

COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2019

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 9 May to Friday 24 May

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 9 May	10am	Employment & Staffing Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 10 May				
Mon 13 May	10am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Tue 14 May				
Wed 15 May				
Thu 16 May	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 17 May				
Mon 20 May				
Tue 21 May	5.20pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Wed 22 May				
Thu 23 May				
Fri 24 May				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Planned Road Closures for Week Commencing 6 May - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 6 May, 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
John Akester - john.akester@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 the [website](#).

3. A14 Monthly Parish Newsletter April to May 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.

4. **Armed Forces Covenant - Training on 13 May**

Do you feel equipped to support the armed forces community in your area?

Are the needs of service personnel, veterans and their families considered in your work?

In Cambridgeshire 10% of our population are part of the armed forces community and there is vital support out there to help them if needed.

To learn more about the covenant come along to **Trumpington Continuous Professional Development Centre on 13th May 9:30 -11:30**, where Forces connect will be running the **MOD approved training session for Councillors** and get the chance to meet Lt Col Keith Spiers of 7th Infantry Brigade who will be opening the session.

To book follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forces-connect-workshop-tickets-56400862498>

5. **Planning Committee Training Monday 5 June at Cambridge City Council**

Planning Committee training is available for our District Councillors on Wednesday 5 June from 9:30am to 4:30pm at Cambridge City Council.

Please note that Article 8.06 of the Council's Constitution states that "No member shall be eligible to sit on a regulatory committee unless and until they have undertaken suitable training upon appointment to such committee."

Please contact [Democratic Services](#) for more details or if you have any queries regarding this.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

7. 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		
01/05/2019	The Times	Correction: South Cambridgeshire District Council described as Conservative controlled in article on 24 April, the Council has a significant Liberal Democrat majority since May 2018		
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Council to consider spending £1m on revamp	P8 & P9	
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Huawei hosts exhibition of plans	P9	
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Residents wars traffic estimates 'do not stand up'	P23	Bourn Airfield article
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	CLlr Bridget Smith column: A fund to help communities tackle climate change	P28 & P29	
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Historic shed demolition plan revealed	P14	
02/05/2019	Cambridge News	Grant scheme set up to help reduce carbon emissions	P16	
02/05/2019	Cambridge Network online	Fund to help communities shift towards zero carbon approved	Link	
03/05/2019	Cambridge News	Listed tannery drying shed may face demolition	P18	
03/05/2019	Cambridge Network online	Take a free fitness MOT to stay stronger for longer	Link	
06/05/2019	Cambridge Network online	South Cambridgeshire District Council to consider spending £1m on revamp	Link	

8. 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 2 May, *BBC Politics Live*: [Local Government Funding](#)

In a discussion looking ahead to the local elections, BBC Politics Live references the LGA's

analysis that councils will have seen reductions in core government funding of £16 billion between 2010-20.

Friday 3 May, *Mail Online*: [Government to miss 2020 housing target by five years](#)

The National Audit Office says the Government is likely to miss its 2020 housing target by at least five years.

Sunday 5 May, *Sunday Times*: [Fast food in 'dark kitchens'](#)

Councils are cracking down on Deliveroo's pop-up takeaways over fears that it is unlawfully cooking thousands of takeaway.

Sunday 5 May, *Guardian Online*: [Call for poor and disabled to be given fitness trackers](#)

Fitness trackers should be prescribed on the NHS to stop a further widening of health inequality, according to a new report by the Social Market Foundation (SMF).

Tuesday 7 May, *Times*: [Build more affordable homes, says study](#)

Three quarters of people believe there is a shortage of affordable homes across England and in their area, according to a new poll.

Wednesday 8 May, *Financial Times*: [English councils are investing in new offices](#)

English councils are building new headquarters to accommodate smaller workforces, kick-start redevelopment projects and cut costs. Councils including Sunderland, Cambridgeshire, Warwick district, Durham and Harrogate are either planning to move or have moved to new headquarters.

Wednesday 8 May, *Guardian Online*: [CBI calls for reforms over 'unsustainable' business rates](#)

President of the CBI, John Allan, is stepping up calls for reform of business rates, saying the system is now "unsustainable" and has been partly to blame for the spate of high street closures.

9. 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 WEDNESDAY 1 MAY



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'](#).

10. New Zero Carbon Communities Grant

Cabinet agreed to the establishment of a new Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme with criteria as set out in Appendix 1 to the report from the Director for Health and Environmental Services.

This decision was first published on Thursday 2 May. The deadline for call-in, taking into account the Bank Holiday Monday, is Friday 10 May at 5pm.

