



## Cambridge City Council South Area Committee

**Date:** Monday, 7 September 2020

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** This is a virtual meeting and therefore there is no physical location for this meeting.

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### Agenda

- 1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair - SAC
- 2 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 Minutes (Pages 3 - 14)
- 5 Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes (Pages 15 - 22)
- 6 Open Forum
- 7 Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods (Pages 23 - 30)
- 8 GCP Presentation: CSET  
No decision required.

Presentation on Cambridge South East Transport scheme.

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridgesoutheast>

- 9 Update on s106 Items  
No decision required.  
  
Information report [to follow] regarding:  
- Nightingale Recreation Ground Pavilion Project.  
- King George V Play Field Boundary Improvements.
- 10 Network Rail: (Proposed) Cambridge South Station (Pages 31 - 34)  
Update report on proposals for a new station south of Cambridge. To follow on from presentation to South Area Committee in March 2020.

**City Councillors:** McGerty (Chair), Thornburrow (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Dryden, Lord, McPherson, Page-Croft and Summerbell

**County Councillors:** Ashwood, Crawford and Taylor

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**SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE**9 March 2020  
6.35 - 10.00 pm**Present**

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

**Officers:**

Head of Property Services: Dave Prinsep

Community Funding and Development Manager: Jackie Hanson

Public Realm Engineering & Project Delivery Team Leader: John Richards

Resident Engagement Officer, Housing Services, Emily Watts

Committee Manager: James Goddard

**Other Officers in Attendance:**

Group Manager, Major Infrastructure Delivery: Dorothy Higginson

(County Council Cycling Projects) Senior Project Officer: Vanessa Kelly

Consultation Manager: Sophie Moeng

Consents Development Manager (Network Rail): Mike Blissett

Police Inspector: Paul Rogerson

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL****20/1/SAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ashwood, Dryden and Page-Croft.

Councillor McGerty said in his welcome address that he had given careful consideration as to whether it was still appropriate to hold a public meeting and expressed the committee's concern for residents in face of a growing Covid-19 pandemic.

**20/2/SAC Declarations of Interest**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Councillor Ashton	All	Personal: Chair of Cherry Hinton Resident's Association.
Councillor McPherson	All	Personal: Member of Cherry Hinton

		Resident's Association.
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**20/3/SAC Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**20/4/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/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=122&MId=3717&Ver=4>

**20/5/SAC Estate Improvement Scheme**

The Committee received a report from the Resident Engagement Officer, Housing Services.

The report outlined the Housing Scrutiny Committee approved £1 million per annum for 5 years of capital funding for improvement to City Council owned housing estate as part of the Housing Revenue Account medium-term financial strategy. The criteria for each proposal need to meet two fundamental principles:

- i. The proposal will add value to the asset (the estate).
- ii. The proposal should not act as a substitute for the planned maintenance programme, but it may be prudent for the Council to consider including works from the planned programme where it makes sense to incorporate them.

South Area Committee Members suggested the following as projects that could be funded:

- i. A broken light in Teversham Drift.
- ii. Designing out anti-social behaviour and vandalism in Gunhild park and Gunhild Close eg CCTV installation.
- iii. Broken lights at Gunhild Court garages.

**ACTION: Resident Engagement Officer to check with Estates and Facilities Team how streetlights are serviced and maintained.**

- iv. Wulfstan Way:

- a. Canopy for shops.
- b. Fixing light that is permanently on near shops.

## **20/6/SAC Re-Ordering Agenda**

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 published agenda.

## **20/7/SAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods SAC**

The Committee received a report from Inspector Rogerson regarding policing and safer neighbourhood trends.

The report outlined actions taken since the last reporting period. The current emerging issues/neighbourhood trends for each ward were also highlighted (see report for full details). Previous priorities and engagement activity noted in the report were:

- i. Address youth anti-social behaviour on the Anstey Way Estate.
- ii. Address youth anti-social behaviour in Trumpington Meadows.
- iii. Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

The Committee discussed the following policing issues:

- i. Anti-social behaviour and discarded drug paraphernalia in Accordia.
- ii. Drug use and associated anti-social behaviour (eg dumping of needles) affecting Cherry Hinton Ward.
- iii. Speeding in Church End.
- iv. Anti-social driving and parking by the car repair business in Church End which congested the road.

Inspector Rogerson said the following in response to questions from members of the public and committee:

- i. Non-emergency crime could be reported to 101 or on-line.
- ii. He would be happy to provide case studies in future of how the Police had taken action in response to information received from members of the public.
- iii. Cycle crime was a known issue in the city.
- iv. New data interrogation techniques enabled the Police to reunite stolen bicycles with their owners when the owner's details were not obvious.

