

Councillors Henry Batchelor and Geoff Harvey

## **District and County Councillor's Report - April 2021**

### **A1307 Update**

The process of upgrading the road continues, the next physical upgrade will be the installation of average speed cameras between the Suffolk border and Linton, this will take place this month in April.

Then will come the pedestrian crossing at the Hildersham junction, which will finally mean a safe crossing for those non-motorised users travelling between Abington - Linton and vice versa.

The local liaison forum meetings are still occurring, they are public so please do register to attend the forthcoming ones.

### **Election Period**

As of March 29<sup>th</sup> the local councils are into the 'Election period' due to the 3 local elections being held in early May. This means that the local authorities in our area won't be able to make any significant decisions during this time. The day-to-day running of local councils will continue regardless.

### **5-year Land Supply**

The District council has proudly announced that their land supply, which is a projection of the number of houses planned to be built out over the next 5 years, is now 6.1 years. This means that south Cambridgeshire doesn't currently have a housing deficit so doesn't have to accept large, unacceptable planning applications to make up this shortfall. This is very good news for our area.

### **Local Authority Covid Support**

The government is beginning to ease Covid restrictions and will continue to do this over the coming months as more and more people receive their vaccinations. Caution should still be applied to everyday life however and support, financial as well as physical, is still available from the local authorities in our area.

Available from SCDC - a 'Covid Co-Ordinator' who can assist with most things Covid related, including advice and directing to various grants. Her name is Vicky Hoover - [Vicky.hoover@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Vicky.hoover@scambs.gov.uk)

Available from the County Council - a Covid 'Hub' which can be contacted through their website - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-coordination-hub-your-community-needs-you>

### **Highways Officers**

Our area finally has a replacement Local Highways Officer to fill the gap made by Nicola Burdon's departure of the role. His name is Maciej Adamczyk and his details should have been sent to all local parish clerks.

### **Bus Changes**

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Due to the park and ride service at the Babraham Road site restarting, the 13 will no longer stop at that P&R site. The bus frequencies will remain as they were.

### **Right of Way Map**

The County Council have launched a new interactive map, in conjunction with Google, that shows all of Cambridgeshire's public rights of way. Enjoy!

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/arts-green-spaces-activities/rights-of-way>

### **Easter Bin Changes**

The usual bank holiday bin collection days have been published on the District Council's website - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/easter-bin-collection-dates/> - The bins in our area that are usually collected on Easter Monday will be collected on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.