

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

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**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 4 July to Friday 19 July

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 4 Jul	9:30am	Extraordinary Council No questions or motions	Council Chamber	Democratic Services
Fri 5 Jul				
Mon 8 Jul	10am	Climate & Environment Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
	11:59pm	Deadline for Questions and Motions for Council on 18 July		
Tue 9 Jul				
Wed 10 Jul	10am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 11 Jul				
Fri 12 Jul				
Mon 15 Jul				
Tue 16 Jul	5pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Wed 17 Jul				
Thu 18 Jul	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Democratic Services
Fri 19 Jul				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Planned Road Closures for Week Commencing 1 July relating to A14 Improvements

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

The attached newsletter provides you with updates from June to July, 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. Rural Exception Sites Tour - Thu 4 July at 10:30am

One of the Council's key priorities is to provide affordable housing for local people. District Councillors are invited to attend this coach tour of Rural Exception Sites, which will provide a better understanding of how these sites are delivered and how they can benefit our villages.

Date: Thursday 4 July

Time: 10:30am ending with buffet lunch at 1:30pm

Venue: Starts in the Council Chamber

More details are available in the attached flyer.

If you wish to attend, please contact either Uzma.Ali@scams.gov.uk or Gina.Manderson@scams.gov.uk by 27 June 2019.

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		
26/06/2019	Cambridge 105 radio	Cllr Bridget Smith interviewed about appointment as environment lead on Oxford-Cambridge arc	Link	
26/06/2019	Let's Recycle.com	Electric vehicles round-up: GCSW electric bin lorry trial	Link	
26/06/2019	Cambridge Independent	South-west travel hub 'will help free up Park & Rides'	P9	GCP article
26/06/2019	Cambridge Independent	At a glance: The travel schemes to get Cambridge moving	P8	CA / GCP article
26/06/2019	Cambridge Independent	Electric-powered bin lorries are anything but rubbish	P12	
26/06/2019	Cambridge Independent	Opening delay to hit new town's secondary school	P16	
27/06/2019	Cambridge News	Volunteer group hits out at park and ride scheme	P6	GCP article
27/06/2019	Circom	Councils investigate the potential of electric-powered waste fleet	Link	
30/06/2019	Cambridge Independent online	50 ways to live a greener life in Cambridgeshire - part 2	Link	
30/06/2019	Peterborough Telegraph	Calls to invest large reserves at	Link	Cllr Bridget Smith's comments from the meeting included

	online	Peterborough and Cambridgeshire mayoral authority		
01/07/2019	BBC News online	Cambridge college unveils blue plaque for 'pioneering' women founders	Link	
02/07/2019	Cambridge Network online	First Blue Plaque for South Cambridgeshire	Link	
02/07/2019	24 Housing online	Smiles all round for new Accent Homes in Fulbourn	Link	
02/07/2019	Cambridge Network online	Council calls for strengthened green commitment ahead of A428 upgrade	Link	

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 27 June, *Mail*: [Council tax collection](#)

More than £1 billion in council tax – equating to nearly £1 in every £30 – was not collected by councils in England last year.

Thursday 27 June, *Telegraph*: [Recycling rejection rates](#)

Up to half of “recyclable” material is not being recycled in some areas of England, according to government figures analysed by the Telegraph.

Thursday 27 June, *Mail*: [Talking homes in Rutland to ease dementia](#)

Britain’s first dementia-friendly village with talking houses and adjustable street signs is being developed in Rutland, East Midlands.

Friday 28 June, *Telegraph*: [UK will miss recycling target](#)

Recycling rates have stalled at 45 per cent since 2017, with a recent impact assessment by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs accepting the UK will miss its target of 65 per cent of waste recycled by 2035.

Saturday 29 June, *Mail Online*: [Council tax collection rates](#)

New figures released this week reveal the council tax collection rates for all 326 local authorities in England, showing the total collection rate in the financial year was 97.04 per cent.

Saturday 29 June, *Telegraph*: [40 per cent of black bin rubbish could be recycled, survey finds](#)

More than 40 per cent of waste being thrown in general household bins could be recycled amid confusion about what can be reused, according to a survey.

Sunday 30 June, *Sunday Telegraph*: [Parliament to fly county flags as new Prime Minister is announced](#)

County flags are to be flown outside parliament for the first time in a bid to celebrate the “rich and proud heritage of our nation”, the Government has announced.

Tuesday 2 July, *BBC Online*: [Councils ‘in the dark’ over future funding amid cash warnings](#)

The LGA has warned that councils are ‘completely in the dark’ over how much money they will get from central government next year, and has called for ‘urgent guarantees’ they will get enough to provide key services like child protection and social care.

Tuesday 2 July, *Huffington Post*: [Women make up 34 per cent of England's councillors](#)
Research by the Fawcett Society has shown that just 34 per cent of England's councillors are female, despite this year's poll election some 8,410 new local representatives.