- v. The police could take enforcement action against individuals who drove in an anti-social way, the long term solution was to design out issues in the road layout.
- vi. Undertook to meet councillors and residents in Cherry Hinton Ward to discuss perception and reality of drug issues.

The following priorities were unanimously **agreed**:

- i. Address youth anti-social behaviour on the Anstey Way Estate.
- ii. Address youth anti-social behaviour in Trumpington Meadows.
- iii. Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

### **20/8/SAC Update Report on Fendon Road/Queen Edith's Way Roundabout**

The Committee received a presentation from the County Council Group Manager - Major Infrastructure Delivery and Senior Project Officer.

The presentation outlined:

- i. The roundabout had been delayed.
- ii. The roundabout was not expected to be fully open until summer 2020 due to utility cables under it needing to be re-organised and re-routed.
- iii. Queen Edith's Way was expected to be open ahead of schedule in the near future ie March 2020.

The Group Manager - Major Infrastructure Delivery and Senior Project Officer said the following in response to questions from members of the public and committee:

- i. The project costs had increased. A lot of work was going on to strengthen project governance and reduce future issues.
- ii. £3.5m had been allocated to the general improvement of the area. Everyone concerned had been unaware of the multitude of utility cables under the roundabout before work started. Moving these increased costs.
- iii. The significant number of utility cables meant these needed to be re-routed which delayed the project. Re-iterated utility companies and the County Council were not aware chambers were located under the roundabout. When these were discovered, utility companies (such as BT) were able to work collaboratively with the contractors to divert cables and relocate the chambers. As such these works were completed within

a two month period (rather than the five months that would have been required if the diversion work had been carried out before the main works). The County Council retained a map of utility cables etc in the project area, but it would be too resource intensive to map these for the entire city.

- iv. The work done by utility companies would future proof broadband in the local area by making cables more accessible and avoid infrastructure maintenance or upgrade work in the near future. This should benefit the community. Old water pipes had also been replaced as facilities were upgraded near the roundabout.
- v. Utility companies will largely cover the costs of any upgrades to their networks, but the County Council has paid for diversions necessary as a result of the works. They were trying to recoup upfront costs from utility companies where possible.
- vi. The County Council had undertaken all usual preparatory work, but in some instances utility companies did not have accurate maps of cables/pipes etc, these were only found when digging started.
- vii. £800k was estimated for the roundabout pre-work commencing. Project costs rose to £1.8m due to the unplanned utility work. £3.5m was allocated for all project work in the area, so the overall project budget for a wider transport scheme/network in the area has not resulted in an overspend. Higher than expected costs had arisen for this part of the project. The project remained good value for money.
- viii. Consultation results led the County Council to believe residents wanted a Dutch style roundabout. The costs were a matter of public record. The cost/benefit analysis could be made available upon request (except any commercially sensitive information).
- ix. The County Council Economy & Environment Committee approved work on the roundabout in 2016. Information events were held prior to the works so residents could find out details of the works programme, the impact on bus services etc. In 2020 new designs for Queen Edith's Way would be developed.
- x. The cycle paths will be separate from the main carriageway of the roundabout. The County Council had liaised with other local authorities to share knowledge on how to integrate cycleways with other infrastructure.

One member of the public encouraged the Greater Cambridge Partnership and County Council to produce a Draft Cambridgeshire Cycle Guide, based on Oxfordshire's.

**20/9/SAC Network Rail Presentation: (Proposed) Cambridge South Station**

The Committee received a presentation from the Consultation Manager and Consents Development Manager (Network Rail). This is published on the City Council website.  
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In response to the presentation members of the committee and public expressed strong concern that the construction site would encroach onto Hobson's Park.

The Consultation Manager and Consents Development Manager (Network Rail) said the following in response to questions from members of the public and committee:

- i. The Cambridge Biomedical Campus could use their land as they wished. Network Rail had no control over this.
- ii. The strategic compound would be located as close to the construction site as possible. This would be the west side of the site, not the east. The intention would be to minimise the impact on the west side/Hobson's Park.
- iii. The intention was to use the minimum amount of land for the construction site. Network Rail would regularly liaise with stakeholders regarding progress and construction timetable.
- iv. The AstraZeneca compound was anticipated to be located on the east side of the site.
- v. Cambridge South Station could be in place within twenty four months ie 2022. Trains could then service Addenbrooke's Hospital in 2025.
- vi. Cambridge South Station was expected to be staffed.
- vii. Engineers were looking at the advantages and disadvantages of different access routes. Access from the guided busway could not be confirmed at present but the request would be noted.
- viii. Parking enforcement was a council matter to stop commuters parking in the area around Cambridge South Station eg residential areas. The 2018 Local Plan did not allow this type of station to have a car park.
- ix. There was no plan to close nearby stations (eg Great Shelford or Whittlesford) when Cambridge South Station opened.



