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**ADULTS & HEALTH**

**New Director of Public Health**

Cambridgeshire County Council has a new Director of Public Health, Sally Cartwright, who joins us from Luton in January. The Director of Public Health is responsible for identifying and improving the health and wellbeing of residents, reducing inequalities in health outcomes and protecting local communities from public health hazards, such as infectious diseases and environmental threats.

**Vaccination update**

Vaccinations are now available for eligible people against a range of conditions including Covid, flu, pneumonia, shingles, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Local GP practices are calling up eligible patients, or you can find out more at <https://www.cpics.org.uk/the-vaccinators/> and book with a local pharmacy or attend a convenient drop-in session without an appointment.

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**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**School place appeal panel volunteers**

Volunteers are urgently needed to hear appeals when children are not offered a place at their preferred school.

All parents or carers have the right to make an appeal to an independent appeal panel if their child is not offered a place at their preferred school. The role of the panel is to decide whether a child who has been refused a place by Cambridgeshire County Council should be given a place.

All parties involved must be given an appeal hearing that is transparent, accessible, independent and impartial. The appeal panel is independent of the local authority and its decisions are binding on all parties, unless overturned by the courts.

Volunteers will sit on the independent admission appeal panels and ensure that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing and have been given every opportunity to put their case and have been taken seriously.

Panel members must be able to listen to two sides of a case and weigh up evidence objectively and impartially. They must also be able to:

- Communicate effectively with a wide range of people
- Read and assess information and identify key points • Listen to key information
- Ask questions to obtain information and clarify points being made
- Analyse information and use it to form opinions and conclusions
- Obtain and weigh up evidence to reach a decision
- Work as part of a team, take advice and develop their own skills

All volunteer Panel Members receive initial and annual refresher training and will be fully supported by the Appeals Service.

The time commitment depends on how much time volunteers are willing to give. While appeals are held throughout the year, the peak months are between April and July. The appeals are arranged either for half a day or a full day, and hearings are currently held online using Microsoft Teams.

Anyone interested in applying or who would like an informal chat about the role should contact [clare.cronk@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:clare.cronk@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### **New Director of Education – apologies my last report was missing these details**

Sarah Callaghan joined us in August, reports to Martin Purbrick, our Executive Director for Children, Education and Families. Sarah’s brief includes our Educational Improvement/Attainment Teams, Education Capital, Home to School Transport, Education Admissions, Education Traded Services such as Outdoor Education, Education ICT, Cambridgeshire Music, Governor Support Services and, importantly, Inclusion Services (i.e. Special Educational Needs and Disability Service as well as Alternative Provision). This role was previously held by Jonathan Lewis.

### **New homes for children with complex needs**

Cambridgeshire County Council’s Assets & Procurement Committee has selected two former farmhouses close to each other in Soham as a pilot project to increase the number of local places available for children and young people with complex needs. Both properties, currently vacant, are owned by the Council. They will be fully refurbished and a provider will be offered a contract for up to ten years to provide care services to best meet the needs of the children.

Locally and nationally there is a growing need for placements, with children having to be placed out of the county due to a lack of local places and a limited number of registered settings being available. This project offers an opportunity for local and more stable placements, as well as avoiding over £635,000 of costs each year on private placements.

### **Looked after children**

The Council’s residential strategy for looked after children will be referred to the Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee. There remains a shortage of care placements for looked after children across the country.

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## **ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT**

### **Climate change progress report and carbon footprint**

The County Council’s Environment & Green Investment Committee will receive on Thursday 3 October a progress report on its Climate Change & Environment Strategy, and the annual Carbon Footprint report.

This is the sixth annual Carbon Footprint report, and covers both the County Council’s own carbon emissions, and those of Cambridgeshire as a whole.

Carbon emissions are classified into three ‘scopes’.

