

District Councillors' Report to Parish Councils – July 2022

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

The Council continues to dedicate a great deal of resource to supporting the Homes for Ukraine programme and welcoming guests to South Cambridgeshire. A few numbers on this provide an indication of the extent of the work being undertaken by very dedicated council officers:

- 329 groups/families who have so far applied to the scheme in South Cambridgeshire, who have matched with a sponsor, and have applied for visas. Some groups have not yet arrived.
- 742 guests within those groups that have been matched to sponsors.
- 67 parishes in South Cambridgeshire with Ukrainian guests that have arrived.
- 682 visa applications made in South Cambridgeshire, and 633 visas issued.
- 221 groups/families that have arrived in South Cambridgeshire so far.
- 476 guests that have arrived in South Cambridgeshire so far.
- Completed a total of 445 DBS checks on occupants of sponsor homes.
- Completed a total of 138 welfare visits with groups who have arrived.

Officers have been providing excellent support to the Homes for Ukraine programme. The [Support for Ukraine website pages](#) are regularly updated with the latest advice and guidance for hosts and guests.

MJ Awards 2022

SCDC has been nominated in the 'Leadership in responding to the Climate Emergency' category. The Council's 'Green to our core' programme of work is up against Cheshire West and Chester Council, Essex County Council, Manchester City Council, LB Enfield and LB Waltham Forest and Wokingham Borough Council.

A10 path Lighting

We are continuing to push for some form of lighting on the A10 cycle path. We feel that this is essential to make it clear where the edge of the path is in the winter. When travelling north on the path vision is impaired by the dipped headlights of vehicles travelling south.

Mere Way Lighting

We are continuing to push for appropriate lighting of the forthcoming Mere Way path. Currently no lighting is proposed which we think will discourage people from using it. Given the rural setting of this path the lighting does need to be appropriate. Hence, we have been campaigning for solar studs which will have very limited impact on the setting and wildlife.

Cycle Way to Cambridge Research Park

Cambridge Research Park will be surfacing an existing bridleway for use by cyclists. We think that the plans are insufficient to encourage people to cycle to CRP especially in winter. There is a long section

which will not be re-surfaced and a significant length of it is alongside a very deep drain. We have been pushing both CRP and CCC to come up with a better scheme.

SCDC Community Chest Grants

The Council's Grants Advisory Committee agreed to grant £2,000 to support the refurbishment of the Play Park at Chittering, which in addition to contributions from Amey and the Parish Council, will enable the project to be progressed.

The District Council also agreed to contribute £960 to Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust to support the Wild Minds project which provides outdoor activities to young people aged 14-17 who are coping with mental health issues. The money will enable Wild Minds to purchase a range of woodworking tools, wildlife observations kits and bench seating. Wild Minds enables young people to build their resilience, confidence and independence, as well as have fun through outdoor activities

All of us supported these applications.

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	https://yourltcp.co.uk/
C2C	Environmental impact assessment	GCP	Live. Closes 11/7/22	www.greatercambridge.org.uk/c2c-eia
New road classification	Road categorisation	GCP	Live Closes 18/7/22	www.greatercambridge.org.uk/RoadClassification2022
Water Resources East Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP)	Water Resources Management Plan updated every five years	Water Resources East Ltd	Closed	Link to Water Resources East website Link to Consultation
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	Link to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website

			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.	Link – East West Rail company
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	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website
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	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website
Cambridge Eastern Access	Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Consultation was held in late 2021. The results of this	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website

			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.	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website
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	Link to Greater Cambridge Partnership website