Cambridge South Station was designated as a Category C station, it would be expected to service two million people per year. Five million potential users could use it per year. Network Rail were liaising with Cambridge Biomedical Campus and the Department for Transport about this difference in potential user numbers.

## **20/10/SAC Open Forum**

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

1. A member of the public raised the following issues:

- i. Some time ago the Council put forward a consultation about the various cycle routes, and for me that out to Fulbourn was relevant. Could the councillor(s) please provide an update on the results of this consultation and what the next steps in this process are.
- ii. As a supplementary point, I included in my response to that consultation that work was needed on Snakey Path, beside Cherry Hinton Brook, including the track/road at each end of it. This path is now deteriorating quite rapidly and in places as a result of stream bank erosion the path is badly undercut. I would therefore ask what immediate measures the Council are taking to address public safety on the path.

Councillor Ashton said it had been reported that Snakey Path was in a poor state of repair.

Councillor Crawford said the proposal to make Snakey Path part of a cycle route was rejected due to objections that it would go through a nature reserve.

### **ACTION: Councillor McGerty to seek update on Fulbourn Greenway.**

2. A member of the public asked for cycles and pedestrians to have signal priority on the guided busway near Clay Farm until a bus came along. The signal control chip could be reprogrammed, no 'building work' was required.

Councillor Thornburrow said a survey had been undertaken with CamCycle on the guided busway near the station. The findings had been reported to the Greater Cambridge Partnership and County Council. A follow up meeting would occur to look at how to take action as a result of lessons learnt.

3. Councillor McPherson expressed concern that the length of time given for pedestrians to cross Cherry Hinton Road and Teversham Drift was too short.

**ACTION: Cherry Hinton City and County Councillors to contact Richard Ling (Team Leader, County Council) to compile a list of pedestrian crossings where the timings need to be changed.**

**Councillor Jones asked for examples from across the city to pass onto County Officers via SAC Chair and County Councillors.**

4. A member of the public said it was hard to travel along Coldham's Lane in a mobility scooter to access Sainsbury's from Church End sheltered homes. For example, vegetation overhung the path.

## **20/11/SAC Environmental Improvement Programme**

The Committee received a report from the Public Realm Engineering & Project Delivery Team Leader regarding the Environmental Improvement Programme. The report outlined changes to the Council's Environmental Improvement Programme during 2018/19, and reviewed the latest round of applications received within South Area.

Councilor McGerty expressed concern that Environmental Improvement Programme funding had been allocated to Area Committees, then £75k was taken back by the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces for reallocation into a central pot.

In response to Members' questions the Public Realm Engineering & Project Delivery Team Leader answered:

- i. Within South area there is sufficient funding available within local area budgets to take forward all of the new project aspirations. Those eligible for centralised strategic or external funding, similarly, are most likely to be affordable at this stage.
- ii. For the new strategic EIP funding allocation there are enough eligible projects to adopt a 2 year programme up to 2021, and this is currently under consideration by the Executive Councillor for Streets & Open Spaces. Further applications for local area funded schemes are expected to be invited later in 2020.

Post meeting note – the list of strategic projects has now been approved by the Exec Cllr, with the projects listed able to progress. [Including Schemes S4 and S11 mentioned below.]

- iii. The Officer's report covered all South Area projects to date. Re-iterated that all could get funding as sufficient was available, with the caveat that projects marked as amber or red required a technical assessment (to be viable). At the initial application and assessment stages projects will not have been looked at in great detail, with some contingency and in some cases caveats included in reporting and suggested funding provisions in order to avoid need to seek further authorisation should, for instance, costs prove greater than anticipated. Projects marked as green are expected to be reasonably straightforward to develop and deliver, whilst those marked as amber are more likely to have technical complexity or further dependencies. Any marked as red are unlikely to be recommended for adoption
- iv. The whole Environmental Improvement Programme budget had been allocated. Project costs may appear high as they included contingency planned costs. If funding was not fully spent, it could be reallocated to other projects as required.
- v. Scheme S4 and S11 were under consideration by Executive Councillor for funding from new strategic EIP block. A decision on this and Year 1/Year 2 combined programme was anticipated March 2020 following consultation with Area Committee Chairs;
- vi. Scheme S3 would be funded from the new InterReg/2 Seas/Nature Smart Cities European tree canopy programme.

