mins in | |
| 27/03/2019 | Cambridge Independent | Eight illegally parked caravans removed after lengthy battle | p 14 | |
| 27/03/2019 | Cambridge Independent | Chairman's concert raises over £1,000 for two good causes | p33 | |
| 28/03/2019 | Cambridge News | Future of playground under threat after complaints about noise | P1 & P3 | |
| 28/03/2019 | Cambridge News | New link road is driving us crazy, say motorists | P1 & P8 | Cllr Sarah Cheung-Johnson quoted |
| 29/03/2019 | Cambridge News | Historic tithe barn to be saved for community | P16 | |
| 29/03/2019 | Cambridge Network online | Council agrees lease to help preserve Cambridgeshire's last remaining thatched tithe barn | Link | |
| 29/03/2019 | Cambridge Network online | Leading councillors welcome Combined Authority A10 pledge | Link | |
| 29/03/2019 | Planning Resource online | The authorities that approved the most agricultural to residential permitted development conversions in 2018 | Link | Behind paywall - Unable to read full article |
| 29/03/2019 | Transport Xtra online | Cambs councils disagree on best route for East West Rail | Link | Behind paywall - Unable to read full article |
| 31/03/2019 | Cambridge News online | A10 dual carriageway plans take priority as M11 extension shelved until 2030 | Link | CA article |
| 01/04/2019 | Planning Resource online | Enforcement notice compliance required | Link | Black Pit Drove coverage. Behind paywall - Unable to read full article |
| 01/04/2019 | Cambridge News | M11 extension to north of city set to be shelved until 2030 | P3 | CA article |
| 01/04/2019 | Cambridge News | Please, don't let 'miseries' take our playground | P17 | |
| 01/04/2019 | Hunts Post online | MP backs new railway station routes for St Neots proposed in upgrade plan | Link | Mentions SCDC response to East West rail consultation |
| 02/04/2019 | Materials Recycling World online | Amey appeals against councillors' decision to block £200m incinerator | Link | Mentions SCDC objection to planning application |
| 03/04/2019 | Cambridge News | Thousands get on board with future of travel survey | P15 | GCP article |

9. 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 28 March, *Guardian*: [Council tax rises](#)

Council tax bills in England will rise by 4.7 per cent in April, official figures show, with an average Band D property bill going up by £78.

Friday 29 March, *Mail*: [Top stores "failing" over plastic waste](#)

Leading supermarkets are failing to cut back on unnecessary and wasteful plastic packaging, according to analysis by Greenpeace.

10. 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 MARCH 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'](#).

11. Request for write off of Debt in excess of £25k

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** to write off the outstanding debt, following the death of the debtor.

The deadline for calling-in this decision is 5pm on Tuesday 9 April. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Wednesday 10 April.

12. Leasehold Equity Sharing Scheme for the Elderly - Sale to South Cambs Ltd (trading as Ermine St Housing) of elderly bungalow at 10 Plantation Road, Sawston

The Lead Cabinet member for Housing **AGREED** to sell the property at 10 Plantation Road, Sawston to South Cambs Ltd.

The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 9 April. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Wednesday 10 April.

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

13. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Planning Committee 10 April 2019](#)

Decisions

- [Request for write off of debt in excess of £25,000](#)
- [Sale of bungalow to South Cambs Ltd, Plantation Road, Sawston](#)

Minutes

- [Planning Committee 13 March 2019](#)

Issues

- [Histon & Impington Village Design Statement SPD](#)

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Agenda Item 3

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 1 to Sunday 7 (seven nights)

- 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 eastbound between Swavesey junction 28 and Bar Hill junction 29

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

- A14 Girton junction 31 westbound to westbound loop

Monday 1 to Friday 5 (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

- Brampton Road

- A14 eastbound between Ellington junction 20 and Brampton Hut junction 21

Vehicles will be diverted east on the A605 then south on the A1(M) to the A605 to re-join the A14 at junction 21.

