

Milton Parish Council

County Councillor's Report – 28 January 2009

Park and Ride

Following a lot of correspondence on 'Milton Chat' I am trying to fix up a meeting. Hopefully, I'll have progress to report to the Parish Council.

Minerals and Waste Plan

The latest round in this long drawn out saga has produced two new proposals from developers that are in Milton and one in Waterbeach that may affect Milton.

The two in Milton are

SS1 73 – Clay extraction for the A14 upgrade– quantity 200,000m³. This is at the current landfill site off Butt Lane.

SS4 126 – land at Chesterton Fen for Household Waste recycling centre.

The one in Waterbeach was somewhat of a surprise (SS4 139). It is a proposal by Network Rail to move the aggregates handling sidings from Chesterton to a site north of Waterbeach. Aside from the fact that it is very close to where I live, Milton PC may wish to consider any effect it may have on vehicular traffic. The idea would be to build a new road from the site to the A10 about half way between the two roundabouts at the Research Park and at the Donarbon site).

You can respond in the usual way via the consultation website.

The A10-A14 roundabout

I contacted the traffic light team about this. Here is their reply:

Dear Councillor Williamson

Thank you for your email regarding the traffic lights at Milton Interchange.

The timing of the lights is designed to try to reduce congestion on the heaviest trafficked routes, such as out of Cambridge during the evening rush hour. Unfortunately this has the effect of penalising some of the less heavy routes, such as the right turn from the A10 onto the A14, at other times of the day. The short length of lane available also makes it difficult as any queue for the A14 Westbound quickly blocks the inside lane over the Southbound Bridge.

We may be able to improve the situation by changing the order in which some of the approaches get green, however this is complicated and will have to be done carefully to ensure that it does not cause worse problems elsewhere. I will have the problem investigated further and implement any improvements that are found.

Cambridgeshire Transport Commission

This has now started and is looking for comments from members of the public. The site is at www.cambstransportcommission.co.uk and is a chance for you all to have your say, whether or not you favour congestion charging.

CCTV on the Jane Coston Bridge

I have chased Mark Kemp, Director of Highways and Access at the County Council for a response to an email I sent to him on this topic.

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