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STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Budget

The County Council faces a budget gap of about £29M due to inflation, as reported previously. At the time of writing, much work has been done to close that gap ahead of the February budget meeting, but a £13M gap remains to be filled. Detailed papers are being presented to December committee meetings.

COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION (COSMIC)

Advice and information on a single page

The Council is collating helpful information and advice on a single webpage. This includes information about schemes the Council is running or administering, as well as schemes run by others. More information will be added as it becomes available.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living>

Cultivate Cambs awards

The Committee is being asked to make grants to seventeen projects, including the following with a delivery area covering South Cambs.

- Countywide: A pilot of holistic support for young adult carers aged 16-25, to give young adult carers (YAC) the best chances as they transition to adulthood (Centre 33)
- South Cambs: to make the second youth bus roadworthy again following over 2 years of being laid-up due to COVID which will increase Cambridgeshire youth clubs to 18 per week (Connections Bus Project)
- Countywide: extension of specialist sight loss and visual impairment clinical psychology service (Fight Against Blindness)
- South Cambs: To support a range of dementia support initiatives within the area (Gamlingay Community Centre)
- Countywide: to increase digital inclusion by purchasing three NHS recommended digital rainbow tables (Red2Green)
- South Cambs and Cambridge: to extend intensive casework and running weekly drop-in for families experiencing challenges in Orchard Park, providing access to highly skilled and experienced family workers, helping prevent crises, and building peer support to build community resilience (Red Hen Project)
- Cambridge city and South Cambs: to develop and extend a pilot programme using sewing, upcycling, mending and repurposing clothes to improve wellbeing on 'Social Prescription', supporting Cultivate priority Places and Communities – Communities are inclusive, creative and equitable (Sew Positive)

Repair cafés

Cambridge Carbon Footprint charity has submitted a proposal for a one-off piece of work to support the roll-out of repair cafés in areas that do not currently have access to them. More information about repair cafés at <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/repair-cafes/>

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

Cambridgeshire's carbon footprint

The Environment & Green Investment Committee received its annual update on carbon emissions from Cambridgeshire County Council, and from Cambridgeshire as a whole.

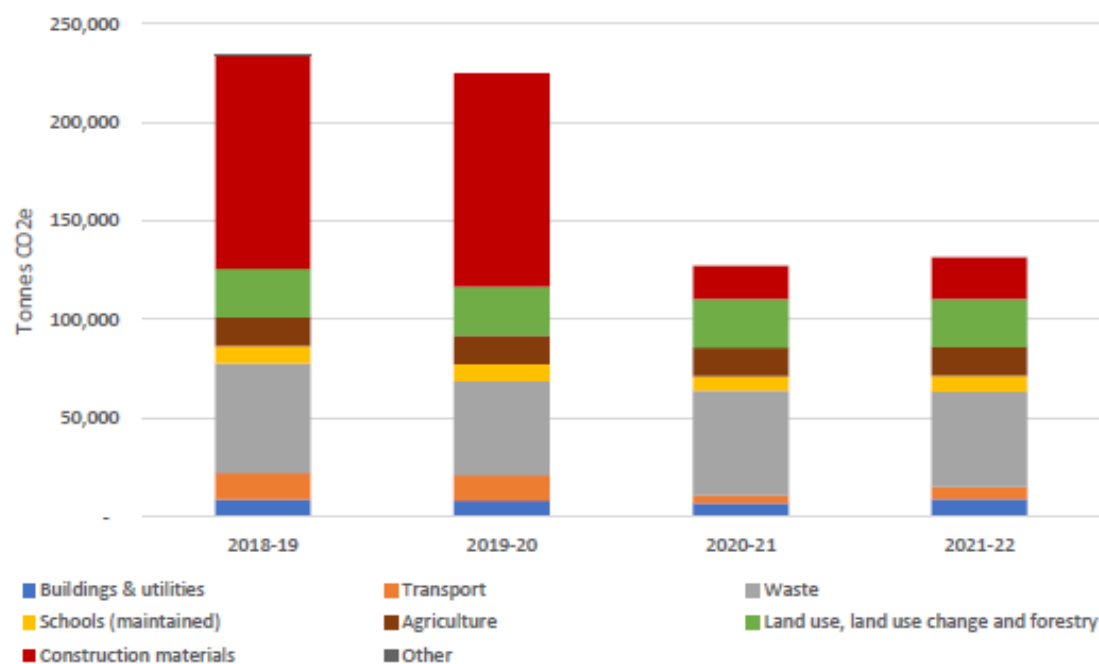
Cambridgeshire County Council

The Council's carbon emissions fall into three categories.