- Scope 1 is direct emissions such as from gas or oil boilers and vehicles.
- Scope 2 is emissions from purchased electricity.
- Scope 3 is indirect emissions such as those of contractors and suppliers

The Council’s Scope 1 and 2 are 42 per cent lower than in the baseline reporting year of 2018/19. Scope 2 is now always zero as the Council buys electricity through a zero-carbon contract. The Council’s Scope 3 emissions for 2023/24 account for around 99 per cent of its carbon footprint, and were 111,307 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e excluding the Council’s rural estate—39 per cent lower than in 2018/19.

During 2023/24 the Council procured expert support to identify baseline carbon emissions for its rural estate, and more work needs to be done to agree an achievable target.

For Cambridgeshire as a whole, in 2022—the most recent available data—total greenhouse gas emissions were 6.45 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e, a three per cent fall from 2021. Transport (27 per cent) remains the highest emitting sector in the county, followed by land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) (23 per cent), agriculture (15 per cent) and domestic energy use (13 per cent).

The risk of not reaching the Council’s carbon targets has reduced but still remains considerable. Delivery of these targets relies on collaborating with our partner organisations.

Please use the link below to view the documents.

[Environment and Green Investment Committee meeting 03/10/2024](#)

### Newly discovered Roman town given heritage protection

A newly discovered Roman small town south of Great Staughton has been given heritage protection as a scheduled monument by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport on the advice of Historic England.

Cambridgeshire County Council is responsible for maintaining information about scheduled monuments in the county, and requested that test trenches be dug at Great Staughton during archaeology prior to the submission of proposals for a solar farm. As a result of the findings, panels will not be installed on that part of the site.

This site is now Cambridgeshire's second largest Roman Scheduled Monument after the walled town of Durobrivae, five miles west of Peterborough, and I was delighted to be asked on to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire to talk about it.

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### HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

#### Local Highways Improvement schemes (LHI)s

The Highways & Transport Committee meeting on Tuesday 1 October is asked to agree which Local Highways Improvement (LHI) bids will be approved for the coming year. These are divided into complex and non-complex schemes.

The papers for the Committee Meeting can be found here [Council and committee meetings - Cambridgeshire County Council > Meetings Calendar \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

#### Next's year's application round

The application window for the next LHI application round will be as follows.

- Application window opens: **Friday 1 November 2024**
- Application window closes: **Friday 10 January 2025**
- Feasibility studies undertaken: February—May 2025
- Panel meetings: June—July 2025
- Report to committee including prioritised list for approval: October 2025

#### 20mph schemes

Local 20MPH schemes still prove hugely popular, with 91 schemes submitted by local communities for consideration, and a further eleven withdrawn for consideration under other proposals. Only eight of the 91 schemes are recommended to the Highways & Transport Committee on Tuesday 1 October for implementation this coming year, again for lack of funding:

- Waterbeach (village-wide)
- Stow cum Quy (village-wide)
- Elm (village-wide)
- Bottisham (village-wide)
- Little Paxton (village-wide)
- Earith (majority of village)
- Swavesey (majority of village)
- Steeple Morden (central area of village)

#### Mill Road (Cambridge) closure

A special meeting of the Highways & Transport Committee takes place on Friday 4 October to determine afresh the application for a Traffic Regulation Order. This would restrict traffic over the bridge by motor vehicles, except local buses, taxis, Private Hire Vehicles, blue badge holders' registered vehicles, and other authorised vehicles. Access would be maintained for cyclists and pedestrians. The Mill Road decision quashed

by the court in August, and the statutory consultation relating to it, is not being taken into account, and the matter is being determined by a different group of councillors.

### Traffic Management Centre (TMC)

The TMC responded to 159 incidents on the road network throughout Cambridgeshire in September covering 21 weekdays. This is an increase to August's figure and that of what we were seeing in September 2023. Towards the end of the month we have seen some early flooding which is very unusual for September.

