



# **Ely Neighbourhood Panel Update**

**January 2014**

## East Cambridgeshire District Council – Action Updates:

### Priority:

1.	None	
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### Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	Taxis parking in parking bays in city centre - <b>Any conditions or restrictions within license?</b>	<p>There are no restrictions on licensed vehicles parking in parking bays, in the same manner as a non licensed vehicle.</p> <p>Licensed vehicles should not park in the disabled bays ( unless of course the licensed driver has his own disabled badge)</p> <p>Licensed vehicles should not be parking on the bend near to Costa Coffee etc.</p> <p>Illegal parking and parking in excess of time restrictions is enforced by the Police.</p> <p>Licensing does not have any powers over illegal parking.</p> <p>As part of the hackney carriage byelaws, made under Section 68 of the Town and Police Clauses Act 1847 and Section 171 of the Public Health Act, 1875 where a space is not available on the hackney carriage rank in Market Street or opposite the Market Square, the driver must proceed to another stand.</p>
2.	Princess of Wales by water tower - <b>Fly-tipping (one sofa will encourage others!)</b>	This should have been reported directly to the Council at the time, not 2 months later. This will be checked when an Officer is in the area and removed if public land.

3.	Wheelie bins – council not being proactive with promoting assisted lifts for people who cannot manage their bins. Assisted lifts not included on literature being given out	ECDC automatically transferred residents that were assisted on the old service to the new service and anyone else that raised concern were offered the service if needed .Officers at Promotional events would have offered the service if they thought a resident required it.
4.	Double parking at junction of new barns road and deacons lane exacerbated by market vehicles. ECDC need to look at where market vehicles are currently being encouraged to park	Designated parking for market traders with large vehicles (with a valid business permit) is provided at Barton Road car park. Other market traders with a valid business permit may park in a standard bay in any long stay car park. In common with any user of the long stay car parks, market traders may park all day if they arrive after 8.30 a.m. Market traders are subject to the same rules as any other driver if they choose to park on-street, however we do encourage traders to use the designated off-street parking available to them.
5.	Lisle Lane conservation area has a lot of ugly banners in it (Pecks and Aldi)	The Aldi banner has now been removed but the conservation officer has not yet had a response from Pecks.
6.	Moving the post office. Current arrangements are an insult to users, invisible consultation period. No disabled parking at new location	There are 5 disabled bays in Newnham Street Short Stay car park and 4 in the Long Stay section. Disabled drivers can also park in any bay as long as they display their blue badge with no time limit.

## Dog fouling and fly tipping statistics:

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#### Reported Fly Tips

Parish/Village	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Chettisham	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0				
Ely	1	2	4	4	5	3	6	2	2				29
Prickwillow	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0				3
Queen Adelaide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
Shippea Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Stuntney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
<b>Month total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>

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#### Fouling Reports

Parish/Village	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Chettisham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Ely	2	2	1	1	0	4	0	9	4				23
Prickwillow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Queen Adelaide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Shippea Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Stuntney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
<b>Month total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>

## Cambridgeshire County Council – Action Updates:

Priorities: None Set

### Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	<p><b>Downham road</b> - Speed bumps ineffective to slow down traffic from bypass. There needs to be monitoring undertaken of driver behaviour on Egremont street and changes identified for the road layout to assist with cyclist awareness</p>	<p>The County Council's Road Safety Team has considered this matter and comments that there are no records of any injury accidents on Egremont Street during the last five years; this is also the case at the junction of Egremont Street and Downham Road.</p> <p>The junction with Egremont Street/Lynn Road has, however, seen three slight injury accidents during the same recording period.</p> <p>However, there are no cluster sites in this area.</p> <p>This is not an area that the Road Safety Team would monitor or study as the team's primary objective is to concentrate on the 102 cluster sites around the County.</p> <p>A cluster site is defined as a junction or 100 metre length of road (in the most recent 3 calendar year period) with: 6 or more slight injury accidents; 3 or more fatal or serious accidents; or 5 or more injury accidents providing that one of them is fatal or serious.</p> <p>The following link details this:  <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/safety/methodologies/accident+sites.htm">http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/safety/methodologies/accident+sites.htm</a></p> <p>The introduction of a speed reduction scheme on Downham Road could be the subject of a future Local Highway Improvement (LHI) scheme bid.</p> <p>The LHI bidding process for the 2014/15 financial year closed on 9 December 2013. However, Ely City Council or a local community group could submit a LHI bid for 2015/16.</p>