- Scope 1: direct emissions
- Scope 2: purchased electricity
- Scope 3: indirect emissions from assets outside the council's direct control.

The vast majority (95 per cent) of the Council's carbon emissions are 'Scope 3'. The council's carbon emissions for Scopes 1 and 2 were 1 per cent higher than the previous year, but 19 per cent down on the 2018-19 baseline. Scope 3 emissions were 4 per cent higher than the previous year, but 45 per cent down on the 2018-19 baseline, mostly due to reduced construction activity.

CCC annual GHG emissions since 2018-19, by source sector (all 3 scopes)

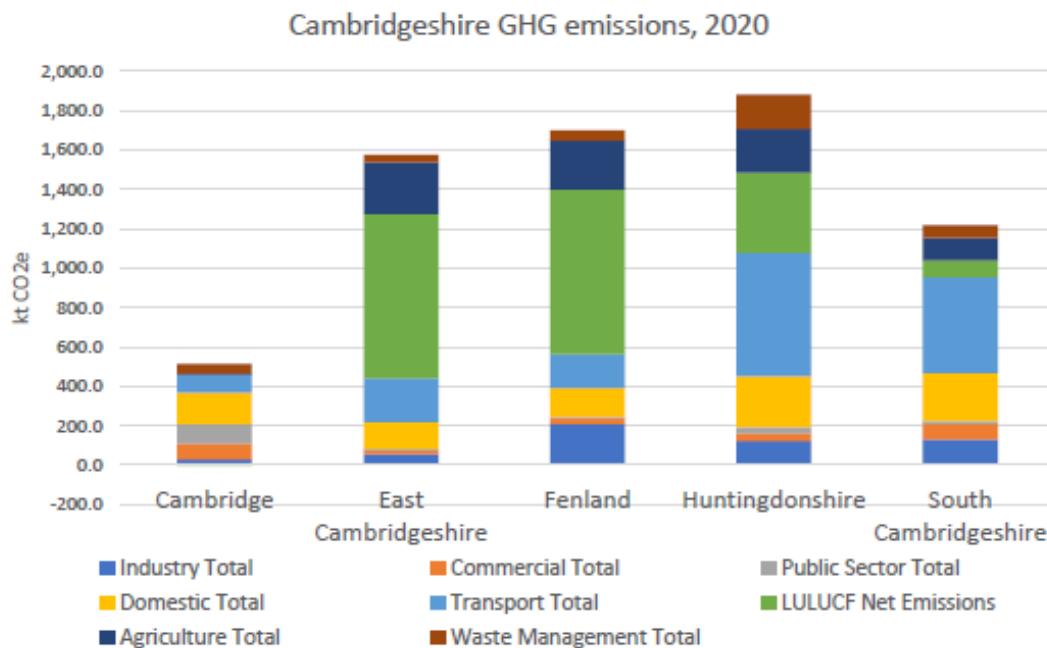


Cambridgeshire

Calculation of the county's carbon emissions now includes methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) as well as carbon dioxide (CO₂). This means that emissions from agriculture and waste are now more fully accounted for.

2020 is the most recent year of data currently available at the time of writing. In that year the total GHG emissions for Cambridgeshire were 6.89 million tonnes CO₂e—a 5.9 per cent reduction compared to 2019. However, 2020 is the year that the global COVID-19 pandemic hit, and some of the reductions will be due to reduced transport and business activity as a result of the UK-wide lockdowns during that year.

Land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF—in green) remains the highest emitting sector in the county, followed by transport (in light blue).



Carbon emissions by district is always an interesting comparison. South Cambridgeshire (281k) has over half the population of Huntingdonshire (181k) so on a population basis these figures would look very different.

Optimising the revenue from our energy projects

The Environment & Green Investment Committee has agreed to engage a specialist energy market services provider to help the council increase the revenue it generates from selling renewable energy and battery storage services from the Council’s large energy services.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

20MPH schemes

The Highways & Transport Committee is being asked to approve two changes to the Council’s policy on 20MPH speed limits, and a new prioritisation matrix to enable it to assess applications for 20MPH schemes in Cambridgeshire. This includes the recent Oakington & Westwick scheme.

The first change would remove the requirement that mean speeds should already be 24MPH or less on any road being considered for a 20MPH limit.

The second change would encourage extended area-based schemes rather than isolated roads or *culs-de-sac*.

