

Teversham Issues

1. Fulbourn Greenway: Phase I of the Greenway starts in the centre of Fulbourn village and runs through to the Yarrow Road level crossing. Work on this is due to begin early in 2025 following a final engagement with residents concerning proposed final designs. Phase 2 starts at Fulbourn Old Drift, west side and runs through to the city. On this phase, GCP officers have reported:
Our design team is currently out on site undertaking a topographic survey on the Phase 2 route alignment so we can start drawing up some concept designs. We are still anticipating undertaking a public consultation in early 2025 on the proposed route and designs. We have had early discussions with UK power networks to ensure that our future designs align with their proposals in the area. We are also progressing with the Tins Path railway bridge, including further discussions with Network Rail. It is anticipated that this will be brought forward as a separate package of works as all future proposals for Fulbourn Greenway are set to use this bridge. We are also in close discussions with the developer Misson Street who have just had their outline planning permission granted and are keen to utilise Fulbourn Greenway as part of their master plan.
2. Buses: A proposed new bus service, funded from the mayoral precept, running from Newmarket through East Cambs villages and on to Addenbrookes, is now out for tender. The route passes through the Wilbrahams and Fulbourn and should start at the end of this year or beginning of next. We were reassured that this would not mean the immediate withdrawal of the No. 18 Tuesday 'shopper bus;' service to Newmarket, nor the once-a-day service from the park and ride through Teversham and onto the Wilbrahams and Stetchworth. The No. 18 was to be funded until the end of March, but it now seems that it might be taken off when the proposed new service starts. The Parish council might wish to: write to lobby the mayor to continue this service or provide an alternative for Teversham; and/or begin discussion with Fulbourn concerning community transport options to link those not able to drive to current regular bus routes and/or shopping facilities. In due course there are plans for a bus service from Marleigh; and there will be connections from the new park and ride.
3. CBC. I attended a meeting for residents, councillors and parish councillors in the immediate area of the CBC to consider future developments on the site. There was much discussion concerning the decision on CSET (see below), on the opening of Cambridge South Station, on proposed new hospitals (Childrens and Cancer), on proposed expansion of the site, on the permeability of the site for residents; on the importance of the site in the forthcoming local plan. The site is complex in terms of its different uses, land ownership, number of buildings, their different uses and ages. There is a long-term plan to modernise and redevelop Addenbrookes itself and this has to be factored into the long-term development. Another meeting, this time for local county and district councillors, will take place in the coming week.
4. Bewick Bridge School. I was pleased to attend a meeting with Mr Tom Sapsford, interim head teacher at Bewick Bridge on 16th October. He took over from Amy Liu in September, having previously been deputy head. Bewick Bridge remains a county-council maintained school hence my interest. Amongst several topics covered we discussed possible closer links with the parish council and I know this has been taken up by Cllr Ian Robinson; the land behind the school (though Mr Sapsford indicated they would take time over access to any section); and funding issues. The school is rated as 'Good' by Ofsted and is looking to broaden and deepen outreach into the community. They have expressed interest in taking part, if possible, in a local project with the planning service's youth engagement team and will be in contact with the appropriate people.
5. Highways Matters. Some points will be covered in the notes of the Highways Quarterly meeting. Others (bollards, footpath, protected verge) I will cover at the meeting. One point to note here is that our local highways officer (LHO), Bradley Southwell, who has done good work for the Division, has now moved to another section of the county as LHO. The recruitment process to replace him has begun; in the meantime the role will be split between other officers. I will continue to pursue the

issues of white lines and drainage. On drainage, the civils work on Cherry Hinton Road, the second part of a major jetting operation on drainage channels there, will take place in the coming week.

6. Community Forum East. The next community forum will take place on Wednesday 6th November at 6.00pm in the Hangar building in Marleigh. Transport will be on the agenda, with speakers from the GCP and Stagecoach included.
7. Roadworks: Teversham Road will be closed again in the week of 4th November for 5 days maximum, (9.30-3.00) for fibre cable work. I hope the shopper bus service on Tuesday might be allowed through: the streetworks team will help with this.