Councilor Ashton requested project cost and saving information.

**ACTION: Public Realm Engineering & Project Delivery Team Leader to provide a summary paper of project costs and savings to date.**

Following discussion, Members **resolved (unanimously) to:**

- i. Note the operating amendments to the programme agreed by the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces following Environment and Community Scrutiny on 21 March 2019.
- ii. Note the allocation of funding to continue with a programme across all areas for the period 2019-21
- iii. Allocate £4,500 from local area EIP funds in 2019/ 20 towards the provision of 26 summer hanging baskets along Cherry Hinton High Street

- iv. Note those new South area project aspirations received in the latest 2019/ 20 round recommended to the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces for funding from the new central, city-wide, strategic EIP allocation
- v. Consider and approve those new South area project aspirations received in the latest 2019/ 20 round for funding as part of the local South Area programme for 2019/20. (Schemes S1, S2, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9 and S10).
- vi. Support those projects selected for implementation, subject to them being viable, obtaining consents as necessary, positive consultation and final approval by the Council's Place Board, Ward and Executive Councillors, where required.

## 20/12/SAC SAC Area Committee Grants 2020-21

The Committee received a report from the Community Funding & Development Manager regarding Community Grants.

Members considered applications for grants as set out in the Officer's report.

Following discussion, Members **resolved (unanimously) to** agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report and summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Project	Award £
S1	Albion Boxing Academy	After school boxing sessions	£2,730
S2	Accordia Residents Association	Music and social event on Accordia Green	£616
S3	Cambridge Royal Albert Homes	Summer day trip to Woburn Safari Park	£530
S4	Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise	Monthly older people's club activities	£650
S5	Cherry Hinton Festival Society	Towards festival costs	£2,500
S6	Cherry Hinton Residents' Association	Summer family fun day; volunteer recruitment event	£350
S7	Denis Wilson Court Social Club	Summer trip	£425
S8	Hanover and Princess Court Residents' Association	Summer outing, September barbecue, Christmas event, monthly craft sessions	£975

S9	Home-Start Cambridge-shire	36 weekly support group sessions	£3,000
S10	Huxley House Families	Summer trip	£404
S11	Queen Edith's Community Forum	One-off community event to promote cycling	£900
S12	Romsey Mill Trust	40 after school sessions for 13-18 year olds	£3,000
S13	Trumpington Community Drama Group	2 rehearsals and 2 performances x 2, theatre trip, scripts and licences	£1,000
S14	Trumpington Meadows Community	3 community meetings; Christmas event	£200
S15	Trumpington Residents' Association	Summer trip	£500
<b>Total</b>			<b>£17,780</b>

### 20/13/SAC South Area Committee Dates 2020/21

The following dates were agreed:

- i. 22/06/20
- ii. 07/09/20
- iii. 30/11/20
- iv. 08/03/21

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm

**CHAIR**

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# COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET Agenda Item 5

<b>Committee</b>	<b>South Area Committee (SAC)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>09/03/20</b>
<b>Updated on</b>	<b>26/08/20</b>

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<u>19/04/SAC Q8</u>  Councillor McPherson to find out details of how Burnside Lakes (formerly known as Cambridge Lakes) could be named after (locally) well known / influential people.	Councillor McPherson	22/07/19	<p>No progress to report.</p> <p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b> To retain on the action sheet, there were difficulties regarding this for example, agreement had to be sought from families if you wanted to use a person's name.</p> <p><b>Update 9 March 2020</b> Only the lake owners can decide the name, others can make suggestions.</p> <p>Action completed and to be removed from action sheet.</p>
<u>19/06/SAC</u>  Councillor McPherson to liaise with other Area Committee Chairs and write to City Police Commander to request CORA data in area committee reports.	Councillor McPherson	22/07/19	<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</p>

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
		22/06/20	<p>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> <p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b>  Referred to response from Superintendent Hutchinson. Up to date crime data was available directly from <a href="http://www.police.uk">www.police.uk</a>.</p> <p><b>Update 9 March 2020</b>  Councillor McPherson has been advised CORA data is available to the Police, but the software won't allow details to be interrogated in such a way that information can be listed in Area Committee Reports.</p> <p>Councillor McPherson to follow up with new Superintendent who has replaced Superintendent Hutchinson.</p> <p>Note: In Police and Safer Neighbourhoods agenda item, it was said that the Police were following a national data publication policy where details were available on-line, but would not be manually inputted in</p>



ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
			<p>Area Committee reports.</p> <p>Action completed and to be removed from action sheet.</p>
<p><u>19/24/SAC Q1</u></p> <p>Speeding and dangerous driving in Church End</p>	<p>Councillor Crawford</p>		<p>To continue to pressure the Highways Department to take action to improve road safety in the area</p> <p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b> Had seen a positive response from the Resident's Association and had also asked for meeting with residents to discuss parking arrangements.</p> <p><b>Update 9 March 2020</b> A Local Highway Improvement Scheme is planned. A gate was expected to be implemented February 2020, this has been slightly delayed.</p> <p>Action completed and to be removed from action sheet.</p>
<p><u>19/24/SAC Q2</u></p> <p>Action needed to protect the Flying Pig from closure/demolition</p>	<p>Councillor Summerbell</p>		<p>Has written to the developer to remind them of the status of the building in order to protect it from unlawful demolition.</p> <p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b> Noted update on action sheet, suggested item could be closed and removed from action sheet.</p>

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
		22/06/20	<p><b>Update 9 March 2020</b> The developer has planning permission to undertake some work on the pub, but not to undertake the proposal they wish to implement. Consultation is on-going, residents were encouraged to participate in this.</p> <p>The developer appears to have changed their planning brief regarding the proposal in response to residents' concerns expressed through consultation responses to date.</p>
<p><u>19/26/SAC</u></p> <p>To investigate the use of Air Quality Monitors in the Queen Edith's area during planned road closures.</p>	Councillor Thornburrow	22/06/20	<p><b>Update 9 October 2019</b> Councillor Thornburrow confirmed she asked about the monitors used during the Mill Road bridge closure and they are still in used. She asked if these could be used in due course, during the closure and afterwards. This matter is not yet closed.</p> <p><b>Update 9 March 2020</b> Retain on action sheet and follow up.</p>
<p><u>19/35/SAC</u> <u>Open Forum Q1</u></p> <p>To look into the active travel issue / motion.</p>	County Councillor Taylor	22/06/20	<p><b>Update 9 March 2020</b> Councillor Taylor was still having discussions with colleagues and looking at best practice in other local authorities. She would bring a motion back later in 2020.</p>
<p><u>19/35/SAC Open</u></p>			

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
<u>Forum</u>  To investigate whether CCTV camera could be put on Greenlands / Red Cross Lane to monitor ASB with illegal / dangerous parking.	Councillor McGerty	22/06/20	<b>Update 9 March 2020</b> To discuss with newly formed Resident Association
<u>19/35/SAC Open Forum</u>  Asked that Cycling Officers were invited back to next South Area Committee to speak about Fendon Road	Committee Manager	Bring back to March 2020	<b>Update 9 March 2020</b> Item on March agenda  <b>Action completed and to be removed from action sheet.</b>
<u>20/5/SAC Estate Improvement Scheme</u>  To check with Estates and Facilities Team how streetlights are serviced and maintained.	Emily Watts	22/06/20	Questions answered in document published on City Council website.  <b>Action completed and can be removed from action sheet.</b>
<u>20/10/SAC Open Forum</u>  To seek update on Fulbourn Greenway.	Councillor McGerty / Committee Manager	22/06/20	<b>Response requested from Greenways Manager</b>
<u>20/10/SAC Open Forum</u>  Cherry Hinton City and County Councillors to contact Richard Ling (Team Leader, County Council) to compile a list of pedestrian crossings where the timings need to be changed.  Councillor Jones asked for examples from across the city to pass onto County Officers	Councillor McGerty / Councillor Jones	22/06/20	

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
via SAC Chair and County Councillors.			
<u>20/11/SAC Environmental Improvement Programme</u>  To provide a summary paper of project costs and savings to date.	John Richards	22/06/20	Deferred in discussion with Democratic Services Manager when all 4 of the June Area Committee meetings were cancelled. Can be supplied upon request in future [ie December cycle]. Due to Covid 19 officers are currently focussed on recovery workload.

## **Maintenance of Council-owned street light columns on housing estates – Edward Njenje – 1/4/20**

### **1 Who maintains Council-owned street lights on our housing estates?**

Estates and Facilities have appointed a contractor (TSG Building Services) to service, maintain and repair the street lights on housing estates so as to keep them in satisfactory working order.

