



Cambridge City Council
South Area Committee

Date: Monday, 9 September 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Wilkinson Room - St John the Evangelist Church Hills Road
Cambridge CB2 8RN

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Stagecoach representative to attend and discuss bus services in
South Area of City.
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City Councillors: McGerty (Chair), Thornburrow (Vice-Chair), McPherson, Ashton, Dryden, Lord, Page-Croft, Pippas and Summerbell

County Councillors: Ashwood, Crawford and Taylor

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SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE22 July 2019
7.00 - 9.50 pm**Present**

Area Committee Members: Councillors McGerty (Chair), Thornburrow (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Dryden, Lord, McPherson, Page-Croft, Pippas, Summerbell, Crawford and Taylor

Officers:

Head of Property Services: Dave Prinsep
Committee Manager: Toni Birkin

Also in Attendance:

(County Council Cycling Projects) Project Manager: Grant Weller
(County Council Cycling Projects) Senior Project Officer: Vanessa Kelly
(County Council Cycling Projects) Team Leader: Mike Davies
Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership: Andrew Munro
Head of Communications, Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership: Tom Bennett

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**19/19/SAC Election of Chair and Vice Chair - SAC**

The Committee Manager took the Chair whilst the South Area Committee elected a Chair.

Councillor Thornburrow proposed, and Councillor Dryden seconded, the nomination of Councillor McPherson as Chair.

Councillor Pippas proposed, and Councillor Page-Croft seconded, the nomination of Councillor McGerty as Chair.

Resolved (by 6 votes to 5) that Councillor McGerty be Chair for the ensuing year.

Councillor McGerty proposed, and Councillor McPherson seconded, the nomination of Councillor Thornburrow as Vice Chair.

Resolved (unanimously) that Councillor Thornburrow be Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

19/20/SAC Change to published agenda order

Under paragraph 4.2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules, the Chair used his discretion to alter the order of the agenda items. However, for ease of the reader, these minutes will follow the order of the agenda.

19/21/SAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Ashwood.

The Chair thanked the outgoing Chair for his efforts over the last year and welcomed newly elected Councillors to the Committee.

19/22/SAC Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

19/23/SAC Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 8th April 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following correction.

19/14/SAC Q9

Delete Queen Edith's School and insert Netherhall School.

19/24/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

The Action sheet was noted and an updated copy can be viewed at the following link under 'Updates to Action Sheet'.

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s46824/190408%20Committee%20Action%20Sheet%20SAC.pdf>

19/25/SAC Open Forum

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

- 1. Church End suffers from parking issues and cars travelling at speed. A recent accident showed how dangerous the area had**

become. It was only a matter of time before a fatal accident occurs. Why has no traffic calming been undertaken?

Councillor Crawford said that she has spent a lot of time talking to the Highways Department regarding this matter. The concerns date back a number of years. A priority gate was promised but had yet to be delivered. Councillor McPherson stated that work had been requested since 1996. The Highways Department had consistently rejected all ideas for improvements. Existing speed limits were not observed or enforced.

Action Point: Councillor Crawford would continue to pressure the Highways Department for action.

- 2. A petition of 13,000 signatures had been raised in support of the Flying Pig. The venue has a long history of supporting and promoting local musicians and should be protected.**

Councillor McGerty stated that the building should be retained. Councillor Summerbell stated that the community wanted to retain local public houses and that this venue should be protected from accidental damage while construction work was carried out around it.

It was noted that a similar unit was demolished without notice or permission and action was needed to prevent this public house suffering a similar fate.

Action Point: Councillor Summerbell undertook to write to developer and remind them of the status of the building in order to protect it from unlawful demolition.

- 3. When would the CCTV in Cherry Hinton High Street be back in operation?**

Councillor Dryden confirmed that all CCTV equipment across the City was being upgraded. The CCTV provision for Cherry Hinton would be back in operation very soon.

- 4. Could any future Local Plans include a simple summary to make them more accessible to members of the public?**

Councillor Thornburrow stated that this was a good suggestion and that the Council was keen to hear what the public had to say.