2.	<b>High barns</b> - Cycling on narrow paths a problem whole way down. Need cycle paths.	This issue is being considered by the County Council's Cycling Team.
3.	<b>Market Square</b> - Regulations for pavements being used for cafes, who are doubling floor space	<p>East Cambridgeshire District Council issues and regulates the licenses relating to this activity.</p> <p>The County Council's Highways Service monitors any damage to the footway during routine inspections and reports any such damage to the District Council.</p> <p>The County Council's policy in this matter is set out below:</p> <p><b>9.7 Trading, Tables and chairs on the highway</b></p> <p>9.7.1 Tables and chairs and other street trading activity will only be permitted on the public highway in connection with a street trading licences or consent issued by a district or city council. The County Council will assist in the identification of suitable sites and as Highway Authority has ultimate veto on the issue of any licence. All licences should be for a period not exceeding 12 months in order for any change in highway circumstances to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>9.7.2 All areas of seating for such trading on street must be enclosed using barriers approved by the relevant Network Management Area Team that must be removed from the highway at the end of the trading period. No advertising or banners will be permitted on any seating area enclosure barriers.</p> <p>9.7.3 Any markings to identify trading pitches on the highway, usually in the form of a brass plate or road markings will only be permitted for trading pitches:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• operating under a license or with the consent of the local District or City Council</li> <li>• in locations that do not interfere with the safe and convenient passage of highway users.</li> </ul>

## Sanctuary Housing – Action Updates:

Priorities: None set

Other Issues:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	None raised	

## City of Ely Council – Action Updates:

Priorities: None set

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	<b>Forehill disabled parking</b> - Should people be allowed to park there with a blue badge? Needs to be looked at again but shops also need to be able to deliver!	City Centre Forum meeting last week, Sgt W Davies informed the meeting that the Police were going to target Forehill and issue tickets to disabled drivers that were causing an obstruction.
2.	<b>High street on Saturdays</b> - Consider closing earlier at weekends and would a barrier put	This is actually the responsibility of ECDC.

	in at the other end help? - seek a revised closure order?	
3.	High street signs - General parking signs are not correct signs?	These have now been checked and the Police are now ticketing on a Saturday.

**Current Organisational Issues:**

None
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**East Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team – Action Updates:**

**Priorities:**

<b>• Priority - Xmas shopping policing presence, extra bobbies on beat</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To reduce shop lifting in Ely
<b>Action Taken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional officers were on duty on Market Days and Saturdays in the run up to Christmas.</li> <li>• Whereas we would normally expect to see around 20-25 shopliftings reported during the month of December, in 2014 we only recorded 6 offences (with 5 of those being detected and the offenders dealt with).</li> <li>• Feedback from shoppers and local residents was very positive, and officers on foot were also able to contribute to the 'Ely City Parking' priority.</li> </ul>

<b>Priority</b>	<b>- Parking in High Street (working with other relevant agencies)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To enforce parking restrictions and educate drivers
<b>Action Taken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage and details of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) were checked to make sure that all were now clear and correct, and officers fully understood what could be enforced</li> <li>• Local businesses supplied with details of the TRO and advised that enforcement would be taking place from 09/11/13</li> <li>• Publicity in the local media around regulations and forthcoming enforcement activity, and words of advice given to offending motorists over two weekends</li> <li>• Enforcement from 09/11/13 has resulted in 230 parking tickets being issued, and 5 vehicles reported for having no tax</li> <li>• Support from local residents both to officers, and in the local media, has been overwhelmingly positive</li> <li>• Enforcement activity also taking in place in Forehill to deal with obstructions caused by Blue Badge holders (with accompanying education / guidance on safe parking)</li> </ul>

**Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1.	<b>St Marys School Parking</b> - Has improved but problem drifted to adjacent roads	Parking patrols have been conducted in the area of all primary schools in Ely (incl. St Mary's) and the vast majority of parked vehicles have been parked legally, with only 1 Fixed Penalty Notice needing to be issued.