



## Cambridge City Council South Area Committee

**Date:** Monday, 5 September 2022

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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### Agenda

- 1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
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- 4 Matters and Actions Arising from the Notes (Pages 9 - 12)
- 5 Open Forum
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Keryn Jalli, Community Safety Manager
- 7 Update on Cambridge Biomedical Campus  
CBC Ltd (Addenbrookes) invited to attend South Area Committee to give update about the campus

**City Councillors:** Hauk (Chair), Page-Croft (Vice-Chair), Ashton, S. Davies, Dryden, Flaubert, Lee, Levien and McPherson

**County Councillors:** Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

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**SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE**

21 June 2021  
7.00 - 7.25 pm

**Present**

**Area Committee Members:** Councillors Page-Croft (Chair), Hauk (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Cox, S. Davies, Dryden, Flaubert, Lee, McPherson, Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

**Officers:**

Head of Property Services: Dave Prinsep

Senior Operations Manager: Don Blair

Committee Manager: James Goddard

Meeting Producer: Liam Martin

<b>FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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**21/9/SAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

**21/10/SAC Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**21/11/SAC Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 8 March were approved as a correct record.

**21/12/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes**

The committee action sheet was noted. Councillors would send any updates to the Committee Manager outside of the meeting.

Update to 21/6/SAC - Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods: Councillor Thornburrow would liaise with Ninewells residents and the developer (Hills) about bicycle stores.

- Councillor Thornburrow followed up with the resident raising the issue at the South Area Committee, contacted Hills and subsequently had a meeting with a Director from the development company. The outcome was that Hills followed on the specific points raised by the residents and had improved the bicycle stores accordingly. Hills reported back when they had completed the work. Councillor Thornburrow hoped all the problems are resolved now, although all bike owners must be vigilant when locking bikes up.

## 21/13/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 about Clay Farm Skatepark in Trumpington:
  - i. When is the surrounding groundwork to be completed, allowing the skatepark to open?
  - ii. If this work will not be completed for a while (at least a month), can we at least take the fence down which is not keeping skaters out anyway?
  - iii. How can we move forward with getting lights provided at the skatepark?
  - iv. I would like to note that we have the support from PC Beatrice Ley, who said about Jesus Green skatepark: "With increasing lighting in the area and renovations to the park, pro-social use of the facilities is likely to increase which will diminish crime."

The Streets and Open Spaces Development Manager's written answer said:

- i. The skate park is currently on land that has not yet transferred to the City Council. The land is managed by Countryside as part of their development footprint.
- ii. The skate park is currently separated from the surrounding play area which is still to be constructed. The area is currently being used by the developer for parking, mess/office accommodation and access, linked to the wider build out of neighbouring phases of the residential areas. The wider residential construction is partly dictating the start of

the play area construction work. Countryside have indicated that the play facilities will start later this year, most likely autumn although they nominated late summer as their preferred time. They have to remove existing temporary facilities including a temporary car park so realistically autumn time.

- iii. The actual skate area has been fenced and 95% complete for a few months now. Countryside have still to carry out some ground reinstatement and installation of revised ancillary items around the main half pipe. The ancillary items installation is intended to be completed during June/ July. There has been ongoing difficulties with unauthorised access as Countryside were trying to secure the skate area until the outstanding construction work was complete.  
Countryside need to secure the skate area from the wider construction site, they have agreed to provide a temporary access into the skate area from the guided bus route cycle path. The fencing is to remain on site until such time as the neighbouring construction work and site traffic are less of a risk to the public.
- iv. The skate area is very popular and once the remaining facilities are constructed it would probably be the best time to look at possible enhancements. There was no specific requirement for Countryside to provide additional lighting in this area. There is existing lighting along the guided bus route adjacent to the skate area and there will be electrical light from the neighbouring retail/ residential area currently under construction. Lighting skate areas to encourage use later into the evenings can be a sensitive issue with local residents. However if it appears that there will be an active local skate community that wish to discuss enhancements/ additional lighting then following transfer to the City. Consultations with wider community would be necessary to assess impact on residents, wildlife and the local environment, particularly as the skate area lies within a Country Park setting. If in the shorter term an existing group of skaters wanted to approach Countryside and ask for additional lighting then they could do this and get a formal response from Countryside. Officers would stress there is no requirement for Countryside to provide additional lighting as part of the current consent which they have to construct the play area as a whole.

