

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER  
2019**



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 17 October to 1 November 2019**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 17 Oct	3pm	<a href="#">Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Fri 18 Oct	2pm	Officer led briefing on Wellcome Genome Expansion	Swansley Room	
Mon 21 Oct				
Tue 22 Oct				
Wed 23 Oct				
Thu 24 Oct	10am	<a href="#">Extraordinary Planning Committee (Wellcome Trust)</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Fri 25 Oct	10am	<a href="#">Grants Advisory Committee</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Aaron Clarke</a>
Mon 28 Oct				
Tue 29 Oct	10am	<a href="#">Civic Affairs Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Wed 30 Oct				
Thu 31 Oct				
Fri 1 Nov				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. Let's Talk Loneliness in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

You are warmly invited to the 'Let's talk about loneliness in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough' conference on 22nd November at St Andrew's Centre in Histon, CB24 9JE between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

This conference is free to attend and is intended as a platform to support local statutory and non-statutory organisations, businesses and community groups, interested in tackling loneliness and social isolation.

The programme for the day will showcase local and national initiatives to tackle loneliness and provide practical tips and tools for you to take away and use to further address loneliness in our communities.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

**3. A14 Road Closures for this week**

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 14 October, 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](mailto:John.Birchall@theA14.com)

Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey

**John Birchall** - [John.Birchall@theA14.com](mailto:John.Birchall@theA14.com)

**Section 4 & 5:** Swavesey to Milton

**John Akester** - [John.Akester@thea14.com](mailto:John.Akester@thea14.com)

**Section 6:** Huntingdon town centre

**Liam Heath** – [liam.heath@thea14.com](mailto:liam.heath@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](#).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 4. 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		
09/10/19	Cambridge News	Here's how to unclog our roads, deliver clean air and improve public transport	P3	GCP article. Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted in GCP role
09/10/19	Cambridge News	Two homes shut due to drug use and intimidation	P7	
09/10/19	Cambridge News	Business booms in South Cambridgeshire - and the council benefits	P16	
09/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Support for moves to close city roads to cars	P1 & P7	GCP article. Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted in GCP role
09/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Year-long closure of southbound Histon Road delayed	P4	GCP article
09/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Closure orders for two village homes	P5	
09/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Eco living or congestion hell?	P14	Article about Bourn SPD adoption
09/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Citizens lead the way with a new approach	P28 & P29	Column from Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer in GCP role
09/10/19	Cambridge News online	Explained: Cambridgeshire Citizens' Assembly	<a href="#">Link</a>	GCP article. Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted in GCP role
09/10/19	Cambridge Independent online	Two houses in Waterbeach have been issued with closure orders	<a href="#">Link</a>	
09/10/19	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Anna Bradnam interviewed on drive about Waterbeach New Town forum	<a href="#">38 mins in</a>	
10/10/19	Cambridge Network online	Council's Community Chest fund increases to £49,000 as criteria is	<a href="#">Link</a>	

		widened to allow more groups to bid		
10/10/19	Cambridge News	Cash boost for Council from business rates	P14	
10/10/19	Cambridge News online	New housing development coming to South Cambs called a 'monstrosity'	<a href="#">Link</a>	
10/10/19	Cambridge Independent online	Next phases of Darwin Green revealed	<a href="#">Link</a>	
10/10/19	Cambridge Network online	Good news for commuters: A14 improvement scheme to open a year early	<a href="#">Link</a>	Reaction from Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer
11/10/19	Cambridge News	Bypass to open a year early	P4	Reaction from Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer
11/10/19	Cambridge News	'Monstrosity' homes plan is approved	P7	
11/10/19	Cambridge News	Council leader's concerns over hidden homeless	P17	
11/10/19	Cambridge News	More causes can get funding from community chest	P18	
11/10/19	Cambridge News	Windfarm noise is within the permitted limits	P25	Letter from Cllr Bill Handley
11/10/19	Royston Crow online	Combined authority cash for five new affordable homes in Meldreth	<a href="#">Link</a>	CA article
11/10/19	Cambridge Independent online	An end to the 'chaos' of short-stay tourism in Cambridge?	<a href="#">Link</a>	
13/10/19	Royston Crow online	South Cambs community groups urged to apply for council funding boost	<a href="#">Link</a>	
14/10/19	Cambridge Independent online	Controversial plan for 66 homes at Highfields Caldecote approved	<a href="#">Link</a>	
16/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Miles ahead on the A14 upgrade work	P8	Reaction from Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer
16/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Groups can apply for chest funding	P17	
16/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Travel hub plan is simply a 750 space car park'	P19	GCP article
16/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Three-storey 'monstrosity' gets approved	P22	
16/10/19	Cambridge Independent	Letter: Council seeks views and then ignores them	P25	

