



## Cambridge City Council East Area Committee

**Date:** Thursday, 10 January 2019

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** St Philip's Church Centre, 185 Mill Road, Cambridge, CB1 3AN

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To agree the East Area Committee meeting dates for 2019/20 which will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

**City Councillors:** Barnett (Chair), Moore (Vice-Chair), Green, Baigent, Blencowe, Benstead, Hart, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, Robertson and Smith

**County Councillors:** Jones, Kavanagh and Whitehead

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**EAST AREA COMMITTEE**

11 October 2018

7.00 - 8.40 pm

**Present**

**Area Committee Members:** Councillors Barnett (Chair), Moore (Vice-Chair), Green, Baigent, Blencowe, Benstead, Hart, Herbert, Massey, Robertson, Smith, Jones and Kavanagh

**Officers:**

Head of Democratic Services: Andrew Limb

Safer Communities Section Manager: Lynda Kilkelly

Anti-Social Behaviour Officer: Louise Walbank

Enforcement Team Leader: Nick Kester

Committee Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe

<b>FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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**18/37/EAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Johnson and Whitehead.

**18/38/EAC Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were received.

**18/39/EAC Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 12 July were approved subject to the following amendments (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~).

Page 7 of the minutes, page 9 of the agenda pack:

**A resident of ~~Budleigh Close~~ Tiverton Way has requested a disabled parking space of the six years. She had been promised this on several occasions but it had not materialised. Can the Committee look into the matter?**

Councillor ~~Baigent~~ Benstead took additional details and advised that he would investigate the matter further.

Page 5 of the minutes, page 7 of the agenda pack:

The Committee agreed that it was regretful that no police presence could attend the meeting it was wrong that the Police could not send a representative to the meeting this evening and that there should have been a representative in attendance.

### **18/40/EAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes**

The Action Sheet was noted and an updated copy could be viewed at the following link under 'Committee Action Sheet':

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=147&MId=3511&Ver=4>

### **18/41/EAC Safer Communities Presentation**

The Committee received a presentation from the Safer Communities Section Manager and Anti-Social Behaviour Officer about how the Safer Communities Team tackled anti-social behaviour.

In response to comments from members of the public, the Communities Section Manager and Anti-Social Behaviour Officer said the following:

- i. Thanked the member of the public for their positive comments on the success to stop drug taking, rough sleeping and the associated anti-social behaviour, in Hills Road. Six individuals had been served with injunctions, four of who had been housed. To ensure the success, the Safer Communities Team had worked with various agencies and local residents all of whom were aware from the start that the process would take a great deal of time to resolve, and did not stop reporting all the issues that were witnessed.
- ii. The Hills Road model was currently in place for Mill Road and injunctions would be sought on certain individuals. Members of the public were encouraged to keep reporting any criminal activity or associated anti-social behaviour.
- iii. Confirmed that the two CCTV cameras' installed by the Home Office on Mill Road were still operational.
- iv. Bike theft was a crime but although CCTV in the city was operational it was not monitored every day. Therefore it was important to give the Police a limited time frame (if possible) of when the theft occurred.

- v. If information was reported to the Safer Communities Team on criminal activity or associated anti-social behaviour this was always passed onto the Police with the permission of the witness.
- vi. In the first instance it was always quicker to report criminal activity to the Police.
- vii. With regards to needle finds, these could be reported to Streets and Open Spaces and they would be removed very quickly.
- viii. The Safer Communities Team could be contacted on the following details:  
[Safer.communities@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:Safer.communities@cambridge.gov.uk) or 01223 457950

The Committee then made the following comments:

- i. When reporting criminal activity or associated anti-social behaviour it was important that the footage was kept on the device it was taken on to report. The evidence on the device could then be used in a court of law. Images could not be used if they had been uploaded to a cloud or stored elsewhere.
- ii. There had been no Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO'S) on Mill Road before Labour came into power at Cambridge City Council. PSPO's were now in place on Petersfield Green, Ditchburn Place and the Cemetery. If the PSPO's needed to be extended further then the Council would consider such action.
- iii. For six months there had been weekly reporting from residents on Argyle Street regarding the dealing of drugs and taking of drugs in one particular area. Resident(s) had been threatened with a knife by a drug dealer recently but were told there was no police available to investigate. Drugs and drugs dealing was a problem in the area and all were potentially high priority crimes.
- iv. The Police representatives had not attended the previous meeting as scheduled and could not attend this meeting. It was imperative that the matter of attendance be raised with the Police and requested that the matter be brought to the attention of the Police and Crime Panel. A letter should also be sent stating the importance of attending the East Area Committee as Residents needed to be heard. **(Action)**.
- v. All incidents should always be reported and if this could not be done by using the Police website which was difficult to navigate, then facebook or twitter were alternative options.
- vi. Questioned if a ban on street drinking along the whole of Mill Road was possible, as this would include the pavement cafes.
- vii. There were various ways to report criminal activity to the Police but from experience the use of the police website live chat had been positive.

- viii. Suggested a community action group could be formed to take issues forward.

Councillor Massey advised that as the City Council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel, the lack of police presence at East Area Committees would be brought to the Panels' attention. The matter had been mentioned to the Police and Crime Commissioner previously regarding the July meeting. The subject of Police not attending to residents when a crime had been reported was also discussed. The Commissioner had advised that 80% of the times Police were responding to non-criminal activity, such as dealing with mental health issues and the other 20% dealing with criminal activity

### **18/42/EAC Open Forum**

**Member of the Public: (MOP):** Would like to highlight the traffic congestion experienced on Newmarket Road. There are already two budget hotels and Anglia Student House on the road, further development is proposed with the new Aldi and Lidl supermarkets and the new Easyhotel which will bring a further increase in traffic.

The road can be very problematic when trying to access it from the residential side streets and can take a considerable length time to get on to Newmarket Road. This is a particular problem when Cambridge United are playing at home. The road is stationary for a length time and can be hazardous if emergency access is required onto Newmarket Road. The Cambridge United Website makes no mention of the park and ride facilities but advertises free street parking close to the ground.

**With the additional proposed developments the road could become permanently gridlocked.**

Councillor Massey: The Greater Cambridge Partnership were currently looking at the matter of public transport and cycling on Newmarket Road. Councillor Whitehead had previously spoken with Stagecoach to persuade them to put on extra buses from the park and ride on match days. Figures had shown that there was an increase on the use of the Park and Ride on these days.

Would be meeting with Cambridge United next week and would request that the Club push the message to use the Park and Ride to their fans. **(ACTION).**

**MOP: CamCycle had objected to developments on Newmarket Road many times as the applications had not contributed to improving the**

**street scape and transport facilities. The developer of the new student accommodation had said that students would be travelling to Anglia Ruskin University via Midsummer Common and therefore no contribution was needed to be made.**

**Developers should be made to provide contributions to the Eastern Gate proposals but the study (which would cost £50,000) to conclude specific proposals. Until this has been completed no contributions could be made from the developers. Could funding be found from the City and / or County to fund the Eastern Gate Plan?**

Councillor Blencowe: Student accommodation was car free and therefore no S106 monies could be requested. The Eastern Gate SPD was a planning guidance document only; planning monies could only be requested for specific proposal and not for guidance.

**MOP: The path between Garlic Row and the Green Dragon Bride (Stourbridge Common) has become very dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen, especially at night. Could the Committee arrange for the path to be resurfaced as priority?**

Councillor Barnett: The matter would be looked into **(ACTION)**.

**MOP: A resident parking scheme is being introduced in Romsey; concern regarding parking had been raised by traders who travel to their place of business on a daily basis and would have an issue when unloading their stock.**

Councillor Jones: Business Permits were available and any resident who is elderly and/or infirm and requires regular visits from relatives or services on medical grounds could also apply for a medical visitor' permit free of charge. Would discuss the points raised with Officers as believed that local businesses were going to be offered permits in Newnham Croft **(ACTION)**.

Councillor Baigent: Shop Keepers should also be encouraged to use the Park and Ride facilities; the number of cars entering the City had to be reduced.

**MOP: Residents were advised that a 'No Entry - Access Only' sign would be installed on Romsey Terrace but this has not happened. Vehicles were constantly entering into Romsey Terrace and then having to turn around on a continuous basis. This was no good for pollution levels.**

Councillor Baigent: Agreed to look into this matter **(ACTION)**.