Non motorway traffic will be diverted east at Wooley Hill, then north on Ellington Road and Wooley Road to re-join the A14.

- A14 westbound Histon junction 32 entry slip

Drivers wishing to access the A14 westbound will need to travel east to junction 33 and return on the westbound carriageway

Monday 1 to Wednesday 3 (three nights)

- High Street, Boxworth

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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For this week, the planned closures are:

Full closures

Monday 8 to Friday 12 (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

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- A14 eastbound St Ives junction 26 to Girton junction 31

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

Saturday 13 7am to Sunday 14 7pm

- Offord Road

Saturday 13 (one night)

- Hattons Road B1050

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 (two nights)

- A428 eastbound Madingley to A14 eastbound Milton 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 Six Mile Bottom junction 36 and Histon junction 32

Motorway traffic will travel south on the A11, west on the A505 and then north on the M11.

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Agenda Item 5

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

March to April 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: The new A1 between Alconbury and Buckden is now open to traffic, and the speed limit reinstated at 70-mph. Some overnight closures will be required for completion works, including commissioning the overhead gantries.

There will be some night closures between 8 pm to 6 am on the eastbound A14 at Ellington for the next eight weeks for gantry construction.

Section 3: Following the weekend closure of Conington Road from Friday, 29 March to Monday 1 April, it will reopen to traffic on the new alignment which includes a new bridge.

Sections 4 & 5: The east and west bound A14 between junction 28, Swavesey and junction 29, Bar Hill, will be closed from 9pm to 6am for seven nights between Monday 1 April to Sunday 7 April. These closures are to facilitate the construction of the new Lolworth bridge.

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

Construction Activities:



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Sections 1 & 2: On Monday 25 March, as pictured above, we opened the new section of the A1 between Brampton and Alconbury, restoring the 70-mph speed limit. The seven miles of extra lanes will benefit the 31,000 drivers who use it daily.

Following completion of major works on the A1, we are focussing on constructing the new A14 junction at Ellington, aiming to transfer traffic on to the permanent alignment later in the spring. At this junction, the A14 Huntingdon southern bypass will re-join the original A14 alignment, providing links to the A1 for eastbound A14 traffic via Brampton Hut junction. The new junction is due to be completed later in the summer.

Work to complete the A14 over the old line of the B1514 Buckden Road is now well advanced. This will link the new road west of Brampton with the river Great Ouse crossing and the Huntingdon southern bypass.

Section 3: The reopening of Conington Road, mentioned above, will be followed by completion works, including farms accesses and emergency-only slip roads on to the new A14.

Work is progressing well on New Barns Lane bridge, with the beams due for installation in April. This is the last bridge in Section 3 and will provide farm access over the new A14.

The bridge over the East Coast Mainline is almost complete. On the mainline A14 in this section, installation of roadside ducting for communications and overhead gantries is well underway. Earthworks are nearing completion and the carriageways will then be surfaced. Fencing, landscaping and access-track works continue.

Sections 4 and 5: The new bridge at Lolworth, which, when completed, will give the village both west and eastbound access to the road network, is progressing well. Works will be undertaken on this bridge during night-time closures in the first week of April.

Construction of the new Bar Hill junction is progressing well. One half of the new junction will be opened to traffic this summer, after which time we will demolish the old bridge. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

We recently opened the new local access road between Girton and Dry Drayton, providing a connection with the existing A1307 / Huntingdon Road as it leaves Cambridge. The new local access road to Cambridge crematorium is now open and the old entrance, off the westbound A14 has been closed.

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Carriageway widening continues on the Cambridge Northern by-pass at Milton. Work is now being undertaken to modify the bridge at Kings Hedges and new beams have been installed to allow widening of this structure.

Construction of the embankments and road widening at the eastbound exit slips roads at junctions 32, Histon and 33, Milton, started in late March. Work at junction 32 will include constructing a retaining wall around the north-west side of the junction, during day-time hours and will take approximately eight weeks. Utility diversion works on the B1049 at its junction with the A14 westbound entry slip continue, as a "Cambridge Water" pipe is re-routed.