## 5. 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.

Friday 11 October 2019: [Guardian Online: PWLB loan rate rise](#)

Housing, regeneration and infrastructure projects across the country could be cancelled after the Treasury unexpectedly raised borrowing costs from the Public Works Loan Board by one percentage point.

Saturday 12 October 2019: *Independent Online*: [B&B bill for homeless soars](#)  
The LGA has warned that councils are being forced to spend 10 times more on housing homeless families in bed and breakfast accommodation than a decade ago.

Saturday 12 October 2019: *Times*: [Clean air promise](#)  
Prime Minister Boris Johnson has pledged to include legally binding targets to reduce pollution as part of his Queen's speech on Monday.

Monday 14 October 2019: *Guardian*: [Uncertainty over UK general election date increases organising costs](#)  
Uncertainty over a general election date is increasing costs for organisers, with venues of choice for polling stations and counting centres booked for pre-Christmas events.

Monday 14 October 2019: *Telegraph*: [Building on green belt is not delivering affordable homes, campaigners say](#)  
A report by the Campaign to Protect Rural England has found that just one in 10 homes built on green belt is deemed to be affordable.

Tuesday 15 October 2019: *BBC Online*: [Environment Bill](#)  
The Government will today enshrine environmental principles in law and set out a framework for improvements to air and water quality, as well as measures to cut plastic pollution.

Wednesday 16 October 2019: *Times*: [McVey to send in 'A-Team' to help councils build homes](#)  
Housing Minister Esther McVey will send a "planning A-Team" into councils to encourage the building of more new homes.

## 6. 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

### 7. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



#### Agendas

- [Scrutiny Committee 17 October](#)

#### Decisions

- [Planning Committee 9 October](#)

#### Minutes

- [Grants Advisory Committee 27 September](#)

### 8. SCDC Starters and Leavers



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Zoe Case  
Job title: Business Admin Apprentice  
Date started: 24 September 2019

Name: Ella Greenhalgh  
Job title: Customer Contact Apprentice  
Date started: 30 September 2019

Name: Sarah Hayden  
Job title: Customer Contact Advisor  
Date started: 30 September 2019



Name: Phoebe Hyde  
Job title: Customer Contact Advisor  
Date started: 30 September 2019

Name: Maryam Mirza  
Job title: Policy & Performance Officer  
Date started 30 September 2019

Name: Angela Parsley  
Job title: Customer Contact Advisor  
Date started: 30 September 2019



Name: Charlotte Simpson  
Job title: Customer Contact Advisor  
Date started: 30 September 2019

Name: Thomas Smethurst  
Job title: Programme Manager  
Date started: 1 October 2019

Name: Emma-Clare Togher

Job title: Single Person Housing Advice &  
Accommodation Officer  
Date started: 30 September 2019



**Staff who have left/will be leaving**

Name: Paul Cassidy  
Job title: Refuse Operative  
Date left: 11 October 2019

Name: Vladimiro Neves Silva  
Job title: Refuse & Recycling Loader Operative  
Date left: 10/10/19

Name: Nicholas White  
Job title: Refuse & Recycling Loader Operative  
Date leaving: 24/10/19