2. Question from Constituent/Councillor Flaubert regarding demolition of 1-2 Fitzwilliam Road 19-1141-FUL:
- i. On the exterior of the building is a glass painting, a piece of naive art known locally as 'The Moon, Sun, and Stars'. Permission to demolish the building has been given without any mention of saving the art.
  - ii. There is considerable local social history attached to this site. In the 1870s, the "Cottage Home for Orphan Girls" was founded there by St John's College. After the war, the home was run by Dr. Barnardo's. The county council took over the site in the early 70s, when it became a hostel for boys. The current building dates from the early 90s.
  - iii. Why was the artwork not considered in the planning application? Can the artwork now be saved, and either reincorporated into the building, or a new home found, e.g. at the Signal Box community centre or the Museum of Cambridge?

The Principal Planner's written answer said: The Conservation Team were not aware of the significance of the window/art during the course of the application and therefore did not recommend a condition to save the window. The Local Planning Authority therefore has no power to retain it. The Principal Planner has discussed salvaging the window with the agent for the site. He would discuss it with the applicant and let the Principal Planner know in due course. Hopefully it could be salvaged. The next step would be for Councillor Ingrid Flaubert to have a plan for the window.

3. Councillor Hauk said there was no electricity supply for food vans (parking) in the Clay Farm area. Possibly also for a Christmas tree later in the year. Could this be provided as standard in other places?

**Action Point: Councillor Page-Croft to follow up.**

### **21/14/SAC Environmental Report - SAC**

The Committee received a report from the Senior Operations Manager.

The report outlined an overview of the council's Streets and Open Spaces, Environmental Health and Shared Waste service activity in the Area Committee area over the past six months.

In response to Members' questions the Senior Operations Manager said the following:

- i. Was unaware of a trend suggesting increased fly tipping and needle drops in Trumpington compared to other periods reported (in earlier committees).

**Action Point: Would liaise with Councillor Hauk about this query.**

- ii. Volunteer work should have started in all southern wards, not just some.

**Action Point: Would liaise with Councillor S. Davies about this query.**

- iii. Noted Councillors' appreciation that officers were looking into car repair issues in Cherry Hinton (actions by a company were impacting on residents).

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm

**CHAIR**

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## Committee Action Sheet - South Area Committee (SAC)

Date: 13/01/22

Updated on: 24/08/22

Agenda item: Open Forum // Minute reference: 22/11/SAC

- Action: Councillor Hauk (as Chair), in consultation with Councillors Davies and Slatter, to invite CBC Ltd (Addenbrooke's) to attend future South Area Committees to liaise on how the campus interacts with residents' lives.
  - Progress:
    - Contact established.
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Agenda item: Open Forum // Minute reference: 22/11/SAC

- Action: Councillor Beckett to respond to question from member of public: Can Councillor Alex Beckett as Chair of Highways Committee raise Neighbourhood Street Designation - see Designing out the Dangers Issues and Solutions Doc produced by Red Cross Areas Residents Association.
  - Progress:
    - TBC.
- .....

Agenda item: Open Forum // Minute reference: 22/11/SAC

- Action: Councillor Hauk and Trumpington Ward Councillors to respond to question from member of public about Abode development.
    - Councillors Hauk and Davies to develop a list of issues regarding planning condition enforcement regarding replacement of trees and shrubs, then pass these onto Open Spaces Team so responses from Planning, Planning Enforcement and Open Spaces can be fed back to South Area Committee.
    - Planning, Planning Enforcement and Open Spaces Officers to be invited to future committees.
  - Progress:
    - Propose as agenda item for November SAC.
- .....

Agenda item: Open Forum // Minute reference: 22/11/SAC

- Action: Councillor Slatter to liaise with City Trumpington Ward Councillors and ask Planning Officers for a public consultation to name new bridges and ponds in Trumpington.
- Progress:
  - TBC.

