

Report for Parish Councils - September 2018

A1307

The next meeting of the Local Liaison Forum will be September 12th at 6pm in Sawston Village College. This is to outline the next steps for the Greater Cambridge Partnership's funding to make upgrades to the road.

On a related note, the stretch of the A1307 from Haverhill past Horseheath is being resurfaced between September 17th and October 7th. The road won't be closed but there will be a slow 10pmh convoy in place to get the traffic through, so expect delays if you travel this route.

Local Plan

We actually have some progress to report this month. South Cambs has the Inspector's report on the SCDC Local Plan submission and is preparing to publish this on Monday September 3rd. Following this we need to look at a work plan for moving this forward, most likely it will be brought to the next full council meeting at South Cambs, in September.

Business Support

South Cambs are still offering free business support sessions to people that either currently run their own small business or are thinking about starting one up. The sessions are run by NWES, an external non-profit company. More details can be found at -

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/latest-news-workshops-events-support-awards-funding-and-grants/>

GCSE Results

Well done to Linton Village College for recording another excellent set of GCSE results with 74% of students achieving 5 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above. 20% of students achieved Grade 7 or above, that is equivalent to the old A and A* the grades changed to numbers this year. It is now more difficult to get a pass as the new pass grade is 4 which is the equivalent of a C. The old pass was a D.

Combined Authority

The Authority is in some disarray with the unexpected departure of the Chief Executive and the surprise appointment of a (now ex) County Councillor as a full time Director. This was relatively well publicised in the local media.

The Government has had to step in to tell the Combined Authority and the Greater Cambridge Partnership to get their acts together and start working together. There have been disputes over who is responsible for road transport improvements. Some large projects have been halted at

Councillors Geoff Harvey and Henry Batchelor

the insistence of the Mayor. We hope this will not affect the plans for the improvements to the A1307 though our area.