

District and County Councillor's Report – June 2022

A1307 Upgrades

The next set of upgrades that are being currently implemented on the A1307 is the safer crossing point at the Hildersham junction. This involves putting in a crossing that all non-motorised users (pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders) can use. This has begun already and will be fully completed in the summer.

There is also some local debate on the route of the Linton Greenway – a 'non-motorised user' route that begins in Cambridge and runs through to Linton. There is concern over the routing of the greenway through Abington, the issue is whether routing this through the village centre is the right way. There are also proposals to close, or partially close, some of the roads in and out of the village to motorised vehicles. The final decision on these are still pending, but if anyone has strong views one way or the other, please do write into the GCP, who will be making the decision – contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk

Planning Department Reshuffle

The South Cambs planning department has had a slight reshuffle due to staffing issues in the service – the officers that currently manage our area remain the same.

Full Council AGMs

Both the County and District councils recently had their AGMs where, amongst other things, positions are confirmed for the forthcoming municipal year. At the District Council, Geoff is retaining his role as Vice Chair of the Climate & Environment committee and Henry has become chair of the planning committee. At the County Council, Henry is retaining his role as chair of their planning committee.

County Council Reshuffle

The CEO of the County Council has launched a period of internal consultation on his proposals for reorganising the council's senior staffing structure.

Food Delivery Vehicles

The County Council, in conjunction with Starship Technologies, have launched a pilot food delivery service using robots in Cambourne. The 12,000 residents will benefit from having food delivered to them from the local CO-OP via a motorised robot. This is a trial and, if successful, will be run out in other towns/villages in the county.

20mph Zones

The work on the County Council to introduce a new application process for bringing 20mph zones to our villages is underway. It is expected to be completed in the next few months.

Councillors Henry Batchelor and Geoff Harvey

Household Support Grant

The County Council has been offering this grant since November and was supposed to end in March. The Government has now extended the scheme and provided Cambridgeshire with the funding to do so. It is aimed at assisting those families that might struggle financially. The offering also includes food vouchers for schools. Full information can be found at -

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

Ukrainian Guests Update

At the time of writing more than 500 visas have been issued to guests coming to South Cambs. This is more than any other district council in the country. Over half have already arrived and are settling in. The district council is responsible to carry out inspections, checks and to provide support. Currently 50 staff are working on this project full time.

If you need support or information this is the contact point: duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk

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