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**BUSES**

**Combined Authority**

The Combined Authority's bus procurement concluded last month, with all eighteen routes which had been cut by Stagecoach, along with all of the five reduced services, seeing some level of service reinstated. The 5 bus service beyond Northstowe, has been covered and a new route has been set up called 5A, from Longstanton Park and Ride to Willingham, Over and Swavesey in a loop.

The Combined Authority had set aside £1.7M for subsidies to operators to keep them running. Currently, the total cost is expected to be about £1.25M because bus operators were limited in what services they were prepared to provide. The Combined Authority will be monitoring how the new services are working.

As well as ensuring vital bus services continue between October and the end of March 2023, the Combined Authority is working to put in place a sustainable and affordable bus network from April 2023 onwards.

All this is a sharp reminder of the reality of the current deregulated bus system, and the problems caused by sixty per cent of bidding authorities in England, including Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, receiving no Government funding for their Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIPs).

The Combined Authority's Overview & Scrutiny Committee was told in a report from its lead member for buses that two reasons had been given for the failure of the Department for Transport to fund Cambridgeshire's Bus Service Improvement Plan:

1. in DfT's view we had insufficient commitment to road charging, active travel and bus priority schemes in our area; and
2. the DfT subsequently applied a deprivation index score to each BSIP submitted and given our high overall growth, this meant that the money tended to be allocated in the north of England rather than to us.

A refreshed Bus Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is due to be presented to the Combined Authority's Transport & Infrastructure Committee in November, alongside a refreshed Bus Service Improvement Plan and a case for Government investment.

Work is also continuing to further develop the business case for a franchised bus network in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, but this will need money for the necessary investment in the service.

Passengers with questions about bus services can email [passenger.transport@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:passenger.transport@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)

**Greater Cambridge Partnership**

The Greater Cambridge Partnership has now opened its public consultation on its proposals for a significant expansion of bus services in Cambridge and the city's travel to work area, including South Cambridgeshire, to be paid for by the introduction of a congestion charge in Cambridge in 2027/28.

It is very important indeed that local residents here in South Cambridgeshire read the proposals, complete the survey, and let the Greater Cambridge Partnership know what the proposals would mean for them.

The survey closes at midday on Friday 23 December. The consultation website, including the survey, brochure, map book, frequently asked questions, and contact details, can be found at

<https://consultcambcs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022>

## Mayoral precept

The Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough meets regularly and informally with leaders of the member councils of the Combined Authority. One idea he raised in one such meeting was whether there might be a case for setting a Mayoral precept to be added to the Council Tax, to fund bus services beyond March 2023. This suggestion was then leaked to the media, with some council leaders then taking the opportunity to oppose the idea from the outset.

We understand Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council would both have a veto over such a proposal.

A bus network covering more than just a few key urban routes will need public subsidy, and the money for this will need to come from somewhere—either central government, or local government.

The Government has already refused to fund Cambridgeshire’s Bus Service Improvement Plan once. Will we be more fortunate this time? The Chancellor of the Exchequer is also known to be looking for billions of pounds in spending cuts. How likely are we to see the kind of Government investment we need?

Locally, some politicians have opposed the Greater Cambridge Partnership congestion charge proposals, and also opposed the idea of a Mayoral precept. If we continue to receive no money from central government, and if all sources of local government funding for improved buses are opposed, how else will the necessary investment in bus services be raised to move Cambridgeshire to a more sustainable franchised model of bus transport?

## COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY AND INCLUSION (CoSMIC)

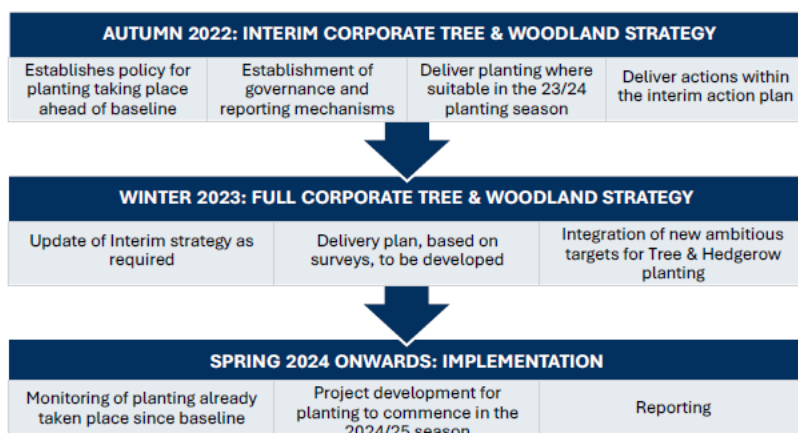
### Household Support Fund

The Committee met on Tuesday 1 November and the eligibility criteria for the third round of the Household Support Fund (October 2022 to March 2023) was discussed and agreed. The amount available for the third round of funding is £3,581,424. This is proposed to be spent once again on school meal vouchers for the school holidays, and on direct one-off grants to eligible households. It is proposed that such grants should be raised from £100 to £110 to reflect increasing inflation.

## ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

### Interim Tree & Woodland Strategy

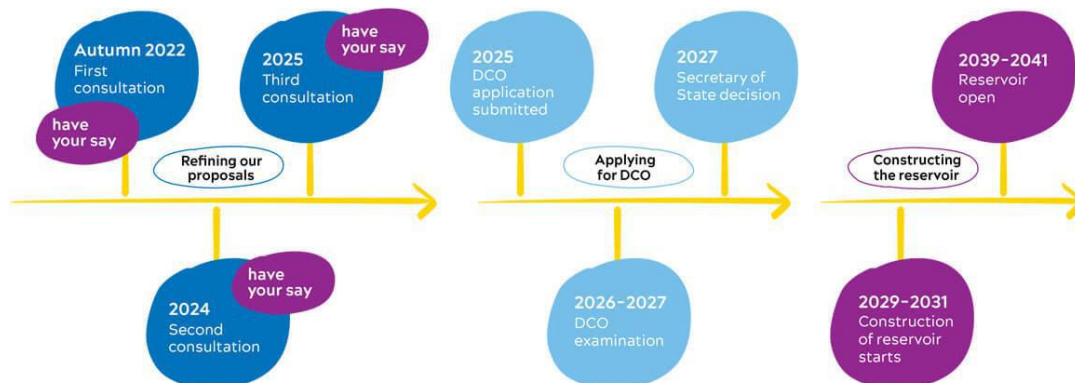
The Environment & Green Investment Committee approved an Interim Tree Strategy last month. The interim strategy will serve while the Council gathers information about what trees the Council has, where they are, and how the Council can improve and expand its tree assets. Once the Council has this baseline information it can start to plan for the future.



## Fens Reservoir

Anglian Water and Cambridge Water have now announced their preferred location for a new Fens reservoir north of Chatteris.

The timeline for such a big project is a long one, with multiple consultations, an application to the Secretary of State, construction expected to start in 2029-31 and the reservoir to open in 2039-41. The indicative timeline is as follows.



The water companies' initial survey on the design of the reservoir, and what people would like to see as part of the project, will be open for public comment until Wednesday 21 December at <https://www.fensreservoir.co.uk/>

Details of public events in Fenland and community webinars are available at <https://www.fensreservoir.co.uk/our-proposals/consultation-overview/>

## HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

### Local Highways Improvement

The improvements in October to the Local Highways Improvement process have now been agreed, and the new timetable is as follows.

- Application window opens **Monday 31 October 2022**
- Application window closes at 5:00PM on **Friday 6 January 2023**
- Feasibility studies undertaken **February to April 2023**
- Panel meetings **May 2023**
- Report to committee including prioritised list for approval **June 2023**
- Programming, design, consultation **July 2023 to March 2024**
- Pricing and construction **March to August 2024**

### 20mph scheme

Proposals for the process to award funding for applications for 20MPH schemes will be reported to the December meeting of the Highways & Transport Committee.

### HGV policy

The draft HGV policy I reported last month has now been approved with a couple of minor additions about length and width restriction applications. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/heavy-or-abnormal-loads-on-the-highway/heavy-goods-vehicle-hgv-policy>

### **FIRE AUTHORITY Budget**

The Chief Fire Officer for Cambridgeshire has warned that there will have to be reductions to the service unless the way in which it is funded changes.

