

## District Councillors' Report to Parish Councils – June 2022

### Support for Ukrainian Refugees

Due to the generosity of local communities South Cambridgeshire is the district area with the highest number of visas granted in the country. This means the number of arrivals is high. The Council's housing officers have been carrying out the welfare checks to ensure hosts and guests are settling in.

[The latest data](#) (30 May) from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Home Office shows that 595 visas have been issued for South Cambridgeshire so far as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

At the start of the outbreak of the conflict in Ukraine and beginning of the Homes for Ukraine scheme, South Cambridgeshire District Council mobilised at short notice to arrange payments for guests and hosts, DBS checks and in-person visits to confirm properties are suitable, and guests are settling in well. These processes are ongoing as guests continue to arrive.

The Council also continues to keep hosts and guests in South Cambridgeshire connected via regular bulletin updates and has established online communities to bring together both hosts and guests. A webinar for guests, hosts and community groups is being held, and there are plans for in-person meet-ups soon.

Additionally, [an online welcome pack](#) for new arrivals from Ukraine has been created and continues to be updated as further useful information becomes available.

The District Council's [Business Support and Development](#) team has also stepped-in to help. They have been working with colleagues at Jobcentre Plus to co-ordinate job vacancies with Ukrainian job seekers and promoting advice from industry bodies including the Chambers of Commerce and FSB. They are promoting these through their [newsletter](#), [social media accounts](#) and High Street Support Officers.

All hosts receive information from the District Council directly relating to DBS checks, accommodation checks, £350 monthly host and £350 one-off guest payments.

[Guest arrival payment being increased from £200 to £350 per guest](#)

The Government scheme provides an initial £200 payment per guest to help them with essential costs. However, Government guidance allows local authorities to have flexibility in deciding whether more is needed in the first few weeks after a guest arrives. Hosts and guests in South Cambridgeshire have told the District Council that guests are running out of money in the first month and before longer-term arrangements have been established (both Universal Credit and payment from employment can take a number of weeks before an initial payment is made).

In response to this, South Cambridgeshire District Council is adding a further £150 payment to each guest in our district. Guests who are yet to arrive will be paid the new amount of £350 per guest.

[Pre-payment cards](#)

Many guests have received, or will soon receive, a pre-paid card with the initial one-off payment to help with essential costs. Once activated it can be used for contactless payments in places such as on public transport where PIN verification is not always available.

### Additional language support offer

The District Council offers English language tuition from Cambridge Regional College, Workers' Educational Association and Cambridgeshire Skills. Recently, another provider, CamRuss, has been added which is supporting Ukrainian guests and hosts in Cambridge and the surrounding area. On the [CamRuss website](#) guests can complete a form to request free English language and cultural adaptation sessions.

### Free bicycles for guests from Ukraine

Guests from Ukraine can [request a free, good quality, second-hand bicycle](#) as part of a collaboration between the District Council and two local charities – [OWL Bikes](#) and [Camtrust](#). Helmets and locks will also be supplied, free of charge. The Council will also provide guests with details of a free Bikeability cycle training course, which will include translation services.

**All information can be found on our [Support for Ukraine webpages](#) – where '[Ukrainian Guest information hub](#)' can be found.**

## Launch of Markets Toolkit

The Business Support Team at the District Council has launched a 'Markets Toolkit' as part of its commitment to grow the local economy, support businesses and ensure a rich and diverse choice of products is widely available to our residents. It's an online Toolkit with two directories to encourage and support local communities in setting up their own markets.

The online toolkit gives lots of useful information on how to go about setting up a market, while the directories detail local markets and local stallholders.

Waterbeach already has a market which occurs periodically and will be promoted on this site.

More information is available here [Council launches online toolkit to help local villages and towns set up markets - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](#)

## Business Webinars

Our Business Support team hosts a series of free webinars for South Cambridgeshire businesses – including two which are planned for the next couple of months. Further information can be found at [Business Support events page](#).

**CLlrs Paul Bearpark, Anna Bradnam and Judith Rippeth**

## Noteworthy schemes/strategies and projects to be consulted on in future / consultations recently closed

Scheme name	Type of scheme	Main consultation contact	Status of consultation	Website link
LTCP	Transport plan	CPCA	Live Closes 4/8/22	<a href="https://yourltcp.co.uk/">https://yourltcp.co.uk/</a>
C2C	Environmental impact assessment	GCP	Live. Closes 11/7/22	<a href="http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/c2c-eia">www.greatercambridge.org.uk/c2c-eia</a>
New road classification	Road categorisation	GCP	Live Closes 18/7/22	<a href="http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/RoadClassification2022">www.greatercambridge.org.uk/RoadClassification2022</a>
Water Resources East Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP)	Water Resources Management Plan updated every five years	Water Resources East Ltd	Closed	<a href="#">Link to Water Resources East website</a>  <a href="#">Link to Consultation</a>
North East Cambridge Area Action Plan	Area Action Plan	South Cambridgeshire District Council & Cambridge City Council	Approval to progress to consultation Spring 22. Formal engagement phase (Reg 19) to follow conclusion of Development Consent Order process for Cambridge Wastewater Treatment plant	<a href="#">Link to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website</a>

			relocation (see above)	
East West Rail	Nationally significant infrastructure project	East West Railway Company (Created by Department for Transport in 2018)	Latest consultation closed in June 2021. A statutory consultation is expected next year when communities will be asked to give their comments on detailed proposals.	<a href="#">Link – East West Rail company</a>
Waterbeach to Cambridge	Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Aim is to undertake a public consultation on the preferred route for the Waterbeach to Cambridge project later in 2022	<a href="#">Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website</a>
Cambridge South East Transport	Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Application to Government for TWAO to build busway and active travel route in 2022	<a href="#">Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website</a>
Cambridge Eastern Access	Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Consultation was held in late 2021. The results of this	<a href="#">Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website</a>

			consultation will be taken back to the GCP Executive Board - alongside further technical work – in 2022 to decide on next steps on the preferred options.	
Greenways	12 x local greenways feeding into Cambridge	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Outline business case being prepared. Consultation expected Oct 22.	<a href="#">Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website</a>
Cambridge South West Travel Hub	Local - A new Travel Hub site at Junction 11 of the M11	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Application currently with Cambridgeshire County Council – determination delayed	<a href="#">Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website</a>