



Cambridge City Council South Area Committee

Date: Monday, 4 September 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

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Agenda

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- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 3 - 10)
- 4 Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes (Pages 11 - 18)
- 5 Open Forum
- 6 Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods SAC (Pages 19 - 28)

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

County Councillors: Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

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SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

12 June 2023
7.00 - 8.30 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Hauk (Chair), Ashton, S. Davies, Dryden, Flaubert, Levien, Young, Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

Officers:

Assistant Director, Assets and Property: Dave Prinsep

Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager: Wendy Johnston

Committee Manager: James Goddard

Meeting Producer: Boris Herzog

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

23/8/SAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Lee and McPherson.

23/9/SAC Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

23/10/SAC Notes of Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 6 March 2023 were noted.

23/11/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Hauk contacted the Police to advise them a representative was not present at 6 March meeting. The Area Officer had changed and the new contact Sergeant Sutcliffe would attend meetings in future.

Councillor Slatter said the Police were concerned about cycle theft and security in the Trumpington area. This could be an issue to raise at 4 September South Area Committee.

Action Point: Councillor Hauk to invite Police to attend next South Area Committee to follow up issues raised by public speaker about cycle crime and hate crime (Racial Harassment Team representative to be invited).

23/12/SAC Open Forum

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

1. The RARA Secretary raised the following issues:

- i. Suspicious, anti-social and criminal activities were embedded on Greenlands for decades.
- ii. This was a quiet small backwater that often got overlooked hence its attractions to those involved in criminal activity.
- iii. Queried where foot fall of pedestrians, bike, mopeds/motorbikes and parked vehicles had gone since temporary CCTV was installed?
- iv. Illegal use of scooters. Greenlands was a no Voi Ride Zone. 80% of illegal e scooters were often speeding and did not stop at junctions or for pedestrians when on Greenlands pavement/private land coming from the Cambridge University Hospital (CUH) site.
- v. Could the community keep the CCTV currently in place?
- vi. Could a gate be put back Red Cross Lane to Addenbrookes and 2 gates put back on private land of Greenlands to Ninewells, bringing back cul-de-sacs to original design that was in place until 2015 when anti-social, suspicious and illegal activities significantly increased.

Councillor Davies said some temporary CCTV had been installed and had reduced anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the area.

A member of the public suggested CCTV was provided by CUH.

Councillor Dryden said that residents and local businesses had paid to install CCTV in Cherry Hinton. This had cost £17,000 at the time, so Trumpington Ward residents may wish to do the same.

Post Meeting Note: The ASB team became aware of the issues in the Greenlands and Red Cross Lane areas in March following an invitation to attend a meeting organised by the Residents Association. The meeting was called to address the concerns in relation to anti-social parking or driving by those using the roads as a rat run to the Addenbrookes site and worries about an increase in criminal and suspicious activity including possible drug related activity. The

Residential Team in Environmental Health were also looking into the management of homes in multiple occupation in the area.

Officers agreed to submit and a temporary R-CCTV application following consultation with the Residents Association who were reporting the concerns and agreed, the lamppost on the junction of Greenlands estate and Red Cross Lane was agreed to be the most appropriate location for the CCTV.

Since the R-CCTV was installed, the Residents Association reported a significant improvement in the area. Officers were currently unaware of any specific hotspots that could be linked to the displacement of ASB due to the installation of the CCTV.

The Council was undertaking a CCTV review this year, the review would analyse crime against CCTV locations in the city to determine whether permanent cameras could be moved into different locations.

Action Point: Councillor Davies to follow up issues raised by Coordinator Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (RARA Secretary) regarding CCTV in Red Cross Lane/Greenlands:

- **Who installed it?**
- **Who monitored it?**
- **Was installation temporary or permanent? How to make permanent if only temporary?**

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

- i. Had seen the consultation regarding Hobson's Park becoming a dogs on-lead only park during the bird nesting season.
- ii. There were clear paths through the grass areas.
- iii. Imposing a 'dogs on leads' only policy was not the best option. Queried if other options were considered.
- iv. People had gone through the temporary fences to fish in the pond in Hobson Park. This was more of an issue for nesting birds than dogs off leads. Most people who walked in the park were responsible dog walkers, only a minority were not.