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Agenda item: Environmental Report // Minute reference: 22/13/SAC

- Action: Wendy Johnston to contact Rebecca Weymouth Wood to comment on placement of clothing recycling bins on highway.
- Progress:
  - Response from Shared Waste – provided by Dee Wood, Waste Policy Officer:
  - “Rogue banks can and do appear regardless of their licensing or charitable status. When we are made aware of them we phone to request removal if there is a number on the bank, but more increasingly there isn’t. If there is no number we place a notice on the bank and this usually results in fairly quick removal as the banks are quite expensive. Obviously if the banks are not placed on our land or beside our existing banks we have few powers to control their removal so that is down to the land owner, although we try to support people where we can.
  - We only work with SOEX, Salvation Army and British Heart Foundation to collect textiles and shoes, so any other banks have not been authorised/requested by us. As regards any fly-tipping usually the rogue bank organisation remove excess bags of clothing as they want those, but other items should be reported online as fly-tipping as usual.”

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Agenda item: Environmental Report // Minute reference: 22/13/SAC

- Action: Wendy Johnston to contact Operations Team about grass cutting on Trumpington playing fields.
- Progress:
  - Comments from Don Blair, Senior Operations Manager. Playing fields dedicated for sport should be cut regularly. Areas of long grass on periphery will be cut 2 times this season. There is a link on the website that outlines long grass management <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/long-grass-areas-on-parks>. The Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan are

under review. Following the results of this the map and webpages will be updated to clearly explain the vision and cutting regimes.

There were other general comments which Don has made comments on as well:

1. Cllr Hauk - There is encroaching vegetation on foot and cycle paths causing access issues, especially areas such as Trumpington road. Is there something that can be done within CCC powers? The issue is quite predictable every year and all it takes is for hedges to be cut back a bit. Suggestion made by Cllr Slatter that the relationship between County and City is already in place, and it's well accepted that there needs to be prevention rather than cure, cutting things back in winter to prevent encroachment in warmer months Cllr Slatter said that Andy Barham has said that is what was going to happen, but it hasn't so far.

**We have met with Cambridge County Highways Department and have agreed to carry out the maintenance works along Trumpington Road in September, we have also agreed to carry out programmed cutting of overhanging vegetation on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council, we have been given a number of locations that we cut back as programmed works, the list of locations is steadily increasing, we are in discussion to try and establish an SLA for this type of work.**

2. Cllr Ashton - The bins on Cherry Hinton Rec entrance are small, and there is a set of large ones at the bus stop just outside. Can these be switched over so capacity is where it is needed? I believe Cllr Ashton is referring to switching the robin for the litter/recycling bins as per below:

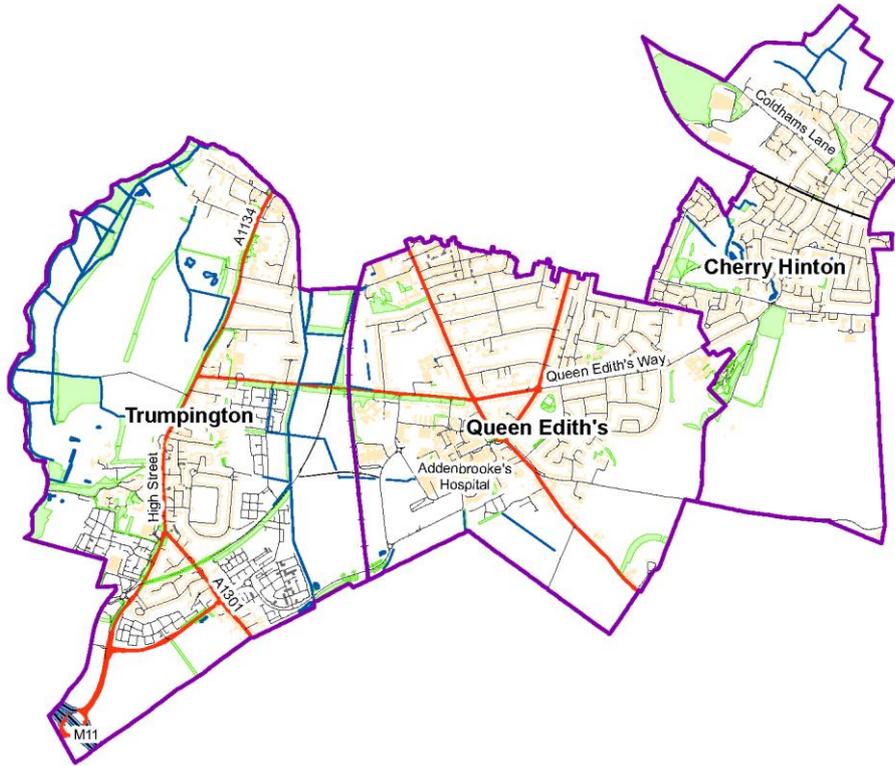
**We have asked the Area Team Leader to look at Councillor Ashton's request to swap the litter bins at the entrance to Cherry Hinton Rec, apologies for the delay in completing this action, I have not passed on the task to Richard Woolman, this is the reason the request has not been actioned.**

