



Ely Neighbourhood Panel Update

October 2013

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Action Updates:

Priority:

1.	Litter in front of shops	As in response to the issue about dirt in front of shops below, further information is needed to target necessary action. Details of particular times, locations & nature of litter would be helpful.
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Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

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1.	City Centre - Dirty streets near shops	Please provide details of particular locations & definition of dirty. Is this referring to litter levels, detritus or chewing gum deposits etc? Generally it is felt that litter levels are kept within contract requirements, although there will be exceptions particularly during & shortly after markets. It is accepted that detritus levels sometimes fall below acceptable standards and Veolia have been asked to address this issue.
2.	New Barns Road - Fly tipping bottle bank	The site should be routinely cleared on a weekly basis, but an additional visit has been requested.
3.	Fence 3 cups walk on way to car park broken – letter to cathedral	A letter has been written to the cathedral advising them of the broken fence.
4.	Can the community payback team be asked to litter pick at cutter and Jubilee Gardens?	Community Payback have been asked to do some litter picks in this area up to the grass bank outside the Cutter commencing weekly from 30 th Sept 2013. They also regularly drop in at Pocket Park/Country Park to litter pick and monitor for graffiti.
5.	Jubilee Garden – ECDC vehicles are leaving pools of oil	All the parks and open spaces vehicle are annually serviced and have a weekly vehicle check by the driver, there is no sign of any oil leakage upon the ground were the vehicles are stored over night, I have asked our waste contractor to check their vehicle that entre the gardens and they do not believe it is their vehicles. At weekends many other vehicles drive onto the grass to set up for events, I have asked the grounds maintenance staff to monitor the area.

Cambridgeshire County Council – Action Updates:

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1.	Market Square - Further info on when the lighting column will be replaced	Balfour Beatty (the County Council's street lighting service provider) and Lorraine Brown at East Cambridgeshire District Council are discussion options for streets lighting as part of a possible enhancement project for the area. Potential designs are in the process of being priced and produced to allow for a decision to be made regarding the temporary street lights.
2.	Lynne Road - Pot holes filled in centre of road but still problems on edges that make it unsafe for cyclists	<p>Highways Inspections are always on going but Lynn Road is a long stretch of carriageway; therefore, so more information to pinpoint the location of the issues would make it easier for Local Highway Officers to identify and examine.</p> <p>Members of the public and local councils are able to report pot holes and other defects using the County Council's highways fault reporting processes. This can be done on-line or by telephone.</p> <p>The County Council seeks to encourage people wherever possible to report on-line rather than by telephone, as it allows the County Council to offer a more efficient service.</p> <p>Following consultation with the public on the way they prefer to report pot holes and other highway problems, the on-line Highways Fault Reporting System has been upgraded within recent months to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • easier data entry for the public • improved tracking, so people reporting on-line can follow the progress of a repair • the ability to enter a second fault without the need to re-enter personal/contact details • better system capacity to ensure fault reports do not fail • better on-line access to advice and information from the County Council's Contact Centre. <p>The improvements to the Highway Fault Reporting System are designed to make it easier for the public to report a concern or a fault, which will then be dealt with as quickly as possible by the repair teams throughout Cambridgeshire.</p>

		<p>To report a highways fault, go to: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm</p> <p>or telephone the Contract Centre on 0345 045 5212.</p>
3.	Silver Street - Dangerous for cyclists over speed bumps – review already underway with CCC cycling officer	<p>A County Council Highways Officer has inspected the area and has made arrangements for a number of cobbles on the speed humps to be re-bedded.</p>
4.	High Barns - Overhanging branches 151-154 private properties	<p>In most cases, boundary hedges or planted shrubs adjacent to the public highway are in the ownership of the respective adjoining property owners and, therefore, the responsibility to maintain this planting - to ensure that there is no obstruction to the highway - rests with those property owners.</p> <p>However, the County Council, as Local Highway Authority, will, as a matter of priority, send letters to the property owners, to both remind them of their duties and to request that they trim back the hedges and/or shrubs.</p> <p>A letter has been sent by the Local Highway Authority to the home owners, asking them to cut back the overhanging branches.</p>
5.	Prickwillow - HGV's prickwillow is it possible to introduce measures to reduce the number of HGVs travelling through Prickwillow	<p>As all local councils should be aware, the County Council has adopted a County-wide HCV Strategy, which was developed in conjunction with all Town and Parish Councils and was approved by the County Council in January 2012.</p> <p>The strategy sets out a range of interventions to mitigate lorry impacts, stressing that formal regulation should be considered the final, and not the first, option. It highlights the fact that, given current pressures on council budgets, funding of HCV management measures would rest with local communities.</p> <p>Furthermore, in making an assessment as to whether interventions could be put in place to mitigate lorry impact in one community, there is a need to consider the impact that any formal measures would have upon neighbouring communities.</p> <p>further information on the strategy can be found at http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/heavy/hcv+strategy.htm.</p>

6.	<p>Ely - Broken road surfaces and pot holes every where</p>	<p>Inspections by CCC Local Highway Officer are always on going and maintenance works are undertaken as necessary.</p> <p>Members of the public and local councils are able to report pot holes and other defects using the County Council's highways fault reporting processes. This can be done on-line or by telephone. The County Council seeks to encourage people wherever possible to report on-line rather than by telephone, as it allows the County Council to offer a more efficient service.</p> <p>Following consultation with the public on the way they prefer to report pot holes and other highway problems, the on-line Highways Fault Reporting System has been upgraded within recent months to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • easier data entry for the public • improved tracking, so people reporting on-line can follow the progress of a repair • the ability to enter a second fault without the need to re-enter personal/contact details • better system capacity to ensure fault reports do not fail • better on-line access to advice and information from the County Council's Contact Centre. <p>The improvements to the Highway Fault Reporting System are designed to make it easier for the public to report a concern or a fault, which will then be dealt with as quickly as possible by the repair teams throughout Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>To report a highways fault, go to: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm</p>
7.	<p>Bypass update requested at next panel</p>	<p>After detailed consideration and public consultation, a preferred option was identified and a planning application developed.</p> <p>The planning application has now been submitted and will be considered by the County Council's Development Control Committee in December.</p> <p>It is, however, possible that a public inquiry could be called by the Secretary of State in response to any objections. This would mean that a decision would not be likely until the summer of 2014.</p> <p>The next stages in the scheme are detailed design and procurement with progress and programming being subject to the planning decision.</p>