**MOP:** Wished to bring to the Committee's attention, particularly Romsey Ward Councillors, the planned march on 27 October to protest against the potential demolition of charitable housing association CHS homes in Montreal Square. This was likely to be one the biggest housing campaigns held in Cambridge. The decision had been postponed yet again, this time due to the City Council cancelling the meeting with CHS. Councillors needed to make this matter a priority.

Councillor Barnett: Romsey Councillors were aware of the situation and thanked the individual for highlighting the situation.

**MOP:** With the future planned closure of Mill Road Bridge, this should be treated an unmissable opportunity to explore the options for the future of Mill Road. This could become a destination that people want to explore on foot generating an increase in footfall, which could only a benefit to traders. Special events could be planned. The closure of Bridge Street to public vehicles had been successful and there was no reason why a road closure could not be positive thing on Mill Road.

Councillor Moore: Had spoken with Officers to measure the air quality impact on surrounding roads, such as Coldham's Lane and Cherry Hinton Road. A congestion study on the surrounding areas was also a possibility during this period.

Councillor Smith: Had raised the issue of cleaning the exterior of the cycle bridge as this would become accessible while the bridge was closed.

Councillor Robertson: Needed to consider those residents who relied on public transport and those who were less mobile. There seems to be no proposal to leave the bridge open. When work on the bridge had taken place 30 years ago, the road had not been closed but a one way system in place with traffic lights which had been successful.

Councillor Baigent: It was important all agencies worked with the shopkeepers and business owners as they were essential to Mill Road and should not experience any loss of earnings.

**MOP:** Since the development of New North Cambridge Station the Petersfield area was suffering with a drop in footfall and businesses were closing down.

Councillor Jones: Supported the balance of being creative and experimenting regarding a partial road closure but needed to get the balance right.

### **18/43/EAC Environmental Report**

The Committee received a report from the Enforcement Team Leader. The report outlined an overview of City Council Refuse and Environment and Streets and Open Spaces service activity relating to the geographical area served by the East Area Committee.

The following were suggestions to the Committee on what action could be considered for priority within the East Area:

- i. Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling Mill Road Cemetery.
- ii. Enforcement patrols to tackle environmental crime at Thorpe Way estate and St Matthews Street area.
- iii. Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping, litter, side waste and trade waste along in the Petersfield area of Mill Road.

The Enforcement Team Leader made the following comments in response to the Committee's questions:

- i. Petersfield Green was regularly included in teams' patrol route to ensure that the area was safe and clear of needles, as children regularly used the playground.
- ii. With regards to the 400 needles which were removed from a street bin in Vinery Road, some had been boxed and some loose. It was believed to have been dumped by the same individual.
- iii. Offensive graffiti would be removed the same day it had been reported, none offensive graffiti would be cleaned off 5 to 7 days from being reported.

The Committee **resolved** unanimously to prioritise for action as amended (additional text underlined):

- i. Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling Mill Road Cemetery.
- ii. Enforcement patrols to tackle environmental crime at Thorpe Way estate and St Matthews Street area

- iii. Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping, litter, side waste and trade waste along in the Petersfield area of Mill Road, with a particular focus on Petersfield Green.
- iv. To patrol the newly installed seating areas of Cavendish Road and Mill Road.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

**CHAIR**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>East Area Committee Action Sheet</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4</b>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>11/10/18</b>	
<b>Updated on</b>	<b>07/12/18</b>	