### **2 How are street lights on our housing estates maintained?**

The contractor attends to site and rectifies minor defects and faults including replacement lamps and other components such as ballast, photocell, ignitor, capacitor and fuses. The contractor normally responds to outage repairs within five days of receiving notification of the failure or breakdown from the Customer Service Centre. Where there are power supply failures, our contractor may be dependent on others (the local electricity power network provider) before the light can be fixed.

### **3 How frequently are street lights on our estates checked?**

The Contractor inspects all street lamp columns monthly to check they are working.

The contractor keeps a log detailing all repairs carried out and reports to CCC on a monthly basis. Issues are discussed at contract meetings. Some street lights have more repairs per year due to their age, exposure to traffic, weather elements and vandalism.

### **4 Why a bulb can't be replaced as soon as it is reported?**

The contractor normally responds to outage repairs within five days of receiving notification of the failure or breakdown.

Many of the street lamp columns on our housing estates were installed when the houses were built. The old sodium and mercury type bulbs are now obsolete and difficult to source. Suppliers have an eight to ten week lead-in time to provide new LED lanterns.

Sometimes there are delays because we are not given accurate details of lighting faults or street light locations; also not all lights that are reported belong to the City Council.

### **5 Why do some street lights not work for a long time?**

Many of our street lights on housing estates were installed over fifty years ago and are now due for replacement because the plastic housing is cracked and the rubber seals are no longer water-tight.

Sometimes there are electricity supply issues and the electricity network operator has to be involved. This can lead to long delays.

We have funds available this year to replace all our street lamp columns with new LED lights. The first phase of 100 lights is in progress and we are procuring a contractor to replace a further 500 later this year. All new columns will be clearly numbered so they can be more easily identified in future.

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## Neighbourhood Profile

### Cambridge City South – September 2020



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

#### ***Produced by:***

##### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary:**

- Inspector Edward McNeill
- 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 data received from the following sources:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area;
- The City Council's Community Safety Team;
- The general public, via online and telephone crime and intelligence reporting; and
- Consultation with elected Ward and County members.

## **2. Current Areas of Concern**

At the South Area Committee meeting of 9 March 2020, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Address youth anti-social behaviour on the Anstey Way Estate;
- Address youth anti-social behaviour in Trumpington Meadows; and
- Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

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

### **Address youth anti-social behaviour on the Anstey Way Estate**

**Objective:** Disrupt antisocial behaviour (ASB) in the locality; increase public feeling of safety in the community; increase public awareness in reporting methods; and divert youths associating with others committing, or at risk of committing ASB.

**Action Taken:** Work in this area has continued in a reduced capacity owing to the increase in Government guidance and restrictions related to the Coronavirus pandemic. Full nationwide lockdown was implemented on 23 March, two weeks after the last committee meeting. It is only within the last month that there has been a recognisable return to normality with many businesses reopening, and larger gatherings being allowed. There

was a reduction in antisocial behaviour (ASB)-related calls for service in this area, as well as in the wider City, in line with the implementation of restrictions. Patrols of the Anstey Way estate and surrounds have continued since the last area committee meeting, and the details of those identified as involved in the previous ASB have been monitored for appearances in reported incidents and crimes.

**Current Situation:** We remain in close contact with partners in the Council's Community Safety Team, City Homes and Housing Associations, continuing to share information and providing evidence to support tenancy enforcement action where necessary. Patrols of the area by local officers continue. The former and current Government restrictions on gatherings and behaviour have been, and are being, utilised where needed to disperse groups gathering and related ASB, in compliance with the national direction to utilise enforcement as a last resort. We are closely monitoring reports of ASB in the area, now that lockdown is lifting, and will react to any increase in 999/101 calls by seeking to identify those responsible and take appropriate criminal action, or support appropriate civil action taken by our partners. Within the last week, there has been a single report brought to our attention, of a group gathering and behaving in an antisocial manner on the new development close to Anstey Way, and patrols will be carried out on late shifts to identify and disperse, if appropriate. Apart from this report, there have only been two calls for service to this part of the estate, so there is no current pattern or hotspot identified.

**Lead Officer:** PC 207 Catling

### **Address youth anti-social behaviour in Trumpington Meadows**

**Objective:** Disrupt ASB in the locality; increase public feeling of safety in the community; and monitor reported issues on the wildlife trust land of the Meadows.

**Action Taken:** The above work and synopsis of Anstey Way ASB is true for the Meadows too with less of a defined line between ASB issues experienced by both than there were about six months ago. The previous entries of this report are just as relevant here. In addition, however, following the previous work and target hardening done with the Wildlife Trust, ranger Becky Green has kept us updated of any incidents or movements of concern that have happened on their land and, with appropriate triage and involving relevant partners such as the Environment Agency, far fewer reports have been received in the last six months.