Post Meeting Note: There were two temporary fences in Hobson Park, acting as a deterrent to people, who would ignore the signs to stay out of the bird reserve (pond area). Two permanent wooden gates were installed in their place mid-April.

Councillor Hauk said the Review of Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control would be considered at 29 June Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee. Queried if this would address dog attack and fouling issues?

The Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager said papers for the Review of Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control would be published 19 June. All consultation responses had been considered. Would be happy to respond further in 29 June Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee if questions from South Area Committee were not addressed in Review of Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control.

3. A member of the public raised the following issues:
- i. Asked how were south area councillors holding the biomedical campus to account for the lack of enforcement of the ANPR cameras?
 - ii. Stated zero tickets were issued in the period September 2021 to August 2022. In the period September to November 2022 195 enforcement notices were issued to drivers indicating it was a route for Cambridge residents to misuse.
 - iii. Was disappointed to see that only 14 notices were issued the period December 2022 to February 2023.
 - iv. It seemed clear that Prologis and Kings Hill Management were not delivering for the campus and are failing to meet a vital condition of the planning permission under which they are operating.
 - v. Queried what would be done about the lack of ANPR enforcement along with the endemic anti-social driving and illegal driving along this stretch of road with zero enforcement or support from the authorities? Top speed recorded of 72mph in a 30mph zone.

Action Point: Councillor Slatter to follow up issues raised by public speaker about anti-social driving (noise, speeding and rat running) on Addenbrooke's Drive.

Action Point: Councillor Hauk to follow up issues raised by public speaker about anti-social driving on Addenbrooke's Drive. Specifically contacting David Plank (TRA) to get further details about CCTV footage that could be passed to the Police to take enforcement action.

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

- i. Could the Committee follow up previous discussions with The Junction (who presented at a previous meeting a few years ago) on neighbourhood outreach?
- ii. Each autumn The Junction hosted a showcase event for VIPs. Could they also host a similar event inviting local residents in the wards close to its venue? One piece of feedback from a pre-CV19 community forum in Coleridge, was that residents rarely received anything from The Junction - even though local residents are ideally placed to buy up any last-minute tickets and/or book the facilities the venue has for community activities. It would be good to see at least a leaflet drop for local residents this autumn mindful of the fairly high population turnover that Cambridge has.

Action Point: Answer pending from Community Development Manager (Place) / Senior Arts Development Officer) / Culture & Community Manager.

5. A member of the public raised the following issues:
 - i. The ongoing, but incomplete, works to fix the roofing at the apartments on Whittle Avenue (some 18months since they were damaged).
 - ii. The information on the Hobson's Park consultation and data.

Councillor Slatter said she had visited Whittle Avenue when the damage had occurred. She would follow up as scaffolding was still in place.

Action Point: Councillor Slatter to follow up issues raised by public speaker about apartments on Whittle Avenue.

The Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager re-iterated the Review of Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control was going to committee on 29 June following the consultation (as required by the legislation) where responses had been fully reviewed and amendments made if appropriate. Was unable to detail what these might be until the papers were released on 19 June. If members felt that the Order as proposed in the paper was not suitable and they would like further review and amendments made then that decision could be made at committee. It was not 'a given' that the PSPO will be signed off and approved as proposed in the Officer's report, but it would be scrutinised at the committee. Welcomed any comments/questions on the 29 June around the PSPO and its contents.

23/13/SAC Environmental Report - SAC

The Committee received a report from the Community Engagement and Enforcement 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.

The Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager noted a typographical error on agenda P26 / P14 of the Officer's report: Gresham Road, Bateman Street, Lammas Land were not in Trumpington (or the South Area) due to the recent boundary changes. Therefore figures in the report should be lower to omit these areas.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Welcomed community payback schemes. Queried who to liaise with to set these up.
- ii. An abandoned car in Cherry Hinton and how to report it.
- iii. Church End garages left vehicles parked in local streets causing anti-social parking and perception of abandoned vehicle issues.
- iv. Fly tipping across the South Area. There were hot spots in Trumpington. Suggested monitoring via CCTV.
- v. Needle drops in Glebe Road.
- vi. Lights were not working in parts of Glebe Road.
- vii. Queried how to better promote environmental work such as community clean-up days as residents were unaware of them.
- viii. Queried if postcard sized information cards be produced for residents to give to neighbours to prompt maintenance action eg if vegetation overhung pathways.
- ix. Overhanging branches onto public footpaths.
- x. Poor maintenance of grass in Cherry Hinton.

In response to Members' questions the Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager said the following:

- i. Requested councillors and residents contacted officers listed at the back of the Environmental Report about issues.
- ii. Had no redeployable CCTV cameras for flytipping at present.

Action Point: Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager to review if covert CCTV cameras could be purchased and used to take enforcement action against fly tipping etc, and review relevant legal

issues as there were additional legal steps to take to deploy covert cameras.

- iii. Clean up days were promoted to residents by fliers. These were targeted at certain roads, not whole wards, as there was limited capacity to take away rubbish. Officers could liaise with Ward Councillors in future to ensure they were aware of issues/arrangements.
- iv. All fly tipping events were logged by officers to build up intelligence about issues such as hot spots.
- v. The County Council were responsible for maintenance of overhanging vegetation over public footpaths and highways. They had postcard sized information fliers and an online reporting tool.
- vi. Welcomed intelligence from residents about fly tipping etc. Needed information as evidence as Officers were unable to take enforcement action based on hearsay.

Action Point: Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager to ask City Council Communications Team to consider issuing statement or similar around how to report overhanging vegetation / branches to the County Council.

- vii. A Community Protection Notice was good for taking enforcement action against individuals, whereas Public Space Protection Orders were better to protect (large) areas such as open spaces.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

CHAIR

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Committee Action Sheet - South Area Committee (SAC)

Date: 12/06/23

Updated on: 22/08/23

Agenda item: Matters Arising // Minute reference: 23/11/SAC

- Action: Councillor Hauk to invite Police to attend next South Area Committee to follow up issues raised by public speaker about cycle crime and hate crime (Racial Harassment Team representative to be invited).
 - Progress:
 - Police to attend September South Area Committee.
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Agenda item: Open Forum // Minute reference: 23/12/SAC

- Action: Councillor Davies to follow up issues raised by Coordinator Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (Secretary RARA) regarding CCTV in Red Cross Lane/Greenlands:
 - Who installed it?
 - Who monitors?
 - Is installation temporary or permanent? How to make permanent if only temporary?
 - Progress:
 - To report back at next meeting.
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Agenda item: Open Forum // Minute reference: 23/12/SAC

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 - Progress:
 - To report back at next meeting.
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- Progress:

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Agenda item: Environmental Report – SAC // Minute reference: 23/13/SAC

- Action: Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager to ask City Council Communications Team to consider issuing statement or similar around how to report overhanging vegetation / branches to the County Council.
- Progress:
 - This was sent to the Comms Team – an update has been requested.

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Agenda item: Environmental Report – SAC // Minute reference: 23/13/SAC

- Action: Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager to review if covert CCTV cameras could be purchased and installed used to take enforcement action against fly tipping etc, and review relevant legal issues as special there were additional legal steps to take to permission was required to deploy covert cameras.
- Progress:
 - The council has purchased six overt CCTV cameras to be used solely for flytipping and waste crimes. These were first implemented in June 2023. Camera locations for redeployment can be suggested to area enforcement officers or to the team inbox Envirocrime@cambridge.gov.uk. At the present time there are no plans to purchase covert CCTV cameras.