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## Neighbourhood Profile

### Cambridge City South – September 2022

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



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

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary:**

- Sergeant Amanda Rossiter
- Inspector Edward McNeill

#### **Community Safety Team, Cambridge City Council:**

- Keryn Jalli, Community Safety Manager
- Michael Taiwo, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer



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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 7 March 2022, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Continue work to tackle vehicle-related antisocial behaviour and driving across the South of the City;
- Continue work (patrols and diverting young people away from crime and antisocial behaviour) across the South of the City, with specific focus on Trumpington Ward;
- Drug dealing, moped riding and anti-social behaviour around Cherry Hinton Rec and Cherry Hinton Hall; and
- Bike theft in Nine Wells and Trumpington Ward.

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

### **Continue work to tackle vehicle-related antisocial behaviour and driving across the South of the City**

Objective: To reduce instances of antisocial driving across the South of the City

Action Taken: One of our student officers has taken this on as a project and will be looking to attend various locations across the South of the City, with some special constable colleagues, to carry out speed checks. They will also assess the various

locations to see if any suggestions can be put forward to the Council for improved signage etc. Our training team will have this as an ongoing area of concern and as and when student officers require some specific project work, this will be picked up with the aim of targeting different areas each time.

A bid was put in for traffic officers to attend certain troublesome locations – specifically heading towards the Leisure Park on a Saturday afternoon, however it was rejected due to the limited staffing capabilities of that department.

Current Situation: Officers have powers to utilise and deal with this behaviour whilst on patrol, and if they see offences, they will look to take action.

We would also like to remind you of one of our Watch schemes, [Community Speed Watch](#), where communities themselves can become involved in making the roads safer in Cambridge.

Lead Officer: Amanda Large, Watch Coordination Officer - [speedwatch@cambs.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@cambs.police.uk)

### **Continue work (patrols and diverting young people away from crime and antisocial behaviour) across the South of the City, with specific focus on Trumpington Ward**

Objective: To reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in the South of the City committed by young people.

Action Taken: Operations Guardian and Springboard relate to some targeted work around specific individuals who are deemed to cause the most harm in these areas. Police have been continuing to visit the families and the individuals involved, to offer support and signpost and/or refer to partner agencies, where required. Some proactive patrols have also been carried out with several key individuals being stopped/searched and criminal investigations are underway.

Further to this, police have sat in on a multi-agency [Peer Group and Places](#) meeting, focused again around key individuals and locations to ensure we are sharing the appropriate information and that a full package of services is in place.

Targeted patrols have been carried out in areas such as the Trumpington Pavilion area and we have seen a drop in calls to this location.

Current Situation: The above work continues with further proactive patrols planned to include searches of areas for knives and weapons hidden in bushes.

Lead Officer: Sgt. Amanda ROSSITER has overall lead, due to the various streams of work this involves with individual officers taking the lead on individuals.

### **Drug dealing, moped riding and anti-social behaviour around Cherry Hinton Rec and Cherry Hinton Hall**

Objective: To reduce instances of moped riding and anti-social behaviour at the above location.

Action Taken: This location has seen an increase in patrols, mainly due to the reports of a male exposing himself. These patrols were conducted, both in high visibility and plain clothes, but none of the offending behaviour described above was observed. There have also been relatively low calls for service on this issue.

Current Situation: Officers will continue to respond to reports of the above behaviour depending on the risk assessment made. Officers cannot chase motorbikes in cars and so some of the enquiries around the offenders will involve office-based enquiries where registration plates are seen.

If the bikes are using the footpaths there are barriers that can be put up to deter this or gates which may be another option should the problem escalate.