Tuesday 2 July, *Sky News Online*: [Fifth of farmland could be used to plant trees to hit carbon target](#)

A fifth of land currently used for farming could be transformed into new woodland and forests as part of the Government's legal obligation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050.

Wednesday 3 July, *Guardian*: [James Jamieson, Chairman of LGA, says that councils should be allowed to charge higher taxes to cope with funding crisis](#)

Local authorities should be given the freedom to raise council taxes to help cope with the unprecedented funding crisis facing social care services, the new Chairman of the LGA said.

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.

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

8. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Meeting Notes



Agendas

- [Council 4 July](#)
- [Climate & Environment Advisory Committee 8 July](#)
- [Planning Committee 10 July](#)

Minutes

- [Planning Committee 12 June](#)

Issues

- [Business Plan 2019-2024](#)
- [Capital Budget Provisional Outturn 2018/19](#)
- [Capital Programme Update and New Bids](#)
- [Economic Growth Plan](#)
- [Fees and Charges](#)
- [General Fund Budget Provisional Outturn 2018/19](#)
- [Housing Revenue Account \(HRA\) Provisional Outturn 2018/19](#)
- [Investment Partnerships – Members agreements](#)
- [Local Transport Plan](#)
- [Medium Term Financial Strategy](#)
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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 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

- 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.

Monday 1 to Thursday 4 (four nights)

- A428 eastbound Madingley to A14 eastbound Fen Ditton junction 34

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 2 (one night)

- 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

Friday 5 (one night)

- A14 eastbound Histon junction 32 exit slip

Friday 5 9pm to Monday 8 5am

- A1307 Huntingdon Road outbound and local access road
- A14 westbound Histon junction 32 entry slip

Saturday 6 7am to Sunday 7 7pm

- Offord Road

Lane closures

Monday 1 to Friday 5 (five nights)

- A1 northbound between Little Paxton and Buckden, lane 2 closed
- A1 southbound between junction 15 and junction 14, lanes 4,3 and 2 closed
- A14 eastbound between junction 19 and junction 20, lane 2 closed
- A14 Milton junction 33 gyratory, lane 1 closed

Monday 1 to Thursday 4 (four nights)

- A14 westbound between junction 37 and junction 36, lanes 2 and 3 closed
- A428 eastbound between Hardwick and Madingley, lane 2 closed
- A14 eastbound junction 31 exit slip, lane 1 closed

Monday 1 to Tuesday 2 (two nights)

- A14 westbound between junction 24 and junction 23, lane 1 closed

- A14 eastbound between junction 23 and junction 24, lane 1 closed

For more information about this scheme, visit <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme-home/> , 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

June to July 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, between 8 pm and 6 am, are ongoing on the eastbound A14 between Ellington (J20) and Brampton Hut (J21) as gantry installation continues and on the A1 for electronic sign works.

Section 3: The A1198 (Ermine Street) is scheduled to be closed during the weekends of July 13-14 and 27-28 for completion works including drainage, top-soiling and footpaths, as we prepare to return the road to Cambridgeshire County Council. Times will be confirmed a few days before.

Sections 4 and 5: In Section 4, traffic entering and leaving Bar Hill and Longstanton is now using one of the two new bridges across the A14, with eastbound A14 traffic using new temporary slip road arrangements

From 03:00 hrs on 1 July, all westbound traffic travelling from Bar Hill has been using the newly constructed carriageway (highlighted below), travelling under the extended Robin's Lane bridge (Lolworth village access), past the Cambridge Services exit and Swavesey, to re-join the existing A14 just beyond Swavesey.



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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Construction Activities:

Sections 1 and 2: All A14 traffic is now using the new Ellington junction slip roads after eastbound traffic was switched from the old alignment during a weekend closure. The volume of traffic at this junction is anticipated to reduce considerably once the A14 Huntingdon southern bypass is open, as most traffic will no longer need to travel via Brampton Hut. Temporary turning restrictions on the two roundabouts have been instigated to maintain the flow of traffic.

Removing traffic from the old alignment allows us to carry out further work on Woolley Road, the local access road that will connect at the new Ellington junction north roundabout. With all the new A14 bridges now structurally complete and 75% of the carriageway surfaced, the new sections of the A14 are on course for planned completion by the end of this year. Earthworks and drainage installation along this section of new A14 are also nearing completion.

Section 3: Good progress has been maintained on new A14 southern bypass surfacing and in mid-July the pavers will move on to final surfacing, which will be followed by road markings. Ducting and gantry sign installations are continuing across the section, along with foundations for traffic signs and the central safety barrier.

We're currently preparing embankments and verges for seeding, which will resume towards the end of summer. This will be followed by tree, shrub and hedge planting. Access track installation is progressing well and fencing is advancing along the boundary of the new road.

The final side road bridge at New Barns Lane is now structurally complete, with kerbing and surfacing of the bridge due to take place over the next few weeks. Finishing works on other side roads continue, as we prepare to hand them over to Cambridgeshire County Council.