- 5. What progress has been made towards the promised 500 housing units? How many people from the Housing Register had been housed?**

Councillor Thornburrow confirmed that many schemes had been identified and were being delivered. Further schemes were currently under construction.

- 6. The realtime information supplied at bus stops was often inaccurate with expected buses not arriving or disappearing from the board. Reliable information was needed for bus users.**

Councillor Taylor confirmed that the County Council controlled the realtime display boards. Bus reliability had improved. The bus users group had looked into the matter.

Action Point: Committee Manager to invite Stagecoach to send a representative to South Area Committee.

19/26/SAC GCP Project Updates

The Committee received a presentation from Andrew Munro and Tom Bennett of Greater Cambridge Partnership updating on a number of projects. The presentation covered the consultation process, preferred routes, expected delivery dates and next steps.

Slides from the presentation can be viewed using the link below.

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s46829/190717%20South%20Area%20Committee%20briefing.pdf>

The Officers responded to question from Members of the Committee and the public as follows:

- 1. The original Cam Network route took in the three outer city campuses but this appears to have changed and it now bypasses two of those sites.**

Research suggests that people are willing to walk or cycle some distance to connect with good travel networks and while not directly visiting those campuses, the route would include them. The need for connectivity was a key driver of the project.

2. Other cities had better bus connections that Cambridge currently lacked.

The guided bus demonstrates that people would embrace good bus services. Local bus service improvements were needed.

3. What sort of vehicles would be used? Would they be capable of transporting cycles?

No final decisions had been made. The provision of cycle racks/trailers on public service vehicles can increase time stopped which they are loaded and unloaded.

4. Would there be cycle parking at village stops?

Yes, there would be an integrated system including disabled parking.

5. Trumpington Residents Association had concerns regarding the impact on 9 Wells Nature Reserve and access to the Bio Medical Campus and Rail Station.

Further information on access points and routes would be provided at future information events. GCP has formed a landscape and ecology working group to advise on major projects. GCP is currently committed to enhancing and protecting the Ninewells Nature reserve.

6. How would the initial consultation and decision process be undertaken?

A range of information and consultation events would be considering the options. This would be followed by full consultations.

7. The Citizens Assembly would not be representative of the local communities most affected by the routes.

The Citizens Assembly would be a balanced group drawn from across the region. The local voice would be heard. The Assembly would be independent and would be supported by a range of experts.

8. Would the Assembly be restricted in its scope, for example, being asked to choose between limited options?

The Assembly would be free to return any answer it wanted. Full details of the methodology would be published on the website.

The Committee thanked the officers for their attendance and suggested they return at a later date to update on progress.

19/27/SAC Pedestrian and Cycle Safety Update From County Council

The Committee received presentations from Cambridgeshire County Council Officers regarding Cycle Safety projects.

Fendon Road / Queen Edith's Way / Mowbray Road improvement plans

Grant Weller (Project Manager) gave an update on the Fendon Road / Queen Edith's Way / Mowbray Road improvement plans and consultations to-date.

- i. Work was due to begin on constructing the new layout for the Fendon Road / Queen Edith's Way / Mowbray Road roundabout on Monday 9 September 2019.
- ii. Work would involve the installation of a new Dutch-style roundabout to improve safety in the area, by giving priority to pedestrians and cyclists over motorists.
- iii. One of the key elements is a change in carriageway width, designed to influence slower approach and departure speeds, thereby reducing the speed of drivers.
- iv. Pedestrians would be provided with zebra crossings on each of the four roundabout entry / exit arms and on the crossing points over the cycle paths.
- v. Cyclists would be given their own cycle path, in contrasting red tarmac, to give them priority over motor vehicles.
- vi. Unfortunately, Stagecoach had been unable to send a representative to provide an update on bus services in the area.

Further consultations and information events were planned as follows:

- Thursday 29 August 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm, Addenbrookes Concourse
- Monday 2 September 2019, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Netherhall School
- Wednesday 4 September 2019, 3.30pm to 6.30pm, St James C of E Church, Wulfstan Way.