Please see the table below which illustrates the number of incidents over the last 6 months, compared to the same period last year;

#### Incidents by month/year

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
2022/23	79	73	109	68	61	103
2023/24	110	103	108	88	75	159

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### MEETINGS ATTENDED and COMMUNITY WORK 30 August to 2 October 2024

#### Local meetings:

Stagecoach – September Service Changes (30 Aug), Oakington Retirement Community with MP Ian Sollom (30 Aug), 5asideCHESS with CCC/SCDC (2 Sept), Stagecoach at Longstanton Park and Ride with Operations Manager and on one day with MD (4-5 and 6-7 Sept), Bus User Group meeting at Girton for No. 5 bus (8 Sept), CPCA/CCC meeting (9 Sept), Oakington & Westwick PC meeting (9 Sept), Northstowe Community Forum (11 Sept), LHI – Oakington & Westwick and Girton (12 Sept), Beck Brook downstream of Westwick (13 Sept), Smart Journeys (24 Sept), Northstowe Café & Gym CCC/SCDC/Meridian Trust (25 Sept), B1050 Longstanton to A10307/Bar Hill shared path (25 Sept),

#### County Council meetings:

Cllrs update on Guided Busway (30 Aug), Anglian Water Q&A Session (9 Sept), Children & Young People Committee (10 Sept), Cambridgeshire Music (24 Sept), LHI/20mph updates (24 Sept)

#### Community work:

Parish/Town Council monthly report, Column write ups within Northstowe News, Oakington & Westwick Journal and Over News online magazine.

Northstowe Foodies

#### Private case work:

Most Councillors will have private case work that they are dealing with, details of which cannot be shared due to GDPR – current themes are Transport, Early Years, SEND, ASB, Highways, Youth, Housing/Cost of living help.

## WARD NEWS

### HIGHWAYS

#### New Local Team

Local Highways Officer: Sarah Bligh

Local Highways Officer: Aaron Boddington

Planned meet over the next few weeks with Sarah after her induction is completed.

#### Quarterly Highways meetings 2024 dates

Friday 1 November 12noon – 1.30pm

#### Northstowe Busway Crisis

Thanks to the 500+ residents who signed our petition, we've been advocating for crucial improvements to local bus services. The petition, launched in June, urged Stagecoach to reintroduce buses starting at Longstanton Park & Ride during peak times to address the overcrowding and delays that left many commuters frustrated and late for work or school.

In July, we presented these concerns to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) during a meeting with the Mayor. This coincided with Stagecoach's proposal review for the southern end of the busway, serving Addenbrooke's Hospital.

However, despite Stagecoach's September changes aimed at increasing bus frequency to every 10 minutes for Route A during peak times, issues persist. Bus A & B continue to reach Longstanton Park & Ride already full, forcing many residents to wait for later services. It is far worse than we had before Covid-19.

While the introduction of Tiger Bus Passes by CPCA, with over 21,000+ young people applying, is a welcome step in promoting affordable travel for families, it has added to the challenge. The surge in applications has caused delays during boarding, as the scanning and verifying process clearly hadn't been factored in. This has only exacerbated the overcrowding and operational issues, deepening commuter frustration.

It's clear neither the CPCA nor Stagecoach fully accounted for the impact this surge would have on bus efficiency, adding a new layer of difficulty.

Local MP Ian Sollom wrote to the Mayor, to ask for CPCA to work with Stagecoach, to resolve this bus crisis, letter has been shared with all Parish/Town Councils.

We now await the new modelling which Stagecoach tell me should be with us this week, they have been monitoring the busway at Longstanton Park and Ride most of September. In the meanwhile, I get messages everyday from residents, I have compiled a document and shared with CPCA and Stagecoach, and will share with this report.