The proposed prioritisation matrix consists of five questions:

1. Does the application address a known safety issue?
2. Could the suggested scheme increase safety for vulnerable highway users and encourage active travel modes?
3. Does the application maximise the impact of the introduction of 20MPH?
4. Does the application have demonstrable local support?
5. How deliverable is the scheme?

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/new-20mph-zones-can-be-fast-tracked-under-changes>

Civil Parking Enforcement

The County Council, Combined Authority and Greater Cambridge Partnership are discussing a collective funding offer to support the initial costs for Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire district councils in setting up civil parking enforcement (where on-street parking is enforced by the councils not by the police).

This will require up to £150,000 from each body (£50,000 per funder for each district). These contributions are subject to respective approval, and discussions continue, particularly with the CPCA, to identify additional funding. The same offer will be made to East Cambridgeshire District Council should it decide to join the rest of the country and adopt civil parking enforcement.

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**

Making Connections consultation

A reminder that the Greater Cambridge Partnership 'Making Connections' 2022 consultation runs until 23 December. This is about improvements to bus services, more active travel links, and a congestion charge for Cambridge.

Residents and those travelling to the area are being asked for their thoughts on the three parts of the proposal.

1. Transforming the bus network
From mid-2023, the GCP proposes to transform the bus network through new routes, additional services, cheaper fares and longer operating hours.
2. Investing in other sustainable travel schemes
Alongside the bus network, the GCP proposes to invest in new sustainable travel schemes, such as better walking and cycling links. Again, input is needed.
3. Creating a Sustainable Travel Zone
The GCP proposes the introduction of a Sustainable Travel Zone with a road user charge. Vehicles would be charged for driving within the zone between 7:00AM and 7:00PM on weekdays, and money raised would fund improvements to the bus network and other sustainable travel schemes. The Zone would be fully operational in 2027/28 but only after the bus improvements had been introduced. Again, residents' input is vital.

The survey, plus information about the proposals, including maps, frequently asked questions, dates of public meetings etc can be found at <http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022>

Residents' views and insights are vital. Please have your say on this consultation.

Traffic Management Centre Incident Report

The TMC responded to 207 incidents on the road network throughout Cambridgeshire in November covering 22 weekdays. This is an increase compared to October. In November 2021 we responded to 136 which saw our biggest jump following covid restrictions. 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					
	June	July	August	September	October	November
2021	72	63	68	99	127	136
2022	95	76	76	112	109	207

IN OTHER NEWS

- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking for local residents and business owners to get involved in a new online feedback forum to share their views and opinions about the work of their local fire and rescue service. Anyone who signs up before Monday 19 December will be entered into a free prize draw to win a £50 gift voucher. If this is something you think might interest you, do read more at <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/news-and-incidents/news/2022/11/2022-11-22-fire-service-launches-community-forum>
- As austerity bites, the Cambridgeshire Schools Forum—a consultative body of schools with which the County Council meets regularly—met in early November amid rising concern about the practical impact of ‘desperate’ financial pressures on schools and Academy Trusts, and agreed the need to bring concrete examples to the attention of local MPs.

Meanwhile on the Combined Authority

A revised draft Bus Strategy has been presented to the Combined Authority’s Transport & Infrastructure Committee and the Board. This sets out the principles of how the Combined Authority aims to achieve its ambition to more than double bus patronage by 2030. More details will be set out in the Combined Authority’s revised Bus Service Improvement Plan.

The work on implementing the Combined Authority’s Improvement Plan continues, under a Board chaired by Lord Kerslake. Appointments are continuing to be made to fill the various staffing gaps in the organisation.

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 be 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. 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. **NO updates since last report**
- **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. 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. **NO updates since last report**
- **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.**
- **Permanent TTRO - Northstowe, Longstanton and Oakington and Westwick, 40mph, Restricted Roads & 20mph Speed Limit Order 2022** – Email sent from Steven Thoday to all Parishes to make any comments by **14 December**. I have queried whether these speed limits will stay in place when Phase 3A starts and if there is consideration for the new 20mph default speed for new developments, the motion was passed at CCC full council meeting.

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. Minutes of last meeting (12 October) was distributed by HE on 7 November.
- **Stagecoach Busway buses** – Stagecoach informed me during a meeting on 6 Dec, that they are aware of buses being full on Busway, and are looking to solution in providing more buses.
- **Cardinalis detritus** – this issue has been raised by both Northstowe Town Council and Longstanton Parish Council, I have relayed the information to SCDC.