As part of national negotiations a revised cost of living pay award of five per cent was offered for firefighters. Combining this with the offer already on the table for support staff, Cambridgeshire's fire service will be in budget deficit of at least £1.1m at the start of April 2023. CFO Chris Strickland said the service wanted its employees to be given a pay increase that reflected the current rate of inflation, but also had a responsibility to deliver a balanced budget, and these were currently at odds.

At the moment, fire and rescue services can only ask for a maximum of two per cent increase in council tax, which is around an additional £1.50 per year for Cambridgeshire council taxpayers (based on a Band D property).

The Chair of the Fire Authority, Cllr Edna Murphy, said: "This year's increase in fires, as a result of the prolonged hot, dry weather, has shown us that we will need the fire service more in the future, not less."

### **Meanwhile on the Combined Authority**

The Combined Authority will consider its bus strategy this month, at the Transport & Infrastructure Committee, and again at its Board meeting.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee last month held a Mayoral Question Time at which Mayor Nik Johnson received questions from members of the Committee. Many of these were about bus services, as this has been such a serious issue for many residents, but others were more general in nature about climate change, active travel, the Combined Authority's Improvement Plan, affordable housing, skills, and the overall priorities and direction of travel of the Combined Authority.

## Monthly Division Reports

### Highways

- **B1050 Roundabout:** CCC's Road Safety Audit Stage 1 (Concept and Stage), 2 (Detailed Design) have been completed, the final Stage 3 (Post Construction) is yet to completed and CCC will meet with Homes England and Sisk to get this over the line. Road safety audits are carried out on all significant County Council and developer promoted highway schemes. This is to ensure adequate levels of safety are maintained and that problems previously identified at similar sites are avoided in new works. The Traffic Management was reinstated back in May to enable final works to be completed safely. These works have been agreed with Cambridgeshire County Council Highways team and when completed will enable the opening of the roundabout junction. **UPDATE: B1050:** Road Safety Audit 3 has been received from CCC and Homes England have responded, the CCC team will now need to review the response.
- **South Access Road West (SARW):** Update given by Homes England at July Northstowe Forum: We're currently unable to provide a specific date. Although works are nearly complete, there are some technical processes that need to be followed to ensure the road can open permanently and safely. We apologise that the road and associated footways, cycleways and bridge have taken longer to build than we initially expected. We hope we will be in a position to open the road to the public towards the end of the Summer (2022). Once open, the road will provide a convenient connection between Northstowe and the A14 at Bar Hill, reducing traffic traveling through Longstanton. **UPDATE:** Remedial works still required to take place by Homes England contractor Sisk as per built drawings, there is no legal agreement in place for SARW. Wilsons Bridge structure is acceptable and legal agreement currently being progressed, an RSA3 has been requested, SARW cannot open until this is complete and the bridleway diverted over the structure.
- **A1307 leading to B1050 - Ramps:** CCC Highways have been discussing Traffic Management plan for these ramps to be also repaired, we are awaiting dates tbc. Lab results for the ground investigations and testing was received and will be discussed with National Highways who built the A14. **NO updates since last report, have followed this up again this week.**
- **A14 Trees:** Following our motion at Cambridgeshire County Council, we are now liaising with National Highways, they are carrying out a survey which will be finished by the end of May, analysis will take a few weeks after. We met with National Highways on 22 June to discuss the survey analysis and next steps and the action plan and will share with you when available. **UPDATE:** A14 team reassure us that they are still working on this, please see attached slides that they shared with us in September.
- **Homes England FAQs from Northstowe July Forum, no FAQs yet released following 9 November Forum:** <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5a8ffb80e74940793fe11531/t/62e28e961854770e45f89208/1659014810281/Northstowe+FAQs+Final+v2+July+22.pdf>
- **Citi5 Bus route - Longstanton-Bar Hill-Cambridge NOW** stopping as a "hail and ride" service in Northstowe. You may have noticed that the 5 Bus has been passing through Northstowe for both inbound and outbound journeys last few days. The bus will go in via Pathfinder Way, onto Links Lane then onto Stirling Road before joining Station Road. Then the reverse coming back into Cambridge City. Throughout this part of Northstowe, this is a "hail and ride" service whereby passengers can request to alight or board anywhere along this part of the route providing it is safe for the driver to do so. Frequency is 30 mins peak, hourly evening. See timetable on this link or use your app - hopefully this will provide an alternative route for the Busway <https://tinyurl.com/bdfcb79d>  
This part of the route is funded by the S106 Phase 1.