#### Travel Plan Steering Group for Northstowe / Stagecoach Quarterly meetings for Longstanton ward

Having considered to start up the quarterly meetings with Stagecoach once again, I caught up with Sharon Forbes – Smart Journeys, County Council officer on 24 September. Sharon has been working to reinstate the Travel Plan Steering Group for Northstowe, we discussed potential participants that could be a part of the Steering Group, based on past minutes and the stakeholders relevant today. Sharon will be contacting all stakeholders and inviting them to the group: Northstowe Town Council, District and County Councillors, Northstowe Youth Coordinator, Stagecoach, Bus Alliance, Homes England, Urban & Civic, SCDC Development Community Officers, Northstowe Learning Community (Education Campus), Living Sport, Northstowe Sport and Wellbeing Chair, CCC Road Safety Team, Cambridge University, possible resident to act as key representative. Other representatives will be discussed at first meeting and could be invited based on agenda items.

We also discussed the setting up of quarterly meetings with Stagecoach for Longstanton ward, which felt for Northstowe will be covered by the Travel Plan Steering Group.

Oakington & Westwick bus issues with No. 6 due to the recent September changes, are being raised separately with Girton. On 8 September the issues were discussed in Girton at the bus user group meeting and 9 September at Oakington & Westwick PC meeting. Currently, a bus engagement survey is being put together between the two parish councils, which we have all worked together on.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour across the ward

Except from one resident this month from Westwick, I have had no reports from the community about ASB and dangerous driving on South Access Road West or any villages surrounding. Quarterly meeting with Homes England takes place on 3 October and CCTV on the new road is on the agenda.

The message is that residents should continue to:

- Report all incidents on 101, either by calling 101 or using live chat or filling out a form on this link, [Report a crime \(cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/report-a-crime)
- Fill out the community policing survey, with your concerns about the neighbourhood and community (not to log an incident), filling in the survey will help to set the priorities for the next 3 months for South Cambs Police: [Community Policing Survey \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com/CommunityPolicingSurvey)
- Email address for those who wish to raise any issues direct with the South Cambs teams - [scambscops@cambs.police.uk](mailto:scambscops@cambs.police.uk)

Please consider filling out the survey about the concerns that you are seeing in our community.

Next meeting will take place on **27th November from 7-8pm**. If you wish to attend, please email South Cambs to [communitymeeting@cambs.police.uk](mailto:communitymeeting@cambs.police.uk) and an email will be forwarded.

#### Northstowe Nursery on Education Campus update

Little Flames Ltd, the Early Years Provider for the Northstowe Nursery have now set up their Facebook and Instagram pages, please do follow. Unfortunately they are still awaiting Ofsted registration at the time of writing this report.

[NORTHSTOWE NURSERY - Home \(northstowe-nursery.com\)](https://www.northstowe-nursery.com)

#### Wrap Around Care Northstowe Primary School

Submission of tenders for wrap around care provider for Northstowe Primary School closed on 30 September, on my next catch up with Meridian Trust I will ask for an update, hopefully a few providers will have come forward as the grant awarded will help to grow this for our new school.

#### Update from Willingham Medical Practice - Practice Manager - 17 September

I have been liaising with the practice manager to get regular updates and plan to meet with her and our MP Ian Sollom later this month.

"The update is really positive, as since the introduction of the 3 x new GP's we are now down to less than a 2 week wait for a routine appointment at both Willingham and Longstanton (when you consider this was at one point over 6 weeks) that is pretty impressive.

The new GP's have bedded in well and are getting a really good response from patients.

We are currently looking at reducing the amount of book on the day appointments, as we believe we are coping with the daily urgent book on the day appointments and these are reducing. This will again allow more prebooked appointments and will reduce the waiting time to less than 2 weeks (most likely). I am very mindful that most patients who wish to speak with a GP are not wanting to wait very long and we are really making progress with that. With more routine appointments available, there will hopefully be a reduction in the number of appointments perceived as urgent.

The Accurx on line triage system is also proving very popular and we are embracing this. This gives patients the chance to send in their symptoms (they can include photos if necessary) and the on call GP then gets back to them either offering them advice and treatment or a telephone or face to face appointment. This is helpful

to anyone that cannot call in first thing (maybe as they are doing the school run or driving to work) but would like contact with a GP.