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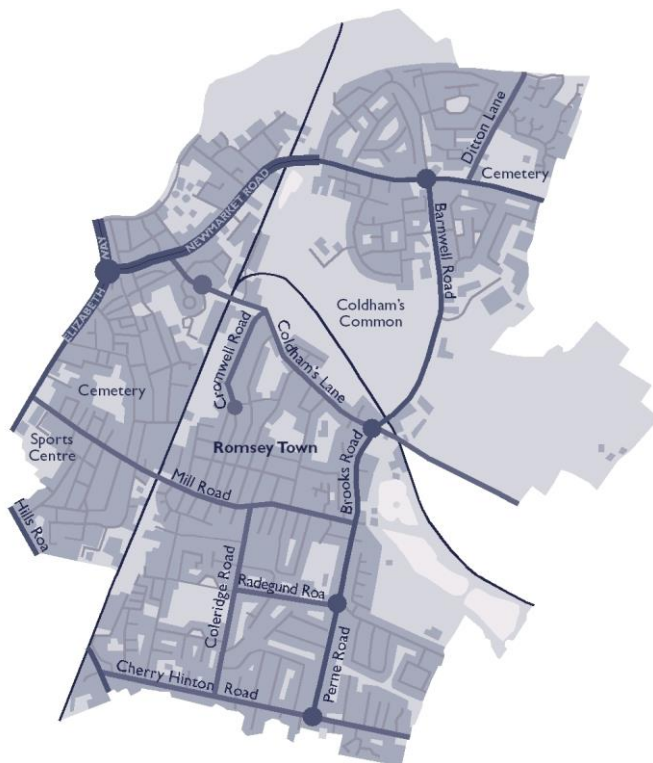
ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIME- SCALE	PROGRESS
	Councillor Moore	12/07/18	The sticker campaign was still in the planning stages.
To follow up with Officers on the notice issued of enforcement in relation to Walkers Garage site in Perowne Street	Councillor Robertson	11/01/18  12/07/18	A S215 had been served on the owners which came into effect in August 2017 which they had six months to comply. Officers would be undertaking a site visit in February and further action would be taken if required.  Officers had received no response from the owner and would be seeking a contractor making the site safe and would also be looking at demolition of the building.
To arrange a Ward Walk About around Tiverton Way with Mrs Deards and Mrs Griffiths in May 2018 and look at possible places for bike racks to be installed.	Councillor Moore	12/07/18	The ward walk about had taken place but the officer responsible for the bike racks could not attend and had since visited separately. A meeting would be arranged with the officer to discuss this further.
Would liaise with officers what action could be taken regarding ball games being played when the signs in the area stated no ball games.	Councillor Moore	12/07/18	
When meeting with Cambridge United week commencing 15/10/18, would request the Club encourage fans to use the Park and Ride facilities which should be highlighted on their website.	Councillor Massey	11/10/18	
Would investigate with Officers the installation of the 'No Entry Access Only' sign for Romsey Terrace	Councillor Baigent	11/10/18	
To send a letter to the Police stating the importance of attending the East Area Committee as there had been no Police presence at the last two meetings.	Councillor Barnett	11/10/18 12/10/18	Letter sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner who has confirmed he will attend the July 2019 meeting when Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods is on the agenda. Unable to attend the January or April meeting.
Would speak with Officers regarding the resurfacing of the path between Garlic Row and the Green Dragon Bride (Stourbridge Common)	Councillor Barnett	11/10/18 17/10/18	This has been passed on to the County Council's Highways and Cycling Projects Team for their information as these are County maintained paths.
Would bring to the attention of the Police and Crime Commissioner's attention	Councillor Massey	11/10/18	

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIME- SCALE	PROGRESS
the lack of Police presence at East Area Committees. The Police needed to be made aware of the issues that were raised at the meeting.			

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# Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City East Neighbourhood

January 2019



**Inspector Paul Rogerson,  
Sergeant Jim Stevenson,  
Cambridgeshire  
Constabulary**

**Lynda Kilkelly, Safer  
Communities Manager,  
Cambridge City Council**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **Aim**

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future priorities and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

### **Methodology**

This document was produced using the following data sources<sup>1</sup>:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for the six months of June 2018 to November 2018, compared to the previous six months (December 2017 to May 2018) and the same six months the previous year (June 2017 to November 2017); and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

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<sup>1</sup> CORA is no longer providing data for Section 4 of this report

## 2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the East Area Committee meeting of 12 July 2018, the committee recommended adopting the following priority:

- Dealing of drugs, drug use and the associated anti-social behaviour

The Neighbourhood Action Group assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The table below summarises the action taken and the current situation.