Where groups have been gathering on the nature reserves, in breach of Coronavirus regulations, and we have been able to attend, these groups have been given appropriate advice and have been dispersed. Regular patrols of the area were carried out by Neighbourhood and Response officers throughout lockdown.

**Current Situation:** Patrols of the area by local officers continue. Scanning of reported incidents since the date of the last committee meeting reveals low numbers and no single identifiable hotspot area.

**Lead Officer:** PC 207 Catling

## **Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.**

Objective: To identify and safeguard those children and young people most at risk of becoming victims of serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

Action Taken: Serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation remain priorities for the Constabulary. We remain focused 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. This is being undertaken presently in partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children Board and the County Council. Engagement and diversion with those youths most at risk has continued virtually throughout lockdown. Those at lower risks are engaged with and diverted to support and other provisions by police and schools.

Current Situation: To complement this ongoing work, we are reviewing how we communicate and work in partnership with housing associations and the City Council. There can be an escalation of risk to individuals and communities at the point a young person leaves and enters independent accommodation for the first time, be that to their own accommodation or shared accommodation with other young people. The nature of this work is sensitive but is critically important to reduce the possibility of vulnerable young people becoming entrenched in criminal lifestyles, and to improve their prospects of employment and successfully transitioning into independent adulthood.

Lead Officer: DS 2393 Kiri Mazur

### **3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues***

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

Since the last committee meeting, there have been reports of criminality and antisocial behaviour among the street-based community on Hills Road and around the Railway Station, including aggressive begging. Unfortunately, these reports have been passed informally and are not reflected in the searchable records of calls made to 101 or via online reporting. One particular individual is currently awaiting trial for public order and assault offences, and we are applying for a Criminal Behaviour Order which, if granted post-conviction, is anticipated to significantly reduce the community impact of their behaviour and ensure that more appropriate sanctions can be applied in future. It is important that issues of this nature are reported through the correct channels. Many street-based individuals are well known to the Neighbourhood Teams across the City and better information reporting will make us more able to swiftly identify and disrupt those causing the most concern for the community.

Calls regarding individuals accessing communal garage spaces in the Lime Avenue Estate and using the areas for smoking cannabis and associated antisocial behaviour have been noted, however efforts to get a reply from the relevant housing agencies in charge of the

buildings, to make them less easily accessible, have not been successful. As a result, these have formed part of the standard patrol plans with further lines of enquiry being followed up where they have been present.

Your local officers are also increasing patrols around Cherry Hinton Hall in response to a recent increase in calls regarding issues in the Park. Work previously done in this area saw a great reduction in issues attributed to a specific group of young people, who were all diverted away from such behaviour through work with the City Council's Community Safety Team.

Three simultaneous Misuse of Drugs Act warrants were carried out at addresses in the South and East of the City in June 2020. Drugs, cash and items of criminal property were seized, and all individuals concerned remain under investigation while enquiries continue. Another Misuse of Drugs Act warrant was carried out at a property in Kingfisher Way in March 2020. This investigation is nearing its conclusion and advice is sought from the Crown Prosecution Service on whether charges can be brought. Tenancy enforcement action is also being taken. These are just two examples of proactive work to target the distribution of controlled drugs in the South of the City. None of this would be possible without the multiple pieces of information received from people reporting their concerns about activity in the Southern wards. Thank you for sharing information with us and please continue doing so; remember, you can report information anonymously via the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website.

### **Cambridge City Council**

Throughout the lockdown period, the Community Safety Team (CST) has continued to operate a frontline service. We have continued to provide a responsive service, using virtual options where appropriate and would encourage residents to contact us with their concerns.

Due to several reports received regarding an individual around Walpole Road, the Community Safety Team organised a professionals' meeting with all involved in that area to discuss a unified approach to resolve issues. Since then, there have been no further complaints.

The Community Safety Team has been facilitating the Cambridge City cohort of Transforming Lives, which is a multi-agency County-wide led programme, working with young people. The Cambridge City cohort has six Netherhall School pupils who are engaging well with the programme. As well as facilitating the cohort, the Community Safety Team is also running the session across the County as part of the programme, looking at County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation.

We are currently investigating reports of rowdy nuisance, drug-related activity and criminal damage to Hodson's Folly and are liaising with the police, our Streets and Open Spaces team and stakeholders, including residents and the volunteers who look after the Folly to look at how we prevent this continuing.

We have received several reports about reckless and anti-social driving in the Trumpington area involving young people on mopeds. The Community Safety Team is currently liaising with the police to look at how we can prevent this continuing.