The extra staff given to us by our PCN (some shared amongst the other Practices in our PCN) are also helping to reduce waiting times and also offer more services to our patients. The social prescriber is proving very popular and can go out to patients home to help them fill in forms, make sure they are getting all the benefits/help they need. The social prescriber has helped several patients with housing issues, as she is a former housing officer, so we are very lucky to have her. Social prescribing is a key component of Universal Personalised Care. It is an approach that connects people to activities, groups, and services in their community to meet the practical, social and emotional needs that affect their health and wellbeing.

We have also got a first contact physio who works at Willingham/Longstanton for 2 days per week. First Contact Physiotherapists (FCPs) are qualified autonomous clinical practitioners who can assess, diagnose, treat and manage musculoskeletal (MSK) problems and undifferentiated conditions and – where appropriate – discharge a person without a medical referral.

A clinical Pharmacist who also does 2 days a week (works remotely so telephone calls only). The clinical pharmacist does a lot of our medication reviews for patients.

If you have a long term condition, the clinical pharmacist can talk to you about the medicines you are taking to make sure they are working for you. Long term conditions are things like asthma, type 2 diabetes, arthritis or high blood pressure. They can also help you make changes to your life to help you stay well.

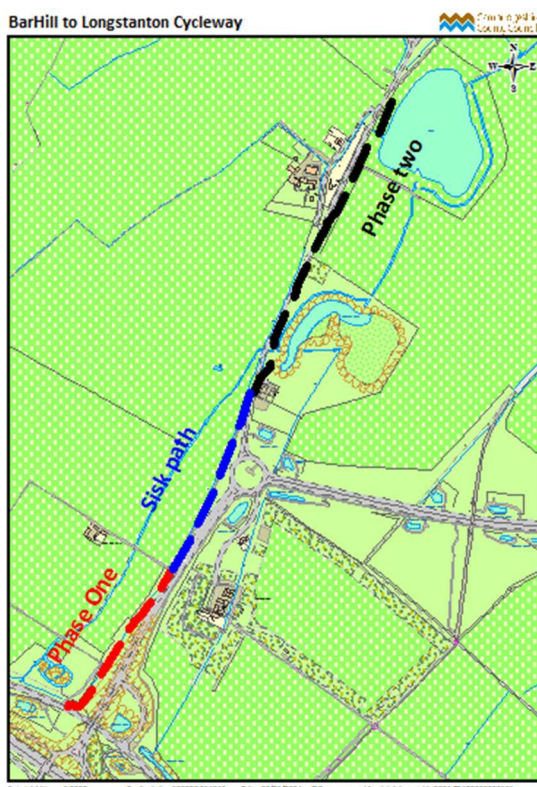
We also have community matrons who are able to visit anyone that is unable to get into the Surgery (elderly/housebound) and deal with a multitude of problems for them. Community matrons are senior, experienced nurses who are autonomous practitioners, with enhanced skills including independent prescribing, physical assessment and advanced care planning to facilitate and promote independence in the community by proactive case management.

I hope that is all useful information and probably explains why/how waiting times are now back to very manageable levels. With this in mind we will not be opening Longstanton on any further afternoons at the moment but this is definitely the long term plan.”



## LONGSTANTON

- B1050 Longstanton to A1307/Bar Hill shared path – Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) officers, Longstanton Parish Council Clerk and Vice Chair and I met on 25 September, to get an update on the project, details from CCC officers are below. We plan to next meet in November.



### Phase One

- We have been concentrating on "Phase 1" of the route, from the A1307 to the new roundabout constructed by SISK. The reason for this is to capitalise as much as possible on the S106 funding as the phase is relatively straight forward and does not require any land or planning consent.
- A detailed design has been safety audited, passed gate way 5 (agreed design with contractor) and is currently being priced.
- Pricing is expected to take 4-6 weeks.
- Construction dates are currently TBA, however we are hoping this phase will start early in January 25.