### Other:

- **Northstowe Education Campus:** we continue to liaise with Homes England and their contractor Sisk regarding the completion of Rights of Ways (paths/cycleways/bridleway) from the Busway and Rampton Drift. **UPDATES:** works are taking place outside of the Urban Splash Development to complete that last section.

- **Quarterly Homes England (HE) meeting:** There is a planned quarterly meeting between Longstanton Parish Council, Northstowe Town Council, Oakington & Westwick Parish Council, Local County and District Members and Homes England on 16 February 2023, this falls within half term, so could possibly change, if you have not received an invite please let me or Emma Brown at HE know - [Emma.Brown@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.Brown@homesengland.gov.uk). Please note: Dean Harris is no longer at HE and the team are looking for a replacement. Minutes of last meeting (12 October) was distributed by HE on 7 November.

## Longstanton

- **Wilson's Road Bridleway South and North:** feedback has been received from the Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum members which includes the British Horse Society, Ramblers, Cycling UK, Cam Cycle and Longstanton Parish Council. This feedback will go back to the Highways & Transport Committee. **UPDATE:** I am currently looking into the details of any new decisions, following a new social media post this week. The Highways team are liaising with colleagues from the Transport Assessment / Definitive Map / Public Rights of Way teams that have been involved in the consultation on this planning consultation and provide further detail.
- **Hattons Road Pond/Cycle Path B1050:** a meeting was held on 22 June with CCC, Greater Cambridgeshire Shared Planning, L&Q, Longstanton Parish Council and local Councillors. Key points from a planning perspective were set out:
  - Construction of the Hattons Road Ponds was initially secured by the outline planning permission for Northstowe Phase 1 (S/0388/12/OL) and the detailed design was approved in a subsequent reserved matters approval (S/0038/15/RM). Various amendments have since been made to the approved drawings, although some discrepancies remain compared with the as-built situation.
  - L&Q Estates has been invited to submit a retrospective application for a further amendment to bring the approved plans up to date. Once the application has been received, the planning authority will carefully consider the detail and any implications before making a decision.
  - Should the application be approved, this would regularise the as-built design and allow any outstanding landscaping works to be completed as required by the Section 106 agreement associated with the outline planning permission. Should the application be refused for any reason, formal enforcement action would need to be considered.
  - Linked to this outstanding issue is the B1050 cycleway project, which due to its proximity to Hattons Road Ponds is likely to affect the land transfer arrangements and to some extent the landscaping around the ponds. The planning authority is therefore keen to see any uncertainties resolved so that the abovementioned application can be prepared and submitted as soon as possible.

L&Q informed us that they are discussing with alternative bodies such as Anglian Water regarding the long-term management for Phases 1 and 2. Next steps to be confirmed. **NO updates since last report.**

- **Hatton's Park:** I am currently working with Parish Council, County Council and Hattons Park school to look at ways of improving the traffic around school times: a) walking bus to school from the Pavilion which will require volunteers who will need a background check, we are awaiting confirmation in writing by the Parish Council and b) Second entrance from Magdalene Close – currently there is no funding available at County as Parish Council has been updated. **UPDATE:** A meeting needs to be put in place for LPC/CCC/Hattons Park School, I need to provide new dates to LPC. Communication to go out for Volunteers for walking bus, needs to be confirmed, I am liaising with CCC officers and Head Teacher.
- **Capital Highway Maintenance Programme:**  
[Appendix 1 Capital Highway Maintenance Programme 2022 to 2024 v2 \(cambridgeshire.gov.uk\)](#)
  - Footway maintenance: Prentice Close, Full estate, footway resurfacing, **works to commence 10 November for 3 weeks** - 2022/23 (£150k).
  - Carriageway maintenance: School Lane, from village to B1050, carriageway resurfacing, budgeted 2024-2027 (£250k): **UPDATE:** Short term: the 11 potholes on School Lane **completed in October**. Medium term: School Lane will be patched in this financial year (ending March 2022) and Long term: School Lane to be resurfaced in the next financial year (ending March 2023). Massive thanks to James our Local Highways Officer who keeps raising School Lane and won't give up.

