

## Joint District Councillor's Report Nov & Dec 2019

District councillors' monthly report for the communities of Histon & Impington, Orchard Park and King's Meadow.

Your Councillors are always ready to help. If you have any questions about these - or indeed any other - matters, please do not hesitate to contact us. Councillor Steve Hunt is on 01223 455180 or [Cllr.HuntS@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.HuntS@scambs.gov.uk), Councillor Martin Cahn is on 07826 748407 or [Cllr.Cahn@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Cahn@scambs.gov.uk), Councillor Pippa Heylings is on 07837 228416 or [Cllr.Heylings@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Heylings@scambs.gov.uk). You can also follow your councillors on our webpage <http://hiopcouncillors.org>, on Twitter @pippa4hiop, and on Facebook @pippaheylings4hiop

### Three Free Trees Initiative

Every parish in South Cambs is being offered three free trees by the District Council as part of ambitions to double nature.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is contacting all 103 parish councils in the area to invite them to apply for a voucher which can be exchanged for three trees, or one large one, at a local garden centre. The voucher will also pay for stakes and tree protection guards. We hope that every village takes up this offer as it will mean hundreds of new trees are planted across South Cambridgeshire. The idea is to show that when you join lots of small positive changes together, they contribute to something much larger.

With trees absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, they play a key role in helping to combat climate change. The District Council has already declared a climate emergency and, in November 2018, pledged to work towards making the District zero carbon by 2050.

Read more about the scheme here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/three-free-trees-to-encourage-more-planting-in-villages/>

### Final Decisions on Zero Carbon Communities Grant

On the 20th December, the Grants Advisory Committee together with the Climate Change and Environment Advisory Committee met to review all of the eligible applications to our new Zero Carbon Communities Grant. A very comprehensive evaluation report had been prepared by our officers on all of these applications. There was a fantastic response across the District from community groups and Parish Councils, including exciting applications from community groups in Histon and Impington, and in Orchard Park. The final decisions will be made public very soon this month.

### One-Stop

The Orchard Park One-Stop store is closing for a refit on Sunday 19th January and will reopen under the Tesco Express brand approximately two weeks later. If the work goes according to plan this means the new store will open Monday 3rd February. If you have any concerns about vulnerable residents being unable to access other shops during this period please contact us.

### Scheme of Delegation for Planning Committee

It has come to our attention that Parish Councils in the district have recently received a letter from the Director of Fews Lane Consortium Ltd, alleging that the Council is proposing to make a major

change to the way the scheme of delegation operates. Please do not be alarmed. At February Planning Committee meeting, a proposal to slightly amend the wording will be made by the Chair of Planning Committee in order to avoid any risk of legal challenge. This is a technical change in wording to avoid any ambiguity. The process remains the same in that Parish councils and Local Members will continue to make requests for an application to be decided by committee and these requests will be considered at a meeting by the Chair of the Planning committee together with Planning Officers delegated by the Joint Director of Planning.

### Local Validation Checklist Consultation

Since 2008 local planning authorities have been required to publish a list of information they require to “validate” the planning applications they receive.

In addition to the statutory national information requirements, the Local Validation List sets out the additional documents that the Local Planning Authority will require applicants to provide (depending on the type and scale of application) in order to make their planning application valid.

The existing Local Validation List is now out of date and following a review we are now consulting on a revised List to be used in the validation of planning applications. You can view the draft and submit your comments here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/local-validation-checklist-consultation/>

### Taxi Licensing Consultation

Following representations to the Council from drivers, mainly objecting to changes in required vehicle signage, there is a further period of consultation for the new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. This consultation closes on 31<sup>st</sup> January. You can read the policy and make your views known here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/taxi-consultation/>

### Local Plan Issues & Options Consultation

As we reported previously, there will be a public consultation on the first phase of developing the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan. It will be a joint plan shared by Cambridge City and South Cambs, which will be a powerful tool to ensure there is joined-up thinking in the developments which affect us all in both areas.

The consultation opens on January 13<sup>th</sup> and will run until 24<sup>th</sup> February. Links to the consultation website will be available here: <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>

During the consultation we will be taking a pop-up ‘roadshow’ to places around the area including shopping centres, schools, community centres and other places where we can reach out to as many people as possible, making it easy for you to spend a few minutes finding out more and sharing your views. Current list of our events is below, and you will be able to keep up to date on the website.