### Phase Two

- Phase two will be from just North of the SISK roundabout to the next roundabout where the Home Farm Rd meets the B1050.
- We have a preliminary design, which shows the desired alignment (as shown at the meeting).
- The next stage is to agree with L&Q Estates that the design is suitable and how best to acquire the land required.
- We understand the Urban & Civic will be taking over the ponds, however there is also a management company involved which may make the acquisition process more difficult. We hope to start the process of land transfer early in 2025. We may be able to progress this sooner, however we are reliant on a 3<sup>rd</sup> party for this.
- Once design/alignment are agreed it is likely that a planning application will be required as not all of the path will be on public highway and fall under permitted development. The best estimate for this will be summer 2025, however this is dependent on third parties and legal agreements being in place, and from experience this is difficult to predict accurately.
- Assuming the above timescales are met we can go out to tender for the works in Autumn 2025, and hopefully start work in Q4 of the 25/26 financial year.



- 20mph application – unfortunately this was not successful and only 8 schemes went through, only 4 schemes made it from the 26 applications in South Cambs. A follow up with officers should take place before the next round.

## NORTHSTOWE

- Gym and Café – we met with Meridian Trust, CCC, SCDC and Principal of Northstowe Learning Community on 25 September, it was a positive meeting and things are progressing, I will look to give an update this week.
- Rampton Drift – Cadent works – I am working with the Street works officers and inspectors as concerns were raised on Facebook about the works that Cadent are looking to do. The dates within the proposed TTRO is for 4 weeks in November, but residents have received letters that talk about works starting as early as 7 October for 8 weeks. Town Clerk is on all emails.

## OAKINGTON & WESTWICK

- Fantastic news that Oakington & Westwick won the CAPALC Awards – as nominated by me – fantastic news and very well deserved.  
**Council of the Year – Precept over £25,001 Nomination** submission summary “This nomination is based on their outstanding commitment to inclusivity, the tireless dedication of their councillors, and their proactive approach through various sub-action groups. Oakington & Westwick embodies inclusivity at its core. Every councillor is not only reputable but also deeply committed to serving the community with integrity and dedication. Their collective efforts ensure that every voice within the parish is heard and respected. They are very inviting to their district and county councillors. Each member of the council brings a wealth of experience and a tireless work ethic. They are actively involved in the day-to-day operations and long-term planning of the parish, ensuring that all initiatives are executed with precision and care. The clerk of the council (Laura Lawrence) is exemplary, consistently demonstrating exceptional dedication to their role.”
- Beck Brook, Girton – Following the 13 September meeting with the Environment Agency, County Council, Oakington & Westwick Council and Andrew Dennis and I, to discuss the issues of flooding in Westwick and the risk to the residents who live there. EA have since shared photos of the work conducted on 11 Sept on Beck Brook, Westwick and County Highways will be removing silt build-up under the bridge in Westwick on 14-15 October <https://one.network/?GB140482035>
- 20 mph 2023/24 application for Westwick, consultation of the design closed on 25 September, I have emailed (2 Oct) the officer to ask for an update to see how many responses were received, Laura has been copied in the email.
- LHI MVAS units – locations are yet to be agreed in Water Lane and Station Road for units.
- Girton to Oakington phase two – unfortunately still awaiting confirmation for Active Travel funding, which is holding up the LHI speed reduction between Girton and Oakington.
- Flooding has been reported this week in both Station Road and Midfield Lodge Care home, all details and photos have been shared with the flooding team.