The Officers invited question from Members of the Committee and the public as follows:

1. Would parking restrictions be introduced to Nightingale Avenue?

Parking would be restricted to allow diverted buses access.

2. Local residents suggested that the consultation had been too little and too late. Where would traffic heading for Addenbrooke's Hospital go? Where would the displaced vehicles park? Why would the work take 29 weeks? Had alternative, shorter road closures been considered?

Further information events and letter drops were planned and an information / publicity campaign would keep the public informed.

3. How common were the planned roundabouts across Europe?

Currently around 4,000 roundabouts of this style were in use in Holland and more were planned.

4. Had the team considered postponing the work until the start of next year's school summer holidays?

The work was timed to allow completion next April when evenings would be lighter. This would allow the public to get used to the new arrangement before the winter months.

5. Many elderly people lived in the Queen Edith's Way area. How would they get to the hospital for appointments?

There would be disruption and the Citi 2 bus route would not be going to the hospital while the work was being completed. Passengers would need to change buses to complete the journey.

6. Could shuttle buses be provided?

That would be an operational issue for Stagecoach to consider.

7. Mill Road has seen an improvement in air quality since the road had been closed to through traffic. Would air quality in this area be monitored to see if a similar improvement was noted?

There were plans to monitor the air quality during the works.

Action Point: Councillor Thornburrow undertook to investigate the use of air monitors during the road closures.

8. The proposed left hand turn onto Hills Road would cause a conflict with the existing traffic lights.

This would be discussed with the Signals team.

9. The proposals would result in the closure of Queen Edith's Way as a through route. If this was not done the project delivery time would be extended by 8 weeks. Had consultations offered that as an option? Had the impact on the local economy been taken into account?

This option had been rejected as it would require 3 way signals and would add to predicted congestion.

10. Why had the first day of the new school year been selected as the start date for the project?

There was no convenient time for the project.

11. Why had such a complex roundabout been selected?

The design was considered the safest for cyclists. The haulage industry experts and public transport providers had been consulted.

12. There had been problems with contractors on previous projects. What measures would be in place for on-going consultation during the construction phase?

The Officer undertook to take this comment back to the Project team.

Mike Davies (County Council Cycling Projects: Team Leader) stated that the contractor was one of the best and considerable pre-construction work had been completed.

13. Where will cars that normally park in Nightingale Avenue find alternative parking?

Parking has been a problem in this area for some time and the only long term solution would be residents' parking.

14. Drivers will be unfamiliar with Dutch style roundabouts. How will this be addressed?

Public information would be circulated.

15. How would a stranger to Cambridge know what to do when faced with an unfamiliar road layout?

This would be an on-going communication matter. Good design and clear signage is an important factor.

Queen Edith's Way

Vanessa Kelly (Senior Project Officer) gave an update on the Queen Edith's Way improvement plans and consultations to date.

- i. Consultation had been undertaken in 2015 and 2016.
- ii. Those consultations had highlighted the priorities for the area and had focused attention on the schools in the area.
- iii. Work was on-going to map journeys.
- iv. Aim was to reduce car trips and car speed.
- v. There would be workshops for students and families in the near future.
- vi. Once design option had been agreed, wider consultations would follow.

The Officers invited question from Members of the Committee and the public as follows:

1. The focus appears to have changed from accessibility to broader road safety matters.

The initial consultation work had shown that up to 80% of drivers fail to observe the 20 mph limit and with additional housing expected in the area, other road safety options were being explored.

2. Both the carriageway and pavement of Queen Edith's Way had been in a poor condition for years. Members of the public might question why there had been no funding available for repairs whilst major projects could be delivered.

There had been concerns over road safety in an area so frequently used by school children. However, it was hoped that funding for resurfacing would be found.

3. Why install a cycle lane when the area already had 20 mph speed restrictions?

Cycle lanes would narrow the carriageway and this would slow the traffic down. The current wide road encouraged drivers to ignore the speed limit.