- Footway Slurry Seal: Haddows Close and Spiggots Close, completion date 2022/23 – **now completed.**
- **A14 budgets** - further budget has become available and the following roads will be updated:
  - Hattons Road and Home Farm Road from B1050 roundabout to Over Road roundabout – patched and surfaced dressed
  - Hattons Road B1050 roundabout down to new roundabout – patched and surfaced
- **Flooding hotspots:** We have focused on the 50 locations smaller more 'easy to fix' flood locations to help ensure we achieve the broadest impact across the road network and communities. The project highlighted a number of major flood locations that are complex to resolve. To avoid using all the project funds in one location we removed these locations from the project and will investigate funding and develop them as stand alone projects. Unfortunately, none of the areas that were put across for Longstanton, which were mainly around B1050 and High Street were on the 50 locations.



## Northstowe

- **Police:** Following various Anti-Social Behaviours and illegal parking around school in Northstowe, Cllr Richard Owens and I met with South Cambs Police Officer on Thursday 7 July, advice was to report all incidents by calling 111 or online or 999 (if life threatening – such as fires/threatening behaviours with knives). Links to ways of reporting [Report a crime or incident | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk), [What to report | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk), [Antisocial behaviour | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(cambs.police.uk\)](http://www.cambs.police.uk). Please also note that the residents can have their say on what your neighbourhood policing team should be tackling - <https://bit.ly/3ldqB6k> In May you told police that ASB, speeding, and drug dealing were among your concerns and we've been prioritising those issues across the area. Further reports of ASB has been raised on Northstowe Pioneers, I have met with Think Communities team and will raise further concerns with the Police Officer for South Cambs.  
**UPDATE:** I continue to report any cases raised with the police and continue to asks residents to report any incidents. Note that we have not had many comments recently on Northstowe Pioneers.
- **Links to Longstanton Park and Ride to Northstowe Phase 1:** after several years of not knowing how this link was going to be provided, we are really pleased to say that a contractor has been appointed and a budget agreed for the construction of the link road between Longstanton Park and Ride and the road within Northstowe Phase 1. As part of these works the contractor is also going to construct the path link into the waterpark from the park and ride site.  
The appointed contractor is now undertaking some site investigation and clearance and is doing final details of the construction and design and finalising the cost. The project manager at CCC is hoping that they should be on site in September with all the works completed for the new year. The CCC team have requested that the link to the waterpark is built as early as possible to provide this link as soon as possible.  
This also means that there will be a lit route between the park and ride and Northstowe this winter which will be very pleasing to all those who walk and cycle this route.  
We would like to thank the CCC team, specifically Tam Parry who has worked long and hard to find money that was not available. **UPDATE:** Works commenced on Monday 3 October for 10 weeks. I visited site in late October and am raising the issue with the broken fence at the back of Bovis with both SCDC and CCC, this will probably be discussed at the next Open Spaces Meeting.
- **Guided Busway link to Northstowe/Rampton Drift:** improving visibility will require vegetation to be cut back, and the speed of the buses to be reduced to 30mph. The scope of the other works is to improve the surfaces on either side of the crossing place. Unfortunately, it is not possible to remove the stepped nature of the crossing as the Guided Busway is on a curve and needs to be guided at this location. The County team are awaiting quotes from Highway's maintenance contractors to level either side of the busway. Also, additional costings are being drawn up to see whether lighting columns just on the Northstowe side of the crossing can be made sufficient to light the crossing point to enable the electric requirements to tap into the existing connection for the pumping station. Pleased to say that Homes England have committed to supplying this. We are currently waiting for a drawing for lighting column location. We hope that the above costs will then be covered under S106 for phase 2 Northstowe, therefore we are having conversations with the main builders for Phase 2 regarding this funding. Timelines are currently difficult to commit to until the order is in with the contractor to do the works. The future plans for leaving Northstowe to go towards Cambridge are on the busway will be via the busway through the town centre and out of Northstowe just north of Oakington when this road opens. **UPDATE:** Works commenced on Monday 3 October for 10 weeks. I visited site in late October and am raising the issue with the broken fence at the back of Bovis with both SCDC and CCC, this will probably be discussed at the next Open Spaces Meeting.