South Area Committee, 4 September 2023

Answer at the Chair's request to question asked by member of the public at the Committee's last meeting - by the Trumpington Residents' Association

There are two related but distinct parts to the question: (1) failure to stop misuse by drivers of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus's no through roads, and (2) driver behaviour including speeding on Addenbrooke's Road.

CAMBRIDGE BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS: NO THROUGH ROAD

The Cambridge Biomedical Campus's (CBC's) roads are not part of the public highway. They are private no through roads for the CBC's use only, which are being misused on a large scale because the CBC has failed and is failing to stop rat running by members of the public.

The relevant traffic regulation order¹ (TRO) bans through driving on the following roads: Robinson Way; Puddicombe Way; Unnamed Road – continuation of Puddicombe Way from its junction with Adrian Way to the main hospital access road at Hills Road; Dame Mary Archer Way; Francis Crick Avenue; and Adrian Way.

The only drivers allowed on these roads are "authorised users" of the services and activities located on the CBC, plus cyclists, emergency vehicles, public service vehicles, statutory undertakers such as water authorities, local authority services, universal service providers such as postal services, and directly related construction activities. No other driver is allowed to use the CBC's roads.

The CBC organizations responsible for enforcement are the Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the development company Prologis. They are required by a condition of their planning permissions for the "Phase 2" expansion of the CBC to provide and operate efficiently an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system and notify the police of vehicles which use the roads as no through roads, i.e., as a rat run. [08/0521/FUL pursuant to 06/0176/OUT] The reason for the condition is "to discourage through traffic." On notification by the CBC, the police are responsible for issuing tickets to drivers who do not respect the no through road status of the CBC's roads. Based on the Association's extensive experience of this vexed issue, we are satisfied that if the police are notified of infringements, they will issue tickets.

When the TRO was updated to take account of the new Southern Fringe developments in 2017, an assessment of rat running on the Campus's roads was carried out. It found that approximately 1,680 vehicles travelled *each day* between two of the three main entrances to the CBC – Hills Road and Addenbrooke's Road - in less than ten minutes. This was used as a proxy measure for rat runs, the algorithm used by the ANPR system not being made public to avoid gaming of the system by drivers. If allowance is made for the third main entrance to

¹ The Cambridge Area G Consolidation Order Section 31 Prohibition of Driving Order.

the CBC, Robinson Way, it is likely that 2,000 or more drivers misused the CBC's roads *each day*.

Since the updating of the TRO in 2017, the police have published data on tickets issued for three-month periods (which do not coincide with quarters). So far, data has been published for 23 *three-month* periods. In 13 of those 23 periods *ZERO* tickets were issued by the police. The highest ever number was 203 and the average per three-month period was 36. The mismatch is huge. Clearly, the infringement algorithm will make allowances which reduce the potential number of tickets issued. But not by this much!

Yet we are aware that internally within the CBC assurance is being given that the ANPR system is "fully functioning and operational", whereas the opposite appears to be the case. Even after the recent brouhaha surrounding the relaunch of the system with electronic notice boards giving notice to drivers that the system was now operational, only 195 tickets were issued in the September to November 2022 period – which then fell to 14 in the three months from December 2022 to February 2023.

Though constrained by their role and responsibilities, reading between the lines, the police are also not convinced. In response to a Freedom of Information request from the Association to Cambridgeshire County Council, we were told the police,

"... say that the activations (notifications) are very sporadic... (and feel there is an issue with the cameras on site and / or the team (an ANPR company in Yorkshire) that send them to the Police. They have highlighted the issue on numerous occasions but matters don't improve. Ultimately, the Police can only enforce the activations they get sent." (Cambridgeshire County Council email reply, 19 January 2023]

The effects on the CBC's neighbours of the failure to enforce the TRO are significant. It creates a sense of driver impunity and encourages driving rather than use of public transport or active travel. As a result, it significantly increases traffic levels on neighbouring roads, for example on Addenbrooke's Road. It is important to remember that Addenbrooke's Road's official name is "Addenbrooke's Access Road". As reported at the time, the road -