<b>Dealing of drugs, drug use and the associated anti-social behaviour</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To target the sale and use of illegal drugs in the East area and disrupt the anti-social behaviour (ASB) associated with this criminal activity.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Across the East area, drug enforcement activity has continued at a rate on par with the other areas of the city. Magistrates' Warrants for residential premises, as well as stop/searches of people and vehicles, have been carried out focusing on those whom our intelligence processes have identified as causing the most harm. Following the Force priorities around child exploitation and modern day slavery, this has focused on organised crime groups operating in the East area, especially where the use of young people as runners or couriers has been identified.</p> <p>Enhanced patrols of public spaces in the East have seen local Community Officers and PCSOs targeting Vinery Rec., Coleridge Rec., the Leisure Park and school premises to both deter and disrupt ASB but also divert vulnerable young people away from the hands of organised criminals who would seek to recruit them.</p> <p>The anti-social behaviour picture for the East shows 422 reported ASB incidents in the last reporting period. A scan of those incidents reveals that ASB is fairly evenly distributed across the wards with no specific hotspots. However effort has been focused on the public spaces used by young people to encourage individuals to feel safe using those spaces as much as deter potential trouble makers. Efforts to identify potential vulnerable people, resulting in referrals to our partners to enable diversion and safeguarding efforts, are a more beneficial outcome than criminal sanction or displacement of</p>

	vulnerable people to areas of the city where we might struggle to locate and engage with them.
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>Currently, we are seeing a development where “County lines” gangs are now moving beyond their traditional market of supplying crack cocaine and heroin and expanding into supplying cannabis. This exposes a much larger proportion of people to organised crime gangs who use serious violence, often with weapons, and intimidation as routine tools in their criminal enterprise.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is always going to be more obvious to the general public in highly frequented public spaces; the current focus of police patrols is to enable legitimate users of those spaces to feel safe in their environment as well as encourage vulnerable users to make legitimate use of the space whilst discouraging criminal behaviour, especially the carrying of weapons.</p> <p>Currently, enforcement activity is targeted at individuals using public spaces to corrupt young or vulnerable people and to discourage the carrying of weapons. Efforts to avoid simply displacing the activity to areas of the city which are difficult to monitor would be counterproductive to the long term goals of reducing child exploitation.</p>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### **3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES**

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

Current pro-active work by the local community team is focused on building relationships with community groups who can assist us in diverting youth and vulnerable people away from corrupting spaces and individuals, and on schools liaison, where individuals who are identified as being at an enhanced risk of being targeted by corrupting influences can be assisted and diverted into support schemes.

#### **Cambridge City Council**

The Safer Communities team continues to work together with stakeholder partners at CB1. In terms of our student community, we have continued to work with Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) and over the next few months we are looking at doing some work with the ARU Student Union, specifically

looking at engaging with the student community at the CB1 community. The work around the CB1 community engagement is on-going and there has been a number of events held for the community. The CB1 website is up and running: this has provided a valuable resource for community engagement.

Five individuals who were persistently begging and having a street presence on Mill Road were given warning letters. Members of the wider community were reporting significant concerns about their persistent presence outside the Salvation Army café, not only aggressively begging but also often drunk or abusive, urinating, and leaving rubbish and drug related litter in the area. We have worked in partnership with support agencies to ensure the individuals were aware of the support available to them before issuing warning letters advising them that if we continued to receive complaints we would be seeking injunctions to prevent them from causing further nuisance. As far as we are aware these individuals are no longer causing nuisance in this area. We continue to monitor the situation and are aware that this can often lead to displacement. However we continue to work with our partners to ensure new hot spot areas are identified and dealt with in the most appropriate manner.

We continue to promote Cambridge Street Aid and have recently installed our third contactless donation point at the Co-Op store on Mill Road. Further contactless donation points are planned in key locations across the City.

What Street Aid supporters say:

*“great to be able to donate to something with a long-term effect, not just a short term palliative – Merry Christmas to you all”*

*“I’m delighted that there is now a local organisation dealing with homelessness which I can support”*

*“A great way of donating money to ensure it is used responsibly by those who need it”*

On 22 November, Cambridge City Council hosted a Domestic Abuse Conference at The Guildhall to mark White Ribbon Day and the United Nations’ International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November), which started 16 Days of Action to Human Rights Day (10 December). Antoinette Jackson, Chief Executive of Cambridge City Council, opened the conference, which had been organised by the Safer Communities Team, and nearly 200 people attended consisting of members of the public, survivors, service providers and professionals. A video of some of the guest speakers is available on the Cambridge City Council’s YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/4RU00-VieFw>.

## 4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

Data currently unavailable, due to the implementation of a new IT system.

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## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

We seek views from this committee on those local issues that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next committee meeting.

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