## Oakington & Westwick

- **A14 Legacy Fund:** Proposed TRO (Reference Number PR0786) - Cambridge Road, Water Lane and Station Road, Oakington and Westwick. Proposed speed cushions and road humps in Cambridge Road, Water Lane and Station Road in Oakington and Westwick. This fund was successful for the speed calming in Oakington, A14 Legacy team and Highways England handed over this scheme to County Council in July as the A14 team struggled to resource. Consultation with residents closed in March and no objections were received.

It was agreed between CCC and Oakington & Westwick Parish Council that A14 Legacy speed cushions and road humps and **zomph scheme** (not including Westwick) and **Westwick footpath** resurfacing will all be delivered at the same time. Timelines are based on CCC producing a design and then formally consult on the proposal. This consultation run from mid-July through to Mid-August with only one objection: The Delegated Decision Report and Decision summary can be found here: [https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccs\\_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/2049/Committee/30/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx](https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccs_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/2049/Committee/30/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx)

Work commenced w/c 22 August and unfortunately due to the burst water main w/c 29 August and Cambridge Waters subsequent repair work we fell a week behind on our programme below, all being well and weather permitting the Highways team will finish work on Friday 9 September. **UPDATE:** Currently there are several snagging items that have been rectified of the outstanding works and they aim to come back and complete the remainder on the W/C 24/10/22 and continue into the first week of November. These works include installing new terminals, new lining and installation of a speed cushion on water lane. I will keep you informed of any further updates.

- **New development on the corner of Cambridge Road:** With thanks to our Local Highways Officer, who worked with Cook & Cook for 3 days, the footpath has been resurfaced to Highways standards and is looking great. The issue is now to find the budget to adopt the extra footpath, unfortunately not as straightforward as buying a piece of land. We are hoping that the cycling team can fund the legal costs for this path for their Phase 2, this is being discussed currently. **NO updates since last report.**
- **Longstanton Road Culvert:** the local gully drainage connections was surveyed but the main access manholes were jammed so we are planning to go back so we can survey the main culvert. Report was shared with Parish Council on 4 July and it stated that there was too much silt in the system to continue, once we have the bigger picture we can look at jetting etc if needs be. A further CCTV survey report was shared today with the Parish Council, it is confirmed that there is no structural damage to this culvert and the brickwork is in good order. There are issues with silt at the ends of the structure but this is all beyond the public highway and where the culvert is piped in private gardens etc. Next steps will be discussed after the officer in charge is back from annual leave. **UPDATE:** CCC officer confirmed that the engineer for Milestone Infrastructure looked in at both access points within the confines of the highway to conclude that there are no structural issues with the culvert under the carriageway.
- **Shared- use Path Improvements Oakington to Girton:** In July, CCC finished the Phase 1 of widening the shared-use path along Oakington Road, between Brook and Gatehouse Road to benefit walking and cycling. We also tightened the junction at Gatehouse Road to improve visibility for path users and carried out some improvements to the pinch point into Oakington to improve the flow along the paths. This was funded by Highways England, as mitigation for the A14 works. Phase 2 will look to primarily be widening the path from Gatehouse Road to Oakington, subject to design. This will be funded by S106 money from Northstowe. The design has been developed and the cost estimate for construction is more than funds remaining. However, the scheme is still being championed by our project board, and it's looking promising that we will find additional money. We should be able to widen the path from the New Road junction up to the first houses, and we are hopeful we can stretch this past Mansel Farm. Whether we can widen the path in front of the main stretch of houses up to the crossroads is more uncertain at the moment.

In the meantime, work cannot start until the Autumn due to birds nesting in the hedges, therefore, CCC are using this time to finish the design, apply for flood and water consent and purchase a small strip of land adjacent to the New Road junction.

Trenches on Cambridge Road: this work was rectified back at the end of July as they unfortunately appeared after the survey work carried out. **UPDATE:** CCC are finishing off detailed design as they had received the flood and water consent for the drainage design, and CCC are in ongoing negotiations with one of the landowners to purchase a small strip of land at the New Road junction. In terms of construction, CCC are still waiting for confirmation of additional funding. The scheme is on two different lists, and we are still confident of getting the additional funding this financial year. The current aim is to commence construction after Christmas, sometime between January and March depending on when the funding is confirmed. To date we have only talked to the landowners and local councillors; we will commence communications with the other residents along the path once funding is confirmed.