Sections 4: The old Bar Hill bridge was demolished successfully and the A14 re-opened to traffic 24 hours ahead of schedule on the weekend of 22 -23 June, (as pictured below). Removal of the 38.7m x 12m bridge started at 3:30am on the Saturday morning and by 4:40am on the Sunday, the road was re-opened to traffic. The approximately 1,000 tonnes of steel and concrete which made up the bridge will be crushed and recycled for use elsewhere on the project.

Work is progressing well on the new local access road to the north of the existing A14 between Swavesey and Dry Drayton; a section between Swavesey & Bar Hill will be ready for traffic by late summer.

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Section 5: Following agreement with the local authority, the piling works beside Impington bridge, adjacent to the guided busway, will continue to take place during daytime hours only. This is to minimise the need for extensive night closures and the impact this would have on the residents living in this area. Buses and cyclists have been diverted along routes devised by Stagecoach and Cambridge C.C. The initial two week closure of the busway will be followed by a second closure during the school holidays.

We've started the preparatory works to widen the eastbound off-slip at junction 32 for Histon, including moving the safety barrier. Work on the Bridge Road exit of the roundabout will start soon.

Section 6: Archaeological works on Mill Common have been completed (see Archaeology section below).

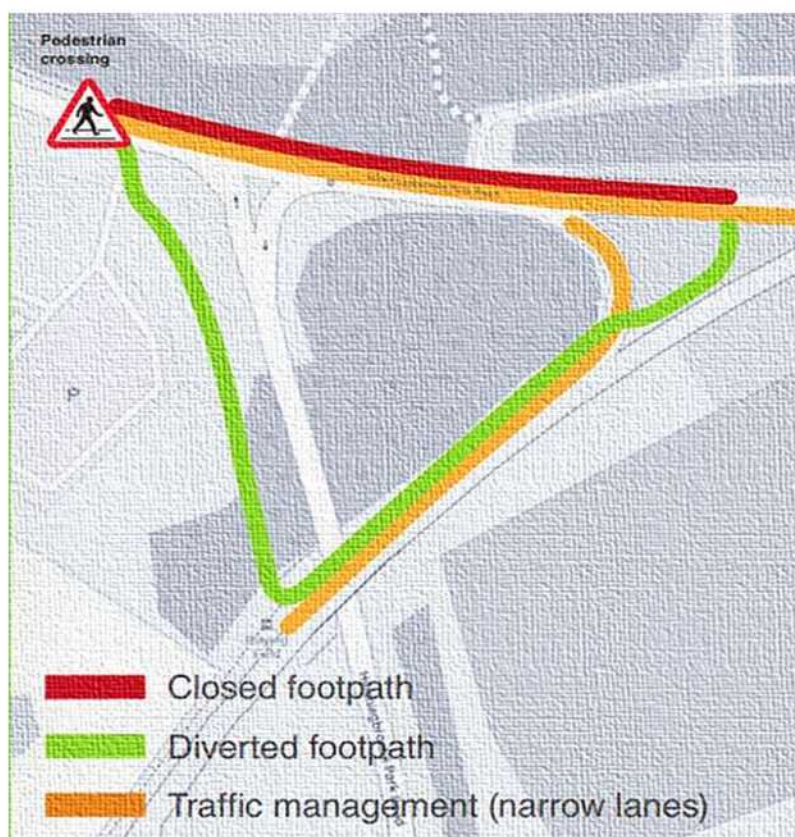
During the weekend of 13-14 July, the footpath between the traffic lights opposite Hinchbrook School and the crossing near Brampton Road will be closed again for on-going utilities works. The diversion route remains as per the diagram below.

Between 1-4 July, night work will start on Brampton Road where we'll be digging trial holes to locate utilities. So that this work can be completed safely, traffic management will be in place, with lanes narrowed and the station entrance footpath closed.

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Archaeology

Our archaeologists from MOLA Headland Infrastructure (MHI) have just finished their excavations on Mill Common, Huntingdon, as part of the programme to construct the pathfinder link road. Their excavations have revealed Roman features including a road, thought to lead to a villa, as well as ditches and boundaries associated with the medieval town. One intriguing feature was a large kiln (pictured below) that contained no finds or objects to determine its function but had been subject to intense heat. A similar kiln was recently found in Exeter and is thought to have been used to manufacture lime – that interpretation is being considered for the Mill Common feature.

Further afield, interest in A14 archaeology has crossed the Atlantic, with an article appearing in the Archaeological Institute of America's monthly magazine. If you're interested in the consideration of our archaeology from the perspective of such a relatively new nation, here's the link to the magazine:

[Archaeological Institute of America Magazine](#)

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Mobile Visitor Centre

Our mobile visitor centre will be at the following events:

- Buckden Village Fete – 6 July
- Paxfest (Little Paxton Fete) – 13 July

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