- 4. The public were confused by the different funding streams and needed to know where the money was coming from when projects were proposed.**
- 5. Could courtesy cameras, that told drivers how fast they were going, be considered for Queen Edith's Way.**
- 6. Could Church End be considered for similar speed reduction works?**

The County Council hoped to look at the wider area to understand traffic flows. Proposed junctions for land north of Cherry Hinton were poor and it was hoped that these could be improved and would be funded by the developer.

19/28/SAC Environmental Report- SAC

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 South Area Committee. The report identifies the reactive and proactive service actions undertaken in the previous year, including the requested priority targets and reports back on the recommended issues and associated actions to be targeted in the following period. It also includes key officer contacts for the reporting of waste and refuse and public realm issues

The Enforcement Team Leader responded to question from members of the public and Committee Members as set out below.

- 1. Can any action be taken to prevent verge parking in Fisher Lane?**

Enforcement action was difficult as this was verge parking rather than highways. Enforcement Team officers would monitor the situation.

- 2. The number of needle finds across the City appears to have dropped dramatically over the last year. Is there a reason for the drop?**

The numbers could be misleading as a large find in a single property or location would appear as a spike in the figures. On-going officers were not reporting any significant change to the pattern of needle finds.

- 3. The recycling area in Wulfstan Way continues to suffer from misuse. Pest control had to be called recently. What action was being taken?**

The area was being monitored and enforcement action was being pursued against known individuals and businesses abusing the facility.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm

CHAIR

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COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET Agenda Item 4

Committee	South Area Committee (SAC)
Date	22/07/19
Updated on	27/08/19

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
<p><u>19/04/SAC Q4</u></p> <p>Ward Councillors to respond to local resident about concerns over worryingly low water levels in Cherry Hinton Brook.</p>	<p>Councillors Ashton, Dryden and McPherson</p>	<p>22/07/19</p>	<p><u>22/07/19</u> Councillor McPherson has written to resident. Further letter to be written to water company on behalf of South Area Committee as there appears to be no response to date. Copy of latest letter sent to local MP.</p> <p><u>01/08/19</u> Councillor Ashton wrote to, and received a reply from South Staffs Water - Cambridge Region. The Water Resources & Environment Manager assured the committee and other interested parties that Cambridge Water does not abstract directly from Cherry Hinton Brook, nor indeed any surface water rivers. All of their resources are groundwater based, although chalk streams do have an element of base flow from groundwater's, so can potentially be affected by</p>

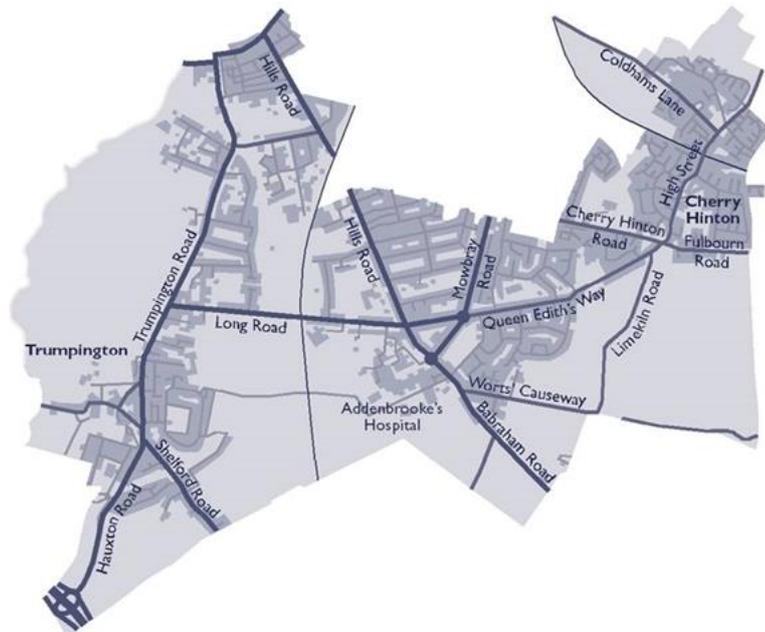
ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
			<p>abstractions from the aquifer.</p> <p>Details passed onto local resident who raised the initial query.</p>
<p><u>19/04/SAC Q8</u></p> <p>Councillor McPherson to find out details of how Burnside Lakes (formerly known as Cambridge Lakes) could be named after (locally) well known / influential people.</p>	<p>Councillor McPherson</p>	<p>22/07/19</p>	<p>No progress to report.</p>
<p><u>19/06/SAC</u></p> <p>Councillor McPherson to liaise with other Area Committee Chairs and write to City Police Commander to request CORA data in area committee reports.</p>	<p>Councillor McPherson</p>	<p>22/07/19</p>	<p>On-going discussion with Police regarding the best way to address this matter as current IT system will not generate the details in the format required for Area Committees.</p> <p>Letter sent to Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner from all 4 Area Committee Chairs 14/08/19 requesting PCC does all within his power to ensure that these statistics are again made available to our area committees.</p> <p>Response from Superintendent Jon Hutchinson, Southern Area Commander, received 27/08/19.</p>

