



**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 2020**

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 2 April to 17 April 2020**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 2 Apr	2pm	Council - <b>CANCELLED</b>		
Fri 3 Apr				
Mon 6 Apr				
Tue 7 Apr				
Wed 8 Apr	10a m	Planning Committee - <b>CANCELLED</b>		
Thu 9 Apr				
Fri 10 Apr				
Mon 13 Apr				
Tue 14 Apr				
Wed 15 Apr				
Thu 16 Apr				
Fri 17 Apr				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. Planned Road Closures for Week Beginning 30 March - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon**

Please find attached details of road closures for the week beginning Monday 30 March relating 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.

***John Birchall has now left the project. For all queries in relation to Section 1 & 2: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line & Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey, please email [A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk)***

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

### 3. Media Monitoring



The Council's Communications Team produce a weekly summary of recent news items which is published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of the Council. Please contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

Date	Publication	Details		
25/03/20	Cambridge Independent	Outbreak brings temporary halt to green bin collections	P16	
25/03/20	Cambridge Independent	Cambourne West moving forward as plans submitted	P19	
26/03/20	Cambridge News online	Cambourne girl's heart-warming thank you note	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/03/20	Cambus Times online	Combined Authority approves multi-million pound fund for affordable housing, including £100,000 homes project	<a href="#">Link</a>	CA article
27/03/20	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Trevor Nicoll again interviewed on breakfast about green bin suspension	<a href="#">1h 33m into show w TBC</a>	
27/03/20	Cambridge News	Letter: Green bins are becoming a health hazard	P25	
28/03/20	Cambridge News	Collection of green bins is put on hold	P10	
31/03/20	Cambridge News	Letter from Cllr Bill Handley: Why council had to stop green bin collections	P21	

### 4. 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 26 March: *Mail*: [Coronavirus: Waste services](#)

Municipal rubbish dumps have closed and a growing number of councils have warned residents that some non-essential collection services such as garden and bulky waste might have to be suspended.

Friday 27 March: *Guardian*: [Coronavirus: Universal Credit "almost impossible" to claim as](#)

### [500,000 apply](#)

Workers attempting to apply for Universal Credit after being laid off during the coronavirus have described how it is almost impossible to complete a claim.

Sunday 29 March, *Sky News*: [Council workers attacked amid coronavirus pandemic](#)

The LGA has said council workers are facing “sickening physical and verbal assaults” as they implement social distancing measures and keep essential services running during the coronavirus lockdown.

Monday 30 March, *BBC Online*: [Coronavirus: Thousands of council staff moved to the frontline](#)

Tens of thousands of council staff are to be redeployed in “critical” roles to tackle the coronavirus crisis.

Tuesday 31 March, *Telegraph*: [Coronavirus: Bin collections could be reduced](#)

The frequency of bin collections could be reduced due to coronavirus, councils have warned as they try to keep household waste collections going amid staffing shortages.

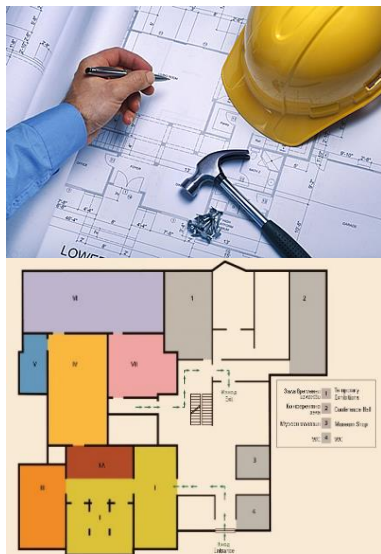
Tuesday 31 March, *Times*: [Air pollution: Toxin-trapping trees can clean up streets](#)

Some species of trees are much better than others at trapping and diluting toxic particles, according to research.

Wednesday 1 April, *Guardian*: [Coronavirus: UK faces cardboard shortage due to crisis](#)

The UK could be hit by a national cardboard shortage as councils suspend their regular collections owing to pressures caused by the coronavirus.

## 5. 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](#).

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.



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'](#).

#### 6. **Delegation of Powers from Leader to Chief Executive**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Part 3, Responsibility for Executive Functions, please find attached a decision taken by the Leader to authorise the Chief Executive to exercise all executive functions where it is impracticable or impossible for the matter to be considered by the Cabinet or relevant Lead Cabinet Member.

*Please note that this decision is for information only and cannot be called-in.*

#### **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/your-council-and-democracy/access-to-information/>

#### 7. **Non Domestic Rates Discretionary Relief Policy - adoption of revised policy to include estate agents, letting agents, employment agencies and betting shops**

The Chief Finance Officer **AGREED** to adopt an updated version of the Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy due to an instruction from the Government to allow Estate Agents, Employment Agencies, Letting Agents and Betting Shops to be entitled to the Expanded Retail Discount Scheme.

Please note that the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and Chairman of Council agreed to this decision being treated as a matter of urgency and that it should be exempt from call in by virtue of Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.18 – 12.19. This means that the decision can be implemented immediately.

## OTHER INFORMATION

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



#### Decisions

- [Amendment to Discretionary Business Rate Relief \(additional agencies\)](#)

#### Minutes

- [Cabinet 4 March](#)