

## **Councillors July Report**

### **A1307 Update**

Work due to start in July will include a new crossing and upgrade of the roundabout at Babraham as well as alteration to the exit from Babraham High Street on to the A1307. This will include the closing of right turn facility. This is a big job and is likely to continue through to the autumn. Also starting work this month will be alterations to the dual carriageway in preparation for installing average speed cameras and improvements to the Dean Road crossing.

There will be a workshop on the 21 July to discuss the outstanding work on the Wandelbury to Addenbrooks section. There is a review ongoing looking at new options for the Hildersham crossing. The original proposal was for a three-way traffic lights system, but modelling is showing that traffic flows would be badly effected at busy times, this, coupled with difficulties over land acquisition, has led to a rethink. We should be consulted on the new proposals in the next few weeks but no date yet.

For more up to date detail go to GCP website -

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/>

They are also currently consulting on the access to the city from the East. Not directly affecting us on the A1307, but some of our constituents do access Cambridge from this direction, so do get engage with the consultation -

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cambridge-eastern-access>

### **Foster Carers**

The County Council have launched a campaign to try to find more foster carers. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from that, please do refer them to the County Council - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/fostering-and-adoption>

### **Shielded People**

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July the government has changed the rules around people who are on the shielded list. They will now be able to meet in groups of up to 6. The County Council is still managing these people on the shielded list, if you think there is someone who needs additional support, do let Henry know.

### **Library Services**

The library service run by the county council, is set to restart as of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The major libraries in Cambridge, Bar Hill, Cambourne, Ely, Huntingdon, March, St Ives and Wisbech will reopen then.

Smaller libraries, such as the one in Linton, will reopen on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Wedding Ceremonies**

The County Council's marriage registration service has started up again as on July 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be prioritising those couples who have had their weddings postponed due to Covid-19.

Councillor's Geoff Harvey and Henry Batchelor

### **Zero Carbon Communities Grant**

Round 2 of the SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant is now open. This year the grant is focussing on three main themes - cycling, community buildings and tree planting & other nature-based initiatives. Applications are invited from parish councils and community groups. The total available is £100,000 with individual grants of £1,000 - £15,000. The scheme opened on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July and the application deadline is 5pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.