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
<u>19/24/SAC Q1</u> Speeding and dangerous driving in Church End	Councillor Crawford		To continue to pressure the Highways Department to take action to improve road safety in the area
<u>19/24/SAC Q2</u> Action needed to protect the Flying Pig from closure/demolition	Councillor Summerbell		Has written to the developer to remind them of the status of the building in order to protect it from unlawful demolition.
<u>19/26/SAC</u>	Councillor Thornburrow		To investigate the use of Air Quality Monitors in the Queen Edith's area during planned road closures.
<u>19/25/SAC</u>	Committee Manager		Invited Russ Barton of Stagecoach to attend South Area Committee. This will be an agenda item for 09/09/19.

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Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City South – September 2019



Wards: *Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington*

Produced by:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary:

- Inspector Paul Rogerson
- Detective Sergeant Kiri Mazur

Community Safety Team, Cambridge City Council:

- Lynda Kilkelly, Community Safety Manager
- Sarah Steggles, Senior Community Safety Officer (Anti-Social Behaviour)



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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 on-going and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future areas of concern 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:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for the five months from March 2019 to July 2019, compared to the previous five months (October 2018 to February 2019) and the same five months last year (March 2018 to July 2018); and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Community Safety Team.

2. Current Areas of Concern

At the South Area Committee meeting of 8 April, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Drug dealing in the South Area, specifically in parks and open spaces;
- Anti-Social Behaviour in public areas in Trumpington village; and
- Begging on streets in Cherry Hinton.

Lead officers and actions to be taken were agreed following the committee meeting. The work undertaken and current situation is detailed below.

Drug dealing in the South Area, specifically in parks and open spaces

Objective: To identify the scale of, and take appropriate action against, drug dealing in parks and open spaces in the South Area.

Action Taken: The local police team began by first trying to understand the problem and gathering information from a range of sources. They consulted with local school and residents, and used call and crime data to inform patrol activity. Two key locations were identified around which activity has focused:

- **Play park on Woodland, Church End, Cherry Hinton.** This location was identified as an area of concern. Using a 'red amber green' assessment, PCSOs and police patrols were focused at the time of highest demand. Stop and search

powers were used to confirm any suspicion that a person might be in possession of drugs. Only one arrest was made: the suspect was found in possession of a significant amount of cash and cannabis. This suspect is currently on bail for possession with intent to supply. Further to this, there have been only a handful of calls about the areas and very little else picked up from patrols. It is not uncommon that areas used for street-based dealing will shift very quickly as dealers become aware of our work.