We will also be holding a ‘Big Debate’ on the evening of 18 February, where we are inviting local groups to share their ideas about what should be in the Local Plan, in a fun, provocative and lively public event. If you are interested in being one of the groups to present, please contact [localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org](mailto:localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org). Also look out for details about how to book your seat in the audience on the night, when we open the consultation in January.

<b>January</b>
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Saturday 25	The Grafton Centre – Escape @ the Campus	10.00am – 12.00pm
Saturday 25	Milton Tesco - Foyer	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Monday 27	Anglia Ruskin University – The Street <b>*STAFF AND STUDENTS ONLY*</b>	12.00pm – 2.00pm
Tuesday 28	Shelford Tesco Express – At front of store	12.00pm – 2.00pm
Wednesday 29	Clay Farm Centre – Ground floor near stairs	9.30am – 11.00am
Wednesday 29	Cambridge Market	1.30pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday 29	Cambridge Central Railway Station – Entrance near M&S	4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 30	Long Road 6 <sup>th</sup> Form College – Library <b>*STAFF AND STUDENTS ONLY*</b>	12.00pm – 2.00pm
Friday 31	Gamlingay Eco Hub - Reception	10.00am – 12.00pm
Friday 31	Cottenham Community Centre - Café	10.00am – 12.00pm
<b>February</b>		
Saturday 1	Cambourne Morrisons	10.00am – 12.00pm
Saturday 1	Cambridge United FC – In front of the shop	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Monday 3	Cambridge Regional College – The Mall <b>*STAFF AND STUDENTS ONLY*</b>	11.30pm – 1.30pm
Tuesday 4	Granta Park – The Apiary <b>*FOR EMPLOYEES ONLY*</b>	12.00pm – 2.00pm
Tuesday 4	Parkside Pools and Gym – By Reception	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 5	Arbury Community Centre - Reception	9.15am – 11.15am
Wednesday 5	Cambridge Science Park – The Trinity Centre, Reception <b>*FOR EMPLOYEES ONLY*</b>	12.00pm – 2.00pm
Thursday 6	Wellcome Genome Campus – Diner in building 2 <b>*FOR EMPLOYEES ONLY*</b>	11.00pm – 1.00pm
Thursday 6	Cambridge North Station – Stairs by the entrance	4.30pm – 7.30pm
Friday 7	Histon Tesco Express – In front of the store	10.00am – 12.00pm
Saturday 8	Bar Hill Tesco – Foyer	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday 8	Cambridge Lion Yard – escalator near Jamaica Blue Cafe	2.00pm - 4.00pm

## Network Rail consultation on new railway station for Cambridge South

Network Rail has announced it is launching a public consultation in early 2020 on proposals for a new railway station for Cambridge South serving Addenbrookes and the Biomedical Campus. Public consultation begins on 20<sup>th</sup> January and will close on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. View the consultation here:

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/anglia/cambridge-south-station/>

There will be a series of informational events during January and the times and places of these may be viewed at the above website.

## Fly-Tipping



The council continues to fight the scourge of fly-tipping and has run a high-profile campaign to increase awareness of what constitutes fly-tipping and what householders' and businesses' responsibilities are when disposing of refuse. The council has recently launched a new sign that makes the point in a provocative and eye-catching way. If you know of any sites that are prone to fly-tipping and would like to put it forward for consideration for a sign, please let us know.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/council-asks-fly-tippers-if-their-mum-still-cleans-up-after-them/>

## Meetings in November/December

2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Burdett House meeting	Martin, Steve, Pippa
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Burdett House meeting	
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Licensing Committee	Steve
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Budget Briefing	Martin

12 <sup>th</sup> November	Planning Site Visits	Martin
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Planning Committee	Martin, Pippa
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Orchard Park Parish Council	Martin, Steve, Pippa
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Steve
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Licensing Panel (Lakeview Field application)	Steve
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Climate Change and Environment Committee	Pippa, Martin
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Histon Parish Council	Pippa, Martin, Steve
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Council	Martin, Steve, Pippa
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Planning Committee	Martin
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Steve, Martin
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Grants Advisory Cttee	Pippa

#### Forthcoming meetings

7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Local Plan briefing	
8 <sup>th</sup> January	OPCC	Steve, Pippa, Martin
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Planning Committee	Pippa, Martin
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Brexit Advisory Group	Martin
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Histon and Impington PC	Steve, Pippa, Martin
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Steve, Martin
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Climate and Environment Advisory Committee	Pippa, Martin