Full Council (22 Oct)

Cambridge South-East Transport Scheme (CSET2 Scheme)

The Council heard a presentation from the Greater Cambridge Partnership, representations from supporters and objectors, debated, considered and approved an application for a Transport and Works Act Order (CSET2 Order) for the CSET2 Scheme. The report sought delegated authority to progress the delivery of the CSET2 Scheme, which was approved.

The intention is to create a new, significantly improved, public transport route between a new travel hub near the A11/A1307 and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. Given the current unmanageable volume of traffic on the A1307, the intention is that the CSET2 Scheme will deliver the following components:

- A new high quality guided busway.
- Bus priority improvements.
- A new Park and Ride/Travel Hub.
- New high-quality cycling and walking facilities making use of the emergency and maintenance access track required for the new guided busway.

Government Funding - A motion supporting **fairer funding for Cambridgeshire Police** was endorsed unanimously. Cambridgeshire is the fourth worst funded council in the country. The motion asked officers to write to the Home Secretary and local MPs to gain a fairer share of police funding in the area, as well as promoting the White Ribbon Scheme, demonstrating the Council's commitment to preventing harassment, abuse and violence against women and girls, both within the County Council and externally. The letter has now been sent.

Residents' Parking Schemes – a review

The County Council is reviewing the Resident Parking Scheme (RPS) policy. This Policy provides a framework for the introduction, amendment and extension of formalised Resident Parking Schemes across the county and sets out the principles for the administration of those schemes.

The purpose of the policy review is to ensure that the county council has a fair and transparent resident parking policy in place that supports the rollout of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE). The last review was undertaken in 2017.

This review looks at the administration of permits. It proposes a small number of changes. Some of the changes have little effect on residents' experiences day-to-day. Other proposed changes, such as extending the length of vehicles that may be eligible for resident permits or introducing parking enforcement on bank/public holidays, could have a greater operational impact.

The public can give their views. **The on-line survey will open on 31 October and close on 12 December 2024.** The survey will ask for feedback on the five policy areas where more significant operational changes are being proposed.

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/residents-parking-scheme-policy-review>

The proposed revised policy is expected to be presented and considered by the Highway and Transport committees in March 2025. If you have any issues relating to the policy review or public engagement, please email: ParkingPolicy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly (JA) (16 Oct).

I attended as a member of the Assembly and commented on the subjects of CSET, Waterbeach New Town station and on the Fulbourn Greenway. On Waterbeach new station my points related to the facilities or lack of them at the proposed new station. Myself and my county colleague, Cllr Anna Bradnam, were reassured that the area around the new station would provide many facilities such as shops, cafes, toilets,

shelter, though there was more to be done to ensure that the station itself provided adequate winter-proof shelter.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

Tiger Bus Passes - more than 17,000 young people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have now applied for new bus passes offering fares for just £1. Since the launch in May, 15,821 Tiger Bus Passes have been issued to under 25s. According to the latest figures, 12,200 journeys were made using the passes in the first month of the scheme alone, with the numbers growing daily. With fares normally £2, each journey using the pass saves users £1. The Tiger passes are part of a first phase of a package of improvements by the Combined Authority to improve bus services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They include 30 new or improved bus routes.

I note it has been announced that the £2 fare will increase to £3 from January

Concessionary Bus Passes – from March 2025 the time restrictions will be removed and holders will be able to travel all day using their concessionary bus pass.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - Bus Franchising

Deadline to respond: Wednesday 20th November 2024

You still have an opportunity to respond to this consultation on the potential pathways for improving bus services for local communities.

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news/combined-authority-announces-launch-date-for-bus-franchising-consultation/>

The franchising consultation is online until Wednesday 20th November 2024.

East West Rail consultation

Following the announcement in the Budget concerning this proposed rail route, a new consultation is being launched. It opens on 14th November and runs through to 24th January 2025. This is important for our area. A poster giving details will be made available to the parish council.