"... is a new access-only road constructed between Hauxton Road in Trumpington and Addenbrooke's Hospital. The road, completed on 27 October 2010, permits the expansion of the Addenbrooke's site and gives access to the new southern developments." [Road Traffic Technology²]

Those of us who live nearby, as I do, know that many of the drivers using Addenbrooke's Road are using it as a shortcut – despite the No Through Road signs shortly after the Shelford Road junction and repeated thereafter. You only need to stand by one of the

² <https://www.roadtraffic-technology.com/projects/addenbrookes/#:~:text=The%20road%20has%20been%20built,hospital%20site%20is%20not%20allowed.>

entrances to the CBC for a while to notice that the volume of vehicles cannot be explained by the activities which take place on the CBC including the hospitals.

Importantly, the rat running also creates risk within the CBC, most notably for patients being carried by ambulances when traffic on the Campus's confined roads gridlocks at peak periods – also delaying the guided bus service which serves the CBC and relies on the CBC's roads.

The CBC is growing and its roads are fully required to accommodate the travel needs of the Campus's users – patients and their visitors, hospitals staff, staff of the research institutes and commercial life sciences research & development companies, and their visitors. The latest figures we have seen state that the CBC currently employs c.22,500 people, increasing to c.34,000 people when current developments allocated or under construction are complete - in addition to its current 17,000 visitors per day, a number that will also rise. Rat running has no place in this.

The first written reference to this matter in the Association's records that I hold goes back to 2016 and I know it was raised before that. It is long past time it was sorted out. And this is what we have said to the CBC in no uncertain terms and will continue to say. The responsibility rests squarely with the Cambridge University Hospitals Trust and Prologis – as well as the CBC collectively – and they need to be held to account.

ADDENBROOKE'S ROAD: DRIVER BEHAVIOUR & SPEEDING:

Residents who live alongside or close to Addenbrooke's Road experience aberrant driver behaviour on a regular basis. For example, the "boy/middle age racer" conduct of some drivers where traffic turns right on to Addenbrooke's Road eastbound from Hauxton Road (A1309)/M11/A10), where two lanes narrow to one with dangerous battles of nerves accompanied by horns of rage. It is also experienced, with an even higher level of risk, on the "run up" to the lights in both directions at the junction of Addenbrooke's Road and Shelford Road where frustrated racers use the outside turn right lane to race those in the inside lane competing for the one lane on the opposite side of the junction. Plus, the truly outrageous speeding and noise of some drivers and motorcycle riders, often but not always when the traffic is lighter.

And this in a residential area – with houses on both sides of the road after crossing Shelford Road towards the CBC, and on one side from Hauxton Road to Shelford Road. There are many children and young people living in these new developments.

Speeding is also a problem on the residential roads off Addenbrooke's Road including the Clay Farm "spine road" of Hobson Road and Lime Avenue; as it is on Hauxton Road to and from the M11. Inappropriately, there are still 40mph limits on Addenbrooke's Road between Hauxton Road and Shelford Road, and on Hauxton Road from the M11 to shortly before Trumpington High Street - which need to be reduced to 30mph. Traffic noise is also a problem – as also, we believe, is traffic produced air pollution, though it is not rated as severe by the City Council. The slow change to electric vehicles may help, though the seriousness of tyre particulates' effects on health, though not fully understood yet, is likely

to be serious.³ The high incidence of HGVs is also an important factor given construction activity on the CBC, Cambridge South Station and beyond the CBC.

An enterprising resident and TRA member who lives alongside Addenbrooke's Road carried out a week-long survey of vehicle speeds on Addenbrooke's Road in March 2021 using a fixed industrial radar system. This –

“... showed that, of outgoing vehicles on Addenbrooke's Road at the Hobson's Brook bridge: less than a quarter (23.5%) were obeying the speed limit; almost two thirds (63.5%) were exceeding it at Police Band C (51 mph and above); 11.7% were exceeding it at Band B (41 to 50 mph) ... The highest speed recorded was 79mph.”