- **Capital Highway Maintenance Programme:**

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Footway maintenance: Station Road, Westwick, from bridge to nursery, footway resurfacing and widening, completion date 2022/23 (£35k). Included alongside A14 legacy and 20mph – All to be completed by 9 September.

- **Mobile located on Oakington School (aka Old Humpty Dumpty):** Update this month is that we finally have electricity and are awaiting to complete all works before giving the building back to the school, the rental will be peppercorn rent but all bills will have to be paid by the school, this contract will be in place until we have tendered for a new Early Years provider which will not be before January 2023. The county team are keeping directly in touch with the school head. **UPDATE:** The school confirmed last month that they will not be taking up the residency of this building.
- **Early Years provider for mobile located on Oakington School:** At the Children & Young People's committee on 11 October, there will be a paper to inform the Committee of the process of the Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System and how it will operate to support the Council to meet its statutory sufficiency duty to ensure sufficient Early Years (EY) and childcare places across the County. With endorsement of the recommendations, officers will be able to initiate call offs from the PDPS and subsequently award contracts to secure new childcare providers where needed across the County. This will include the Early Years provider for this mobile on Oakington School grounds and 3 others school 1 in Arbury and 2 in St Neots. Link to Agenda no 7 on the committee papers is <https://tinyurl.com/mr34j3mb> **UPDATE:** We are awaiting conclusions of the tender process for Early Providers.
- **Flooding hotspots:** Thank you to the Environmental Advisory Group for sending across the list of the flooding hotspots in Oakington & Westwick, 50 locations were picked for this budget, of which 3 locations have been identified for Oakington: a) Water Lane – from Traffic lights at the crossroads in the direction of Cottenham lots of block gullies, b) Dry Drayton Road – water pools at this location, the in-kerb gulley and c) Mill Road outside nos. 1 and 2. We will be commencing the first of the schemes later in September and early October with the plan to complete them late in the autumn with firmer start dates and details of the schemes will go to the Parish Councils. **No update since last report.**

## Over

- **Stagecoach:** I would like to thank Cllr Geoff Twiss, for his very comprehensive document outlining all the busway issues with ticket pricing anomalies, which highlighted the terminology, fare differences, ticket price anomalies and issues, child fares, zoning of busway fares. Stagecoach have informed me that it has been an extremely helpful document. **NO updates since last report.**
- **Mill Road Footpath:** Following a number of queries raised by residents about footpaths on Mill Road, I have been looking into the footway criteria within the County Council. I have been informed by the County Officers outside of any S106 for new developments:  
There are two funding grants we receive from Government. The Highway Maintenance block of funding, and the Integrated Transport block of funding. The highway maintenance funding can only be spent on maintenance, and not the provision of new infrastructure, such as new footways/ cycleways, etc. The Integrated Block funding stream is where improvements are funded from. These improvements are usually identified, ranked and prioritised on an annual basis, from a list of projects called the Transport Investment Programme (TIP). This is not managed by the Highways team, but the Transport Strategy and Funding team.  
The TIP is available online, both in list and map format, details are on this link.  
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/transport-plans-and-policies/transport-investment-plan>  
There are also a number of cycle routes (shared use) being provided across the County, these are funded through the cycling team.  
I am talking with the teams individually to try to understand all these different routes, in the first instance it is worth pointing out that Mill Road footpath is currently not on the TIP as per the above link. The only project outlined for Over is No.239 on page 18 – Longstanton Road, Over between the Guided Busway and King Street – new cycleway – unfunded, part of a Programme by TSCSC - Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. It is worth noting that in the current Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan further up on this report, Mill Road was not highlighted. **UPDATE:** I would recommend putting this on the agenda to be discussed at the December meeting.
- **New 5A bus route:** I am having on going conversations with Stagecoach and Parents of Swavesey Village College, to ensure that the buses are covering key school times and trying to ensure that they stop at the Bus Park in future.
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  - Carriageway maintenance: Station Road, Traffic calming to Church End, carriageway resurfacing, budgeted 2024-2027 (£380k)
  - Footway Slurry Seal: Websters Way, **complete.**

## 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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