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

- [Extraordinary Planning Committee \(Waterbeach New Town\)](#)

Decisions

- [Cabinet 1 May](#)

Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

Issues

- [Reappointment of Brexit Advisory Group](#)
- [Establishment of Joint Planning and Transport Advisory Group](#)
- [Quarterly Performance Report](#)

12. **SCDC Starters and Leavers**



New Employees at the Council

Name: Vanessa Holms
Job title: Customer Contact Assistant
Date started: 7 May 2019

Name: Nicholas Lockley
Job title: Development Project Officer (New Build)
Date started: 30 April 2019



Staff who have left

Name: Rachael Forbes
Job title: Planning Officer
Date left: 24 April 2019

Name: Allen Moore
Job title: Refuse Operative
Date left: 15 April 2019

Name: James Stone
Job title: Principal Planner
Date left: 3 May 2019

Name: Sarah Wheaton
Job title: Housing Allocations Officer
Date left: 6 May 2019

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

Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 (four 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 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 between Brampton Hut junction 21 and Ellington junction 20

Vehicles will be diverted 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

Tuesday 7 to Thursday 9 (three 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 Girton junction 31

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

Tuesday 7 (one night)

- Dry Drayton overbridge

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 (three nights)

- 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 11 7am to Sunday 12 7pm

- Potton Road

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 7am to 6pm

- Dry Drayton Road, Oakington

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/>.

Agenda Item 3

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

April to May 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: Overnight closures continue on the A1 for work on signage, lights and gantries and on the eastbound A14 at Ellington for gantry construction.

There will be a closure of the westbound A14 from 9pm on Friday 17 May until 6am on Monday 20, after which westbound traffic from Brampton Hut will be diverted over the new Ellington junction bridge before returning to the main carriageway.

Section 3: Further closures of the B1043 Offord Road are scheduled for Saturday 1 June and Sunday 2 June for the completion of junction surfacing works. Times will be confirmed nearer the time.

Sections 4 & 5: Construction work on the westbound exit slip at junction 28 will commence in mid-May. We will send you full details closer to the time.

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 works.

Construction Activities:

Sections 1 & 2: Good progress has been made on the new Ellington junction and a key stage will be reached on the 20 May, after the weekend closure above. From early on 20 May, traffic will be using the new Ellington bridge (which crosses the new A14) and the associated roundabout to continue the journey towards Kettering. Moving traffic in this way will release a further section of the new junction to the construction team.

The new access to the Mick George depot, High Harthay Outdoor Pursuits Centre and neighbouring properties will be from the new southern roundabout at this junction.

Eastbound A14 traffic will be redirected through the new Ellington junction in early June, allowing the temporary stretch of the A14 to be removed.

Section 3: Surfacing of the main carriageways on Huntingdon southern bypass is progressing well and is scheduled for completion by later summer. Drainage works are almost complete and highway communications work is well underway, with ducting and sign gantry installation continuing across the section. Safety barrier and traffic sign foundation works will start shortly.

Landscape planting has commenced and fencing works continue. We have planted certain shrubs and trees earlier than usual in selective locations, with the majority of planting scheduled to take place in the next autumn planting season.

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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Track construction is well underway, providing essential access for farmers and landowners whose land lies close to the road.

We're carrying out finishing work on side roads at bridge locations in preparation for the handover to Cambridgeshire County Council. The last bridge at New Barns Lane, is progressing well. The picture below shows the huge bridge beams being lowered into place in early April.



Sections 4 and 5: Construction of the new Bar Hill junction is progressing well. One half of the new junction will be opened to traffic in June, after which we'll demolish the old bridge. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

Just after Easter we opened the westbound on-slip at the new Swavesey junction. This uses part of the permanent slip road alignment as well as a short temporary cross-over section to take traffic onto the westbound A14 from the roundabout at Cambridge Services. The old entrance onto the A14 at this point is now closed.

Carriageway widening continues on the Cambridge Northern bypass at Milton. Work here includes modifying the bridge at Kings Hedges, with the installation of new beams to allow widening of this structure.

Construction of the embankments and road widening at the eastbound exit slip 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 and