The speed limit on this part of Addenbrooke's Road was 40mph at that time and was subsequently reduced to 30 mph, without noticeable change in behaviour to date.

These issues had been raised with the police at various times. Eventually, a speed survey on Addenbrooke's Road between Glebe Farm Drive and Trumpington Place was carried out in the latter part of 2021 over a full week for 24 hours per day. This reported:

“Eastbound traffic count approx. 47400 vehicles, average speed 37mph
Westbound traffic count approx. 30980 vehicles, average speed 40 mph
These figures evidence that largely there is compliance with the posted (40mph) speed limit.” [Police email dated 30 January 2022]

As averages are misleading in this context, the Association asked the police “To further assess the survey data which is expressed in the form of average speeds, it will be helpful to see data on the range of speeds observed during the survey week, with the highest decile and quartile, for example. Can we see this data please?” [TRA letter of 31 January 2022] In response, we were told that “sharing all the data is not something we would normally do, as quite often people will draw their own conclusions based on parts of the picture.” [Police reply of 10 May 2022]

On the advice of the police, a Freedom of Information request was then made on 1st July 2022, making clear that the highest decile and quartile speeds only were being asked for - noting “We know from the experience of our members that there is a considerable variation in the speeds at which vehicles are driven and that speeds tend to be higher in the evening and at night. Therefore, average speeds may not tell the whole story.”

The reply we received stated –

³ For example:

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/news/243333/prioritise-tackling-toxic-emissions-from-tyres/#:~:text=Tyre%20wear%20particles,-We%20are%20growing&text=They%20are%20small%20enough%20to,metals%20like%20zinc%20and%20lead.>

“Following your request, searches were conducted at Cambridgeshire Constabulary for information relating to Addenbrooke’s Road. These searches failed to locate any records / documents relevant to your request. Accordingly, I have determined that Cambridgeshire Constabulary do not hold the information you have requested.”
[Letter, 29 July 2022]

This conclusion to our enquiries was unsatisfactory, if not extraordinary, as data of this kind should not be missing. Also, the data should have been provided at an earlier point, as standard survey packages can produce this kind of information readily including medians as well as deciles and quartiles which are essential to understanding survey data of this kind. Nevertheless, being a volunteer organization with other demands on time, we decided to pursue other priorities rather than making possibly fruitless further enquiries.

These problems remain undiminished, and some might say this is an accident waiting to happen.

David Plank

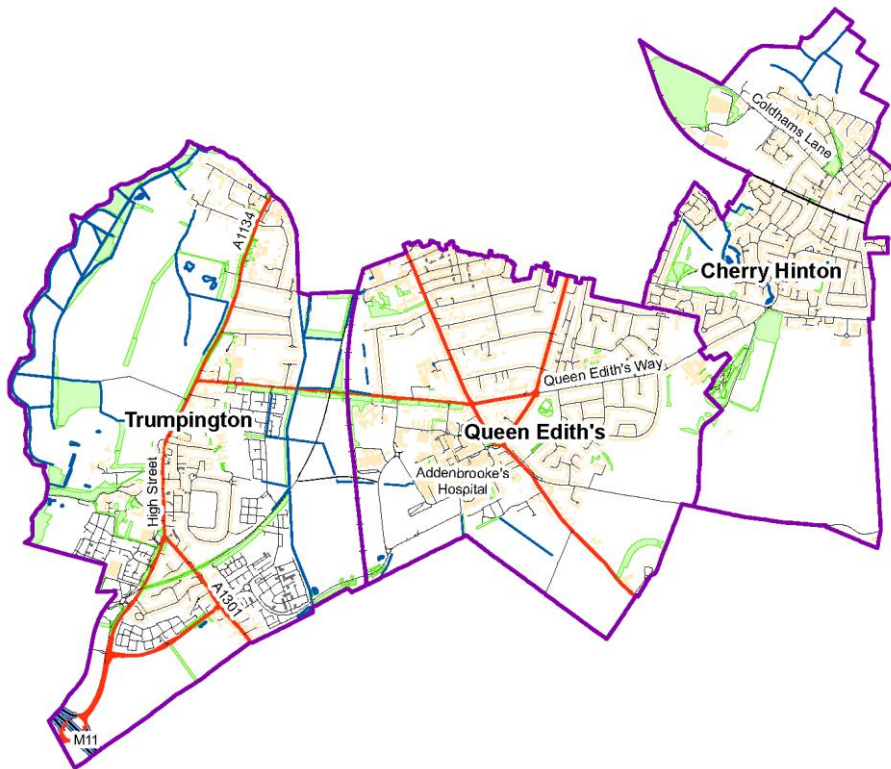
For Trumpington Residents’ Association
5th August 2023