Lead Officer: None required at this stage.

### **Bike theft in Nine Wells and Trumpington Ward**

Objective: To reduce bike theft in the above area.

Action Taken: The police play an important role in the Cycle Crime Task Group. The group works on three key areas: enforcement, education and infrastructure. The police take primacy over the enforcement thematic. Our tactics are to target those that are prolific offenders, ensuring we gather evidence to prosecute offenders and where possible obtain Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs). The City Neighbourhood Policing Team are all involved in this work, and they have secured seven CBOs against prolific offenders. Cycle crime will continue to be a team priority, focusing on those that cause the greatest harm.

Further to this we are working with a tracker company, who offer to install trackers into bikes, on how we can better use technology to locate and recover stolen cycles.

Current Situation: We continue to utilise CBOs to put restrictions on prolific offenders to reduce their offending. This work is part of a whole City approach as the criminals do not adhere to ward boundaries and so we need to work together across the City.

Promotion of bike register also features heavily in our work as the more identifiable the bikes become, the harder it is for the criminals to move the stolen items on, thus making the crime less profitable.

Lead Officer: PC Jess FREEMAN

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

### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

Officers continue to review daily the various sources of information passed to us to identify any emerging trends, areas for concern or chances to build relationships with the wider community.

At this time of year, we know our green spaces become more densely populated and as the schools break up for the summer, youth related anti-social behaviour may increase.

We are keeping a close eye on any areas of concern to try and take early action with our partners to reduce the impact this may have on others.

With some extra funding we have been able to provide some extra patrols and searches of these areas, with a focus on knife crime and street-based violence as well as violence towards women and girls. The areas targeted are based on the level of calls and types of reports we are receiving, to ensure the areas experiencing the highest harm are prioritised. This is by looking at frequency of calls and the most serious offences.

## **Cambridge City Council**

The Community Safety Team (CST) continues to take proactive action where there are reports of antisocial behaviour (ASB) or nuisance behaviour, and works in close partnership with other agencies, such as housing providers, police neighbourhood teams and other partner agencies when tackling complex cases. We will consider preventative, supporting and enforcement action as appropriate, depending on the nature and risk level of the case.

In the Cherry Hinton ward, the CST has been working with the police and other support services to take proactive action against an individual who has been causing significant nuisance in the area. A Notice of Seeking Possession (NoSP) was served, and the case has been referred to our legal team for advice ahead of further enforcement action being taken. Again, in the Cherry Hinton ward, following concerns of youth-related ASB in the area, we carried out weekly surgeries during July in the Cherry Hinton Library in order to be available to the local community to discuss any concerns they may have.

In the Trumpington area, following reports of ASB linked to begging and drug-related activity on Trumpington High Street, temporary CCTV cameras were installed, letter drops were carried out and any complainants have been advised how to report concerns and keep diary sheets. Whilst there is insufficient evidence at this stage to pursue any enforcement action against individuals involved, we continue to work with the Police and partner agencies to monitor the situation and ensure support is available where necessary.

The CST recently organised the first “Peer Group and Places” (PGPM) meeting, which is a monthly multi-agency meeting, including the Community Safety Team, Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Schools, Social Care, Early Help, Youth Offending Teams, Romsey Mill and Housing Associations. The PGPM looks at cases where young people have come to our attention for ASB or crime in a Contextual Safeguarding approach. Contextual Safeguarding identifies that no young person can be seen in isolation from the environment around them. Children and young people attending schools and colleges are part of a much wider network of peers, neighbourhoods, and other influences. It is important that when we consider some of the issues affecting children and young people that we understand these influences. The County Council has created a Sway presentation to explain [Contextual Safeguarding](#).

Cambs Against County Lines weblink - Visit [Cambs Against County Lines](#) for more information, including links to resources.

Save Our Cycles – Linked to the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership, the multi-agency Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task Group is chaired by Cambridge City

Council. The Task Group, which includes Camcycle, businesses, the two universities and the police, launched a [Save Our Cycles](#) campaign for the public to encourage locking and registering cycles.

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

At the 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 'statistics'. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area. To access the local area's relevant data, type "Cambridge" into the search engine on the homepage and then select the relevant area (Cambridge City Centre policing team, Cambridge – North policing team, or Cambridge – South policing team).

#### **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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