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- Fen End foul flooding – at a Q&A with Anglian Water on 9 September with County Officers and Councillors – I raised this issue. It was confirmed that the groundwater flooding does affect a septic tank in the vicinity and Anglian Water representatives stated that they would investigate. It was also confirmed that any foul flooding will need to be reported to Anglian Water.
- LHI MVAS units – great to hear that the LHI application was successful. It was highlighted to me that while the team were out looking at where the MVAS units could go for Overcoate Road, they had some ideas where a buffer zone could work for the next round of LHI.
- 20mph application – unfortunately this was not successful and only 8 schemes went through, only 4 schemes made it from the 26 applications in South Cambs. A follow up with officers should take place before the next round.

### Meanwhile on the Combined Authority

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has now been released from the 'Best Value Notice' placed on it in January 2023 as the Government has recognised the improvement in the organisation.

The Authority's Transport & Infrastructure Committee is recommending that the Board allow older people and those with disabilities to use their bus passes before the current 9:30AM start.

The new Tiger Pass offers bus travel for £1 per journey for those aged up to 25. Details of how to apply for the new pass can be found at <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/onepoundbusfare/>

It is great to see that the Vision Zero road safety project is being revived. Its aims are to reduce the numbers of people killed or seriously injured on our roads and the social and financial impact of this, and to develop financially sustainable models of road safety activity. The original prospectus in 2020 aimed for zero killed or seriously injured by 2040 though this seems unlikely to be met.

A reminder that the Combined Authority's consultation on bus franchising continues until 20 November. Short and long questionnaires can be found at <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-franchising-consultation/>

## COUNCILS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND KEY GOVERNMENT FUNDED ORGANISATIONS

If you have a problem or concern do not worry too much about who can solve it just ask the question and we will endeavour to signpost to the right person. The organisational structure of Cambridgeshire is complex, but it is important to identify where responsibility lies.

<p><b>County Council</b></p> <p>Responsibilities: Education, Transport, Highways, Heritage, Social care, Libraries, Trading standards, - Waste management, Maintaining their estate.</p> <p>Some of these services are shared between Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council but any concerns should be directed to the county council.</p>
<p><b>District Council</b></p> <p>Responsibilities: Council tax payments and benefits, Household bin collections, Housing and housing benefits, Council leisure facilities, Environmental health, Residential planning.</p>
<p><b>Parish/ Town Council</b></p> <p>Responsibilities: Looking after community buildings, Open spaces, Allotments, Play Areas, Bus shelters.</p>
<p><b>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)</b></p> <p>'The local delivery body for a City Deal with central Government worth up to £500 million over 15 years, to vital improvements in infrastructure (decarbonising transport), supporting and accelerating the creation of 44,000 new jobs, 33,500 new homes and 420 additional apprenticeships.'</p> <p>Partnership between Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, University of Cambridge.</p>
<p><b>The Combined Authority, Cambridge and Peterborough, our elected Mayor</b></p> <p>'A combined authority (CA) is a legal body set up using national legislation that enables a group of two or more councils to collaborate and take collective decisions across council boundaries.'</p> <p>What our mayor does – Business support, skills, housing, transport, environment, international, digital connectivity, resilience, research, and strategy. New homes.</p>
<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridge and Peterborough</b></p> <p>To support and challenge the Chief Constable to provide effective and efficient policing services for the area.</p>
<p><b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority</b></p> <p>The Fire Authority is the governing body responsible for delivering a fire and rescue service to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It is made up of Cambridgeshire County Councillors and Peterborough City Councillors.</p>

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the above, or any other matters.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2066298150052161/> - Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe

<https://www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18> - Over & Willingham

[Report a highways fault - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

[Report a flood - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/planning-and-development/flood-and-water/report-a-flood](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/planning-and-development/flood-and-water/report-a-flood)

NOTE: Homes England areas in Phase 2 Northstowe including South Access Road West and new B1050 roundabout – any estates or maintenance issues should be report to 24/7 helpdesk number 0845 603 1485 (which is the same cost as a local rate). The number is manned 7 days per week 24 hours per day and all calls are placed in an auditable system to ensure matters are progressed.