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Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City South – March 2023

Wards: Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington



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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 5 September 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: Op Staple is now a City wide operation to deal with Anti-Social Driving, Speeding and Traffic offences.

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.

Police Officers and also the Special Constabulary carry out speed checks, Hi Visibility patrols and covert patrols are carried out along with the use of the ANPR cameras to target offenders.

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: PS 1886 Kevin Sutcliffe

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:

Police – 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. Proactive and targeted patrols have also been carried out with key individuals being stopped/searched and criminal investigations are underway. We want our offenders to know that we are actively seeking them and will utilise our powers to prevent and detect criminal and anti-social activity. Targeted patrols have been carried out in areas such as the Trumpington Pavilion, Hobson Avenue, Glebe Farm, Consort Avenue and Clay Farm areas and we have seen a drop in calls to this location. Further to this, police sit in on the City Council led multi-agency Peer Group and Places meetings. The Peer Group Meeting is a multi-agency meeting to discuss and explore issues within the local community where there are concerns about a particular group of young people, or a location where young people are known to congregate. The meeting allows for professionals to understand the risk levels young people are subject to and, as a result, appropriately safeguard them.

Current Situation:

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

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. These patrols were conducted, both in high visibility and plain clothes. There has been an increase in call across the city in relation to theft and anti-social riding of mopeds. There is an ongoing Operation around this dealing with all aspects from proactive intervention to enforcement and education. Further updates may be provided at the meeting.

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. The offenders are concealing their identity and so identification is protracted through forensic work.

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

Lead Officer:

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.

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.

Lead Officer:

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, our green spaces become more densely populated and, 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. Dedicated nighttime patrols are occurring 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 anti-social 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.

Since the last reporting period, the ASB team have been working with our partners to tackle nuisance and ASB in multiple locations within the ward as and when they are identified, and we are currently pursuing tenancy enforcement action via the court for 2 addresses.

CST have chaired several Multi-agency meetings in conjunction with partner agencies to address concerns reported in several locations within the ward, including Wulfstan Way and Queen Edith's areas.

The concerns are around young people displaying general ASB (including littering, graffiti, swearing and abusive language, noise etc), smoking marijuana, damage of property, threatening behaviour towards staff of local shops and local residents.

Following on from this ASB officers have conducted drop in street surgeries and door knocks to engage with local residents, businesses, and schools to discuss these concerns and advise on how to report issues. Redeployable CCTV cameras are being installed where applicable.

Training has also been delivered to community centre staff to raise awareness and provide skills to tackle youth related ASB issues effectively.

Lead Officers: Louise Willerton, Chloe Newell and Philip Henderson.