Longstanton

- **Wilson's Road Bridleway North:** Documents from the Greater Cambridge Planning Portal can be access through the following link: [S/2011/14/COND59 | Submission of details required by condition 59 \(Off Site Highway/Footway Improvements\) of outline permission S/2011/14/OL | Northstowe Phase 2 Station Road Longstanton Cambridgeshire \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](#)

The applicant in this case is Homes England.

CCC was re-consulted on the proposal to discharge the planning condition at the end of September following a submission of a plan (see Drawing called 'WILSONS ROAD PROW IMPROVEMENTS') by the applicant which provided detail on the proposed surface improvements to part of Public Bridleway No. 10, Longstanton. The principles for the improvements of the surface were previously conveyed to the Planning Authority on 27 June 2022 (see CCC comments on the portal on 27 June 2022). County officers considered the plan submitted by the developer to the Planning Authority in September with reference to the principles set by Assistant Director Highways and Transport decision on the desired make-up of the surface. This decision was made following a consultation in May, which the following consultees responded: BHS, CamCycle, Longstanton PC, Cycling UK, Cllr Simon King (member of Local Access Forum). The plan which was submitted in September is in line with the general principles which were set at the end of June and therefore CCC were satisfied with what was submitted at this stage of the process (see CCC comments of 26 September 2022).

The exact specification is still due to be outlined by the applicant in a S.278 agreement with the County Council. A S.278 agreement is an agreement made between the Highway Authority (the County Council) and a 3rd party to carry out works within the public highway. The plan from September is quite general and leaves it open for further specific details to be submitted to the County Council as part of the S.278 agreement process. The applicant will need to carry out a more detailed survey of the route to determine exactly what is achievable before submitting the details to the County Council under the S.278 process. The County Council is awaiting a detailed submissions on the exact specification from the applicant for the S.278 agreement.

On 4 November 2022, the Planning Authority took the approach that what has been submitted is sufficient to satisfy their requirements outlined under condition 59 of the planning permission for phase 2 of Northstowe. This required the developer to submit a programme for the implementation of improvements to the bridleway between Wilsons Road and the Southern Access Road. I can see that the covering letter submitted to the planning authority (see Covering Letter – 12 September 2022) states that the programme for implementation of the improvements to the bridleway shall be completed ahead of occupation of sub-phase 3 of the development.

The recommendation is to surface half of the route side by side with grass allows for the rest of the area between boundaries to be left more natural supporting nature and wildlife. It is stated that the width is adequate for safe use by multiple user groups. County officer have asked Homes England to undertake a topographic survey of what's on the ground, so we can look at available widths and the width of the public highway within this corridor (+trees/ ditches etc) and see how best to fit the desired outcome into the available constraints, to see if this is achievable. As this is sub-phase 3 of the development, I am not sure where this sits on Homes England's priorities at present, so it may be a while before details are forthcoming.

- **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 Hatton Park Head Teacher 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:** Communication has gone out for Volunteers and pupils for the walking bus via school newsletter and social media with deadlines of 9 December. A meeting took place on 23 Nov with LPC/Hatton Park Head Teacher and me and we are working on further actions to mitigate the traffic around the school.
- **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 commenced on 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.
- **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
 - Hattons Road B1050 roundabout down to new roundabout – patched and surfaced
- **Northstowe Phase 1 S106 for traffic measures fund** - there are funds that have been distributed amongst the villages around Northstowe, £27k has been allocated to Longstanton for traffic measures and discussions have progressed about what this could be used for, the decision lies with the Longstanton Parish Council with guidance from County Council officers.
- **Girl Guides "Be Prepared" badge** – over the last month, I have been sent three similar ideas from Longstanton residents whose children attend Girl Guides, they have all mapped safe places in Longstanton. Unfortunately I have not been contacted by the Girl Guides themselves, what I understand from one of the parents is that part of the requirement to achieve the badge is for children to make contact and share thoughts on the current facilities in the village and suggest new

safe places for children to go (with no need to pursue any of this formally - it is the reaching out to you that will gain her the badge). They have highlighted that there are safe places to go in Longstanton should any children need support, such as the local shops, the church, the school (if open), the Pavilion, pub and doctor's surgery.

On one email it was pointed out that there is currently no youth club facility for children to meet safely and they would be a great addition to the village so that children can make friends, do activities and be safe. They have asked if there are any plans for a youth club facility in Longstanton in the future, or in nearby Northstowe? She has suggested that the Longstanton Pavilion would be a good location for children to meet but it would need to be renovated first!

All emails so far have been shared with Longstanton Parish Council, I would like to propose a member of Longstanton Parish Council to take this forward.