Two Notices of Seeking Possession (NoSP) have been served on two households in the South for antisocial behaviour (ASB), and we have court action pending for a further two injunctions.

We conducted an Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) at The Paddocks following a resident request. A letter and Neighbourhood Watch advice has been sent to all the residents.

The use of the green (Mill Park) during this time has generated some complaints. We are working with partners and keeping an eye on the situation to ensure that it does not escalate. We are very mindful that the Coronavirus pandemic has meant that open spaces have been a recreational need for many parents with children out of school and, working with partners, we will aim to strike the right balance for any action undertaken. We hope to do some noise monitoring to see how noisy it is during the latter part of the summer/early autumn, and will be doing some work with residents to devise a shared consensus of what is acceptable (e.g. what is anti-social noise and what is 'too late' for the children to be out).

We have received reports of street life-related issues and continue to work with support partners and the police. One individual has been given a warning letter and has been asked to leave and not attend the area.

#### **4. *Additional Information***

At neighbourhood level, the [POLICE.UK](https://www.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'; and 'view detailed statistics'. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area.

#### **5. *Recommendations***

None are advised. We seek views from this committee on those local areas of concern that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next reporting committee meeting.

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## Cambridge South Infrastructure Enhancements Scheme

On 22 June 2020 Network Rail announced the preferred location of the proposed new railway station for Cambridge South. The chosen location corresponds with Option 1 presented to the public earlier this year and follows a review of engineering and design information together with the results of public consultation.

The new station is proposed to be located adjacent to Addenbrooke's Bridge which carries the spur of the Guided Busway across the railway, and will provide a new transport choice for patients, visitors and employees when travelling to and from the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC).

The Scheme has evolved and improvements to the nearby infrastructure to maintain service reliability have been identified. The infrastructure at Shepreth Branch Junction (where the King's Cross and Liverpool Street lines meet) and the southern section of tracks into Cambridge Station will be modified as part of the Scheme. Network Rail will need to acquire some land for the station and for the extra section of track at Shepreth Branch Junction.

The station will also provide direct access to a range of potential routes on the rail network for people in South Cambridgeshire, and better connections across the southern fringe of the city. It is anticipated that the new station would be served initially by train services already running on the route.

### Accessing the station

Many people who responded to the consultation earlier this year did not want vehicles accessing the station from the Hobson's Park side. Road access is proposed to be via Francis Crick Avenue with vehicles using the Campus road network.

Similar to drivers dropping off patients at hospitals, it is anticipated that vehicles coming into the Campus to drop off passengers for the station would not be fined by the route enforcement system which is in place to prevent Francis Crick Avenue being used as a through route. Parking would be restricted to Blue Badge holders, station staff and maintenance vehicles. There will be pick-up and drop-off facilities for passengers and taxis.

The station and its facilities are expected to be operated by a train operating company who would also manage the parking facility.

New paths are proposed for pedestrians and cyclists from both sides of the railway, and the intersection with the Guided Busway and Francis Crick Avenue by the Green and the Gardens will need to be upgraded. Details of this are being worked through with the CBC estate management team and the County Council.

We're engaging with the Greater Cambridge Partnership to link routes from the Sawston Greenway project and the Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) scheme into the station forecourt on the east side. CSET proposes new stops close to the station on Francis Crick Avenue. We're also talking to bus operators about their future plans to bring buses to the station.

### Tracks and platforms

The existing tracks of the West Anglia Main Line will be re-laid to allow an island platform to be installed. A loop on each side of the re-laid tracks will be installed with a single platform on the outer side. Two platforms will serve northbound services (Down lines) and two will serve southbound services (Up lines).

### Cycle parking

We are proposing 1,000 cycle spaces, split 50/50 across both sides of the railway. The configuration of the cycle parking is subject to further design stages however, we have provided space for a variety of Sheffield stands, two-tier racks and parking for larger sized and inclusive cycles.

### Station facilities

At this present time, space for various facilities is being planned, which will determine the footprint of each of the station buildings on both sides of the railway. We are proposing to provide two lifts and stairs on each platform and a Changing Places toilet in addition to the usual station facilities such as ticket machines, shelters, seating, lighting, public address systems and information screens.

### Next steps

With the preferred location of the station selected, we will hold a second round of consultation this Autumn to seek views on our current designs,



the access arrangements and the measures we need to implement to construct the project safely. We aim to submit a consent application to the Secretary of State for Transport later next year and, assuming approval and funding is secured, the station could be operational in 2025.

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