- **Cherry Hinton Hall Park.** The nature of the problem in this area was focused more around young people, thus we have worked together with the City Council's Community Safety Team and local schools to better understand how to tackle the problems.
 - Our work in this area has been not only location-based but also concerned with identifying those young people who are at risk of being exploited or coming into contact with drugs, drugs users and dealers. As such, our patrol work (as with all the areas) has generated a lot of unseen safeguarding work. In partnership with the schools, we have made some significant child protection interventions as a result of our work in this area.
 - CCTV provision was reviewed in the area and some feedback has been provided in regards where ASB and criminality overlaps with the CCTV blind spots.
 - Patrols plans were written and carried out based on the range of information sources (reports and public perception data). As a result, the area was subject to significant patrols by police teams, specifically into the late hours of the evening. As one would expect, we quickly came into contact with a group of young people. Our patrols deterred their behaviour whilst we were present. We looked at trying to work with the group with other professionals to try and change the behaviours of the group rather than simply police it.
 - We looked carefully at the recorded crime to ensure there were no missed opportunities to take any necessary criminal action. The vast majority of crime recorded in this area had no specific descriptions or named persons. Likewise the drug taking reported was not attributable to any one person; our approach thus was a preventive one.
 - Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) were used to address the behaviour of a group of young people who were the cause of problems (criminal damage and nuisance) on a persistent basis. ABCs are voluntary, formally-written agreements with conditions agreed by the parties: they can include curfews or non-association clauses and can be adapted to suit the individual involved and in agreement with their parents. These are typically (and in this case) led by the City Council's Community Safety Team. The young people involved were identified and, following discussions with them and their parents, two individuals agreed to sign ABCs. Following the implementation of the ABCs (and no doubt by word of mouth between unidentified perpetrators), the nuisance behaviour stopped almost overnight. There was a subsequent sharp reduction in the number of calls for service.
 - Between March and May 2019 we were recording between one and three calls each week reporting youth-based ASB in this area, but since 24 June 2019,

there have been no calls for service regarding this. Continued patrols have also observed no visible evidence of ASB and dealing.

Since the last area committee meeting, two section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act search warrants were conducted at an address in the South area. These were negative but the situation is being monitored. Information is still being gathered and if further enforcement opportunities arise then these will be exploited.

Current Situation: We continue to receive intelligence regarding persons, addresses and vehicles believed to be involved in drug dealing. Some of this information is under active development and if sufficient corroboration can be gathered, further enforcement action will be taken. Our work thus far has increased our understanding of the problems. We are also working with the City Council's Community Safety Team to target some individuals at addresses believed to be connected to this issue, with a view to supporting tenancy enforcement.

Since the last Committee Meeting, Operation Carmel was conducted on the border of East and South areas in the train station area. Future Operation Carmel work is planned for two areas in the South of the city and will be completed by the end of 2019.

We thank you for the information you provide to us. It will rarely be possible to provide detailed updates on specific action, but we will seek to publicise successful outcomes. Please continue to keep passing information to us – always call 999 in an emergency, but otherwise telephone 101 or use the online "Report" section on our website, www.cambs.police.uk

Anyone wishing to see, in more detail, how we process and use information can apply to spend some time with the team through Operation Insight, also via the Force website.

Anti-Social Behaviour in public areas in Trumpington village

Objective: To reduce the incidence of ASB in Trumpington village area.

Action Taken: As is common with more serious ASB, the problems experienced in Trumpington village were attributable to just two people. We found that these two young people were at the nucleus of many recorded crimes and calls to police.

Both young people have been subject to a holistic piece of partnership working which has involved police, schools and social care teams. It was believed right to impose criminal sanctions on one young person and a range of community resolutions on the other to curtail their behaviour. A court hearing is pending regarding two charges.

We find it common that in these cases people who have been on the periphery of ASB and crime tend to be "warned off" fairly swiftly once the main perpetrators are dealt with. It was however deemed necessary to make a number of safeguarding referrals for these people.

Whilst they had stopped any immediate harm we are still concerned for them as future source of harm for the community.

Current Situation: We continue to receive reports of youth ASB in the Anstey Way estate and are currently working to confirm the identities of those responsible. At present, we are

receiving occasional calls (two or three in a week over the last month) regarding a group of youths acting anti-socially by the shops opposite the Shell garage and in the building site to the rear of those shops. Loose descriptions have been given, but more reports would help. The behaviour is, at present, anti-social and civil trespass and is not criminal. The City Council's Community Safety Team has also been made aware and will be considering ABC's as and when we, together, identify more people. Any positive identification will be followed by a continued holistic approach involving partners and engagement to issue ABCs as a first option. This has proved successful in tackling ASB in other areas across the South and wider City.