Northstowe

- **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. The link to the Water park path should be finished at the end of this week (weather permitting).
- **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:** The levelling up of either side of the busway was completed early in November, we are still waiting for the lights to be completed by Homes England.
- **Bus stops in Northstowe** – county officers are currently liaising with L&Q and Stagecoach for putting in some bus flags and bus stop road markings, they are working on details such as pole sizes and the location of the bus stops.
- **Gritting** – on Monday 12 December, following severe weather conditions, I followed up complaints regarding the state of the roads in Northstowe, following several conversations with L&Q, Northstowe Town Council clerk and County Highway officers, it became obvious that no gritting was planned for these conditions by either L&Q or Homes England, CCC stepped in and salted Stirling Road, Links Lane and Pathfinder Way, the main routes in Northstowe. It was agreed that County Council would only undertake this work for this patch of bad weather, and it would need to be paid for. If all parties are satisfied, CCC will provide a price for consideration going forward, and this can be compared with other providers in the marketplace.
To confirm though as this is a trial on non-adopted land and CCC will not be taking on any liability for slips or falls due to ice formation, a legal agreement can be produced prior to any future work should the process, terms and conditions be agreeable.
We are currently checking what are the details on S106 and if gritting has been referred to, to ensure that there is no breach of contract.

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

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 in the new year, no dates have been set yet as TTROs would need to be applied for.

- **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. 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. **UPDATE:** SCDC have reported that they have spoken to the relevant landowner on two occasions face to face and encouraged them to attend a site visit to look at the requirements for access to the watercourse to carry out the necessary works. To date SCDC has been unsuccessful in arranging such a visit with the landowner from conversations so far and further, and they have received a telephone message today refusing access. SCDC office intentions are now to issue a section 64 notice under the Land Drainage Act 1991 to enable me legal access to the watercourse, the works will be slightly delayed by this additional action but just to reassure that SCDC are working with the LLFA and ready to carry out the works as soon as the formalities and timeline of the notice have been served.
- **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 have detailed design is complete and we have drainage/flood and water consent. We are awaiting to meet with one affected landowner about the proposal, but unfortunately the owner is not available. A meeting is being held this week with the potential funders.

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.

Yellow lines – a resident has been in touch who would like to escalate their complaint.

- **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:** Timelines have been delayed and they currently as follows:

5 December 2022	Call-off process launched. Applications invited for settings at Oakington and Arbury.
31 December 2022	Deadline for applications to be received from interested parties.
4-25 January 2023	Council officers to evaluate applications received.
February 2023	Feedback provided. Contracts awarded to successful applicants.

- **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 and have chased.**
- **Cambridge Road stolen drain covers** – this work was completed on 2 Dec <https://one.network/?GB131933591>

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:** on 6 December I met Stagecoach at Swavesey Village College with a parent from Over to discuss the unreliability of the buses and stopping at the bus park at SVC. Stagecoach confirmed that it will be possible to stop at the bus park but will need authorisation from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner for any changes, this could take up to 70 days but can be done sooner with CPCA support. I am also working with the Head Teacher at SVC to get a survey in the newsletter from the pupils who use the bus route 5A, so we get an idea of numbers and concerns.
- **Capital Highway Maintenance Programme:**
[Appendix 1 Capital Highway Maintenance Programme 2022 to 2024 v2 \(cambridgeshire.gov.uk\)](#)
 - Carriageway maintenance: Station Road, Traffic calming to Church End, carriageway resurfacing, budgeted 2024-2027 (£380k)
 - Bridleway 23 Repair ruts, cut back vegetation to sides and install gates to restrict vehicular access – (£ 4,578) – **Further clarification has been requested by Over Parish Council**
- **Community Centre sign on Station Road** – due to construction on this site the sign has been moved a few metres on Station Road, Highways to check if the new position is suitable for cards turning into Queen's Close.

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>County Council</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>District Council</p> <p>Responsibilities: Council tax payments and benefits, Household bin collections, Housing and housing benefits, Council leisure facilities, Environmental health, Residential planning.</p>
<p>Parish/ Town Council</p> <p>Responsibilities: Looking after community buildings, Open spaces, Allotments, Play Areas, Bus shelters.</p>
<p>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)</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>The Combined Authority, Cambridge and Peterborough, our elected Mayor</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>Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridge and Peterborough</p> <p>To support and challenge the Chief Constable to provide effective and efficient policing services for the area.</p>
<p>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority</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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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2066298150052161/> - Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe

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