Section 6: Preparatory work continues, including archaeological excavations along the route of the Pathfinder Link road into Huntingdon. Tree removal has been completed on a small stretch of Hinchingsbrooke Park Road and on the tree belt to the north of the constabulary. Overnight single lane closures have allowed for traffic management (concrete barriers and fencing) to be installed on Hinchingsbrooke Park Road and the footpath between the traffic lights opposite Hinchingsbrooke school and the crossing near Brampton Road currently remains open but will be closed temporarily when the utility companies begin work in April. This is to allow excavations and diversions of utility cables which are buried under the footpath.

We'll re-route the footpath 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. Access to Hinchingsbrooke estate, Hinchingsbrooke School, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and for emergency services will always be maintained, as traffic light control is being used. Please refer to the diagram below.

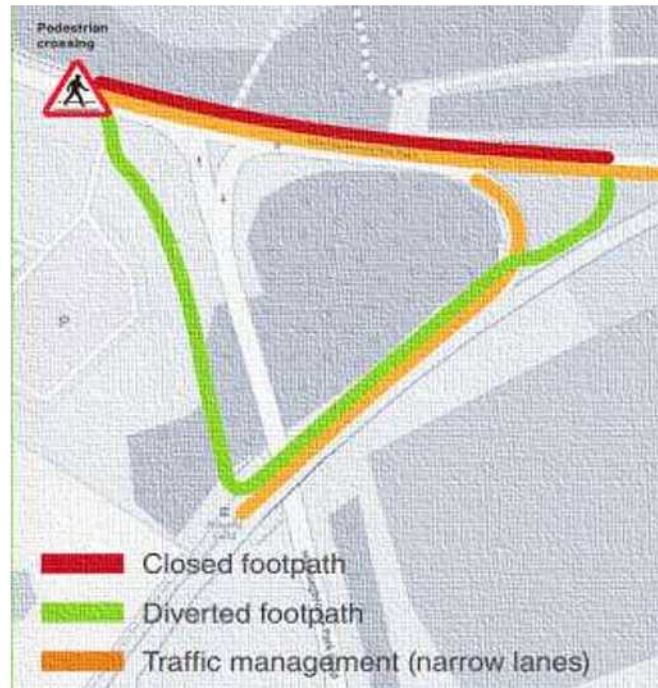
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Open Doors 2019

On Saturday 23rd March, the A14 team welcomed 447 members of the public to our three main compounds at Brampton, Ermine street and Swavesey in support of 'Open Doors – Get in to Construction', an annual national event. Numbers were up by 127 on last year's total, with many return visitors relishing the opportunity to tour our construction sites again and see the amazing progress made since Open Doors 2018 and the Welly Walk last summer. Their comments, both overheard, written and posted on social media, were positive and without exception, everyone completing a feedback form ticked 'Very satisfied' in all categories. 'Excellent' was the favoured word many chose to describe what they saw and the welcome they received. The day was a resounding success.



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Archaeology

The A14's team of archaeologists from MOLA Headland (MHI) was recently awarded the prestigious prize for **Rescue Project of the Year 2019**, at the Current Archaeology awards, for their work on our scheme. The awards recognised projects for their archaeological work over the last 12 months, including work to preserve over 1,200 iron cannonballs recovered from the wreck of Henry VIII's flag ship, The Mary Rose and an Anglo-Norman execution cemetery in Andover.

The competition was stiff but the A14 won the public's vote. Pictured below is our Archaeology lead, Dr Steve Sherlock with the award. Thank you to everyone who voted for the A14, following our appeal in previous newsletters.



A14 Mobile Visitor Centre

Our mobile visitor centre will be open for visitors at Truckfest Peterborough on 5-6 May and Street Chilli Fest, Huntingdon on 18 May.

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

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