Hate crime and racial harassment –

HATE CRIME – what does this mean? Hate Crime is any criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim or another person to be motivated in any way by a hostility or prejudice based on the victim’s actual or perceived –

- Race/ethnicity
- Religion/belief
- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Transgender identity

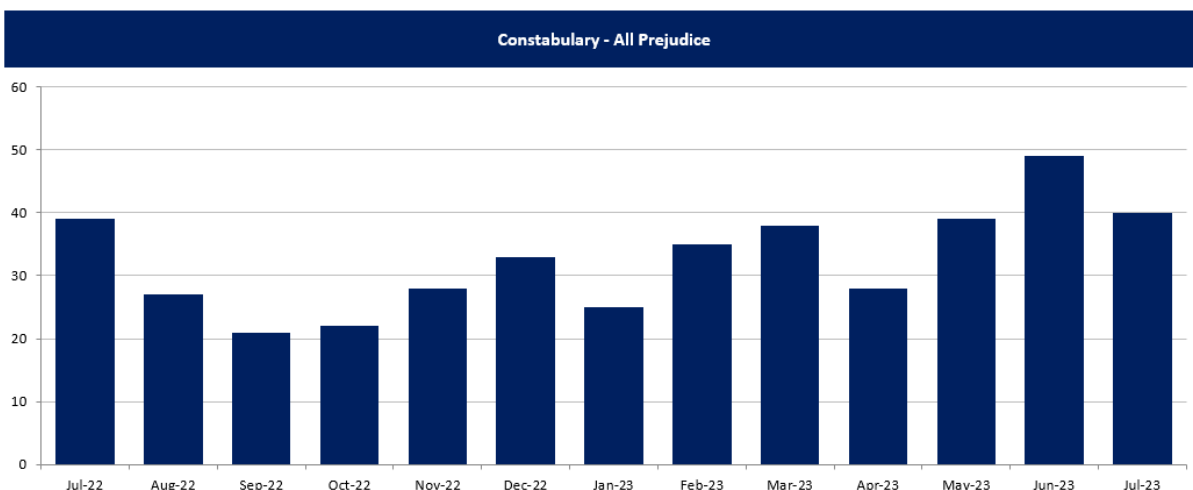
Police need to be aware of what is happening in our communities. They need you to report things, however significant you think they may be.

What might “hate crime” look like? Hate could be verbal abuse, taunts, assaults and damage to property. Abuse can be obvious or not so obvious. For example, repeatedly blocking the path of a guide dog, neighbourhood disputes about disability parking, shouting at someone ‘go back home where you came from’ causing distress or alarm, taking advantage of a vulnerable ‘friend’ by taking their money or hurting them and so on.

Victims may not be aware that they are being targeted. Any person can perceive that someone is being targeted.

Year to date for the South area the CST have received 5 reports of Racial Harassment 3 of which had been reported to the police, and a further 2 reports of hate crime both of which were also reported to the police.

Police figures show that where the weather is good, daylight is longer, more opportunity for strangers or communities to interact, so hate crimes increase. We therefore see a decrease in the colder months.



	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23
Racially Aggravated Violence	19	17	13	8	15	18	12	25	16	16	17	29	20
Racially Aggravated Damage	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Racially Aggravated Harassment	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1
Other	17	9	8	12	12	15	13	8	19	12	21	20	19
Total	39	27	21	22	28	33	25	35	38	28	39	49	40

The police officer Tiff Lane – Action Against Hate coordinator, Cambridgeshire Constabulary has offered to provide Hate Crime awareness sessions for council staff and members. Alternatively, there are organisations such as Stop Hate UK who provide information on their website; [Home - Stop Hate UK](#)

Most people who have been subjected to hostility do not report it for lots of reasons.

The reasons for lack of reporting include:

- Lack of awareness of what constitutes an offence or hate crime
- Belief that it won't be taken seriously
- Don't have the time/inclination
- Perception of police or cultural dislike

How to Report Hate Crimes:

- Always ring 999 in an emergency
- Telephone police "101" (Non-Emergency)
- Cambridgeshire Police Online reporting <https://www.cambs.police.uk/>
- Alternative reporting via this website which also has brilliant resources such as key support agencies* **True Vision** <http://report-it.org.uk/home>
- Currently the county has use of a 24/7 phonenumber for advice and/or reporting: **Stop Hate UK 0800 138 1625** (most languages covered including BSL)

Or it can be reported to the council at [Racial harassment - Cambridge City Council](#) or call 01223 457967 or 07973 883 261

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

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

[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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