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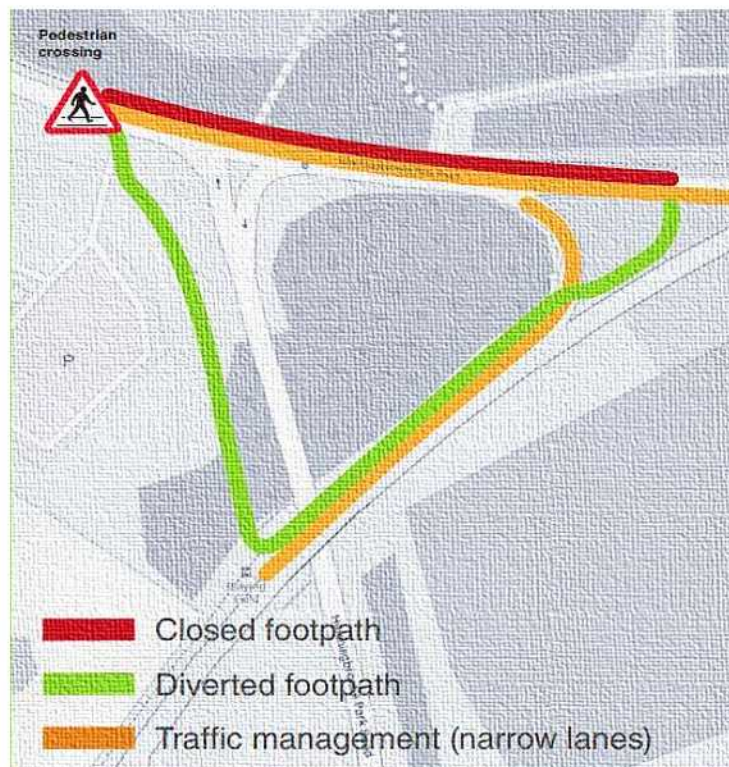
will take approximately eight weeks to complete. Cambridge Water diversion works on the B1049 at its junction with the A14 westbound entry slip continue

Section 6: Preparatory work continues, including archaeological excavations on Mill Common along the route of what will be the Pathfinder Link Road into Huntingdon. A substantial amount of our archaeology has been completed, allowing us to prepare areas closest to the ring road for the diversion of utilities. (See below for details of the Mill Common Archaeology Open Day). Trial holes dug in the Landro car park have helped the team understand the ground conditions beneath the viaduct.

We are preparing an access road in Hinchingsbrooke Loop to allow for the construction of a drainage pond.

The footpath between the traffic lights opposite Hinchingsbrooke school and the crossing near Brampton Road but will be closed temporarily in mid-May, when the utility companies begin work to excavate and divert the utilities cables which are buried beneath the footpath. The footpath will be re-routed and the lanes of Hinchingsbrooke Park Road and Brampton Road will be narrowed during this work, which should be completed within twelve months. Access to Hinchingsbrooke estate, Hinchingsbrooke School, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and for emergency services will always be maintained under traffic light control.

Please refer to the diagram below:



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Archaeology

The beautiful Iron Age gold coin pictured below was amongst the discoveries made by our archaeologists from MOLA Headland (MHI) during last year's excavation of a site beside the A14. The dig revealed a complex settlement occupied from the middle Iron Age to the end of the Roman period.

This rare coin was lost more than two thousand years ago before being uncovered in a field boundary ditch by a delighted archaeologist.



The design, a stylised horse, made up of smooth curved lines, with the head to the right, is typically Celtic and reminiscent of the Uffington White Horse on the high chalk downland in Oxfordshire, pictured below.



It's a remarkably well-preserved example of a Gallic War Uniface made between 57 – 55 BC by the Ambiani tribe who lived around what is now Amiens in the Somme area of modern-day France.

Thousands of similar gold coins were minted by the Ambiani to fund a resistance to the invading forces of Julius Caesar during his Gallic Wars

campaign. When Caesar invaded Britain for the second time in 54 BC, British tribes would have imported the coins from the Gauls for the same purpose.

This is the only gold coin of this particular mint found on the scheme or in Britain. It's unlikely it would have been used as currency after the emperor Claudius' troops invaded Britain in 43 A.D., as after 97 years, its monetary value would have diminished, but it would have been valued as bullion.

Its modern value for archaeologists lies in what it can tell us about precise dates and who occupied or passed through a site, providing information about trade networks, belief systems and leadership

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If you'd like to find out more about Archaeology on the A14, why not come along to our **Open Day** on Saturday 18 May 2019 from 10 am to 3 pm at Mill Common, Huntingdon. There will be free guided tours of the site every 30 minutes between 10 am and midday and from 1pm until 2.30pm. Visitors should wear sturdy shoes or boots.

Following our successful open day last December, we will reveal findings in the southern part of the site, including a cobbled road, ditches and pits, Romano-British, Medieval and Post Medieval pottery, animal bones and evidence of later activity.

Visitors to the site will be able to see more of the finds and meet our archaeologists.



For further information, please contact:

Steve Sherlock, A14 Archaeology Lead A14 on 07804 698322
or the A14 public helpline (0800 270 0114).

Please note there is no parking available on site

A14 Mobile Visitor Centre

Our mobile visitor centre will be open for visitors at Truckfest Peterborough on 5-6 May and the Street Chilli Fest in Huntingdon on 18 May. We'll also be at Bar Hill Tesco on 23 and 29 May to answer local residents' questions about the scheme's progress in this area.

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

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