We have also had a number of calls reporting quad bikes on land owned by the Trumpington Meadows Wildlife Trust. Advice has been given to the Trust regarding target hardening as a fence is completely missing at one corner which is being exploited and there are other weak points too. The trespass is for the Trust to manage as there is no evidence trespass has become aggravated yet. The local officer has met directly with a group of residents and a representative from the Trust to discuss this. At this time, police action is proportionate or justified, but patrols can be increased in the area as appropriate. One specific advice has been given to one family group who were seen to be using a mini dirt bike.

Lead Officer: PC 207 Adam Catling

Begging on streets in Cherry Hinton

Objective: To identify and disrupt those responsible for this behaviour and reduce / eliminate it.

Action Taken: Research enabled us to identify that two key individuals were responsible for the majority of the behaviour: one being a local resident and the other an acquaintance who was visiting the area. The local resident is currently serving a custodial sentence following arrest for various related offences. Following his arrest, there was a significant decrease in reported and observed incidents of begging. The second individual also de-escalated his behaviour although it was then identified that he had begun instead to establish and possibly exploit a third, vulnerable individual. This third individual has been safeguarded through work with him directly and via partnership agencies, and this appears to have successfully disrupted the relevant behaviour. We wish to highlight that a significant role is played by the City Council's Community Safety Team supporting this work, which remains highly complex. Essentially, the substance addiction driving such behaviour remains significantly dependant on the individual's circumstances and willingness to engage with local agencies.

Current Situation: Five incidents of begging have been reported in the South area following a search of police systems; all of these occurring some distance away, bordering the Central and East areas of the City. The situation appears to have been resolved as a result of the action taken following April's meeting. We remain alive to the fact that many residents might still choose not to report begging. Our advice remains to call 101 or report online so between us (police and City Council's Community Safety Team) we can understand where our resources need to be focused. Likewise we can target support to persons using emerging begging hotspots.

3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues*

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

We believe it is necessary to continue work around the Anstey Way estate and Trumpington Meadows, as above.

Operation Carmel will continue to focus on the hot spots via continued monitoring and development of intelligence relating to drug use.

Serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation remain priorities for the Constabulary. We are currently focusing on proactive identification (in conjunction with our partners) of those young people (aged under 18) who are most vulnerable to being exploited and becoming involved in county lines drug dealing. This is being used as a basis on which to engage with these young people directly, at home and with their parents and guardians present, or indirectly via school and other partner services, to offer support and opportunities for diversion away from criminal behaviour. We believe this is the most important piece of work for our team which supports all the aforementioned.

Cambridge City Council

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officers within the City Council's Community Safety Team continue to take proactive action in tackling serious cases of anti-social behaviour in the south of City, working in close partnership with other agencies, such as housing providers and the police neighbourhood teams across the area.

ASB Officers have been working with the Police Community Safety Officer in conducting a number of Environment Visual Audits (EVAs) on public spaces in the south of the City, including Coleridge Rec and St. Thomas's Road Rec. The EVAs have been carried out as part of the joint working around Operation Carmel, tackling street-based drug dealing and related anti-social behaviour.

EVAs have also been carried out in residential areas where there have been reports of crime or ASB, including Walpole Road Sheltered Scheme, where residents were reporting feeling very worried. The report, which includes recommendations by the Community Safety Officer, will be discussed with the Council's internal departments and any relevant stakeholders who may have shared responsibility across the locations, to assist in measures that may help to prevent or reduce crime and ASB.

ASB Officers are currently working with partner agencies to investigate a number of ASB cases in the South area, including in St. Bede's Crescent, Birdwood Road, Paget Road, Heatherfield, Tweedale and Colville Road.

4. *Additional Information*

At neighbourhood level, the POLICE.UK website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines. The three most important sections within this website are: 'overview'; 'crime map'; and 'view detailed statistics'. This gives a good

overview of issues within the local area. For the South area, the specific link is:
https://www.police.uk/cambridgeshire/CamCity_South_City/

5. Recommendations

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

- Address youth ASB on the Anstey Way estate.
- Address youth ASB in Trumpington Meadows.
- Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.