		As a separate initiative that will need to be co-ordinated with the bypass construction, the County Council is considering the provision of cycle facilities to link Stuntney with the city.
8.	Update on refreshing road markings in Ely?	A list of yellow and white lines and parking bays in need of refreshing have been identified and the Local Highway Authority will endeavour to work its way through these as part of the ongoing routine maintenance work.
9.	Crossing A10 West Fen Road impossible	This junction has been inspected by one of the County Council's Highway Engineers and was found to meet all required design standards. Consequently, no works would be proposed by the Local Highway Authority.
10.	New Barns and shared cycle way with Benthem Way, overhanging branches	Cycleways are maintained by East Cambridgeshire District Council as part of its Open Space Management programme. The Ely Local Highway Officer for Ely will discuss this matter with the relevant officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council.
11.	New road surface on Kings Avenue, Springfield Road is awful and worse than before resurfaced-a disgrace	It is acknowledged that there were some issues with the pre-patching works undertaken to this section of road; these have, however, been rectified and this road has been surfaced dressed.
12.	Springhead Lane surface potholes	This road has been re-surfaced recently and all potholes were filled prior to the that work being carried out.

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.	Parking Dovehouse Close, Forehill, junction New Barns/ Deacons Lane, Lisle Lane, Potters Lane	Verbal update to be provided at the panel meeting on progress and outcomes from the City of Ely Council's on-street parking review

Current Organisational Issues:

None

East Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team – Action Updates:

Priorities:

Priority - Late Night ASB/ Night Time Economy	
Objective	To reduce ASB in Ely, primarily in the City Centre
Action Taken	<p>Foot patrols have been conducted in Ely City Centre on Friday and Saturday nights as a matter of routine over the Summer. Two shifts of officers overlap during these periods, meaning there are twice the number of officers ordinarily deployable during this period, and one shift conducts foot patrols in and around the City Centre.</p> <p>Comparing the period Jul 13 – Sep 13 with the 3 months prior to the panel meeting, it can be seen that reductions have been seen in Total Crime, Criminal Damage, Alcohol Related Incidents and ASB.</p> <p>There has been increase in reported violent crime, but this increase would appear to be as a result of officers being on hand</p>

	<p>to deal with any violence taking place - and incidents/crimes therefore being recorded, which otherwise might not have been reported to Police.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ely East Ward</th> <th>Apr 13 – Jun 13</th> <th>Jul 13 – Sep 13</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Crime</td> <td>123</td> <td>111</td> <td>-9.8 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Violent Crime</td> <td>17</td> <td>27</td> <td>+58.8 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td>11</td> <td>10</td> <td>-9.1 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alcohol Related Incidents</td> <td>37</td> <td>21</td> <td>-43.2 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anti Social Behaviour</td> <td>75</td> <td>60</td> <td>-20.0 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No Ely City Centre pubs are currently highlighted as being problematic, and ASB that has been reported in the Ely East Ward has rarely been in relation to the night time economy.</p>	Ely East Ward	Apr 13 – Jun 13	Jul 13 – Sep 13		Total Crime	123	111	-9.8 %	All Violent Crime	17	27	+58.8 %	Criminal Damage	11	10	-9.1 %	Alcohol Related Incidents	37	21	-43.2 %	Anti Social Behaviour	75	60	-20.0 %
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Current Situation	<p>Foot patrols in Ely City Centre, to deal with night time economy issues on a Friday and Saturday night will continue as business as usual.</p> <p>There are no current or emerging issues identified in relation to this priority.</p>																								
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Priority	<p>- Parking Issues at Specified Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forehill - Potters Lane/ Dovehouse Close - St Mary's School
Objective	To enforce parking restrictions and educate drivers
Action Taken	<p>Since the last panel meeting a meeting has taken place between the City of Ely Council, ECDC, Police and County Highways, to look at this issue of parking in the City and ensure that relevant signs and notices are correct and enforceable.</p> <p>Necessary action will now be taking place to ensure that all Traffic Regulation Orders in the City are enforceable, and</p>

signage is clear.

Forehill

Numerous patrols conducted; most resulting in no offences being observed.
1 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) issued for No Waiting

Potters Lane/ Dovehouse Close

Numerous patrols conducted.
2 FPNs issued for Unnecessary Obstruction

St Marys School

Patrols conducted at school picking up time.
Words of advice given to 3 drivers, and one driver giving a warning leaflet for being parked on junction.

Other Locations:

<u>Silver Street</u> 2 FPNS for Limited Waiting	<u>St Ovin's Green</u> 1 FPN for Unnecessary Obstruction	<u>New Barns Road</u> 1 FPN for No Waiting
<u>Newnham Street</u> 1 FPN for Parking in a Disabled Bay	<u>Broad Street</u> 1 FPN for No Waiting	<u>Chequers Lane</u> 1 FPN for No Waiting
<u>Market Street</u> 12 FPNs for Limited Waiting 1 FPN for Parking in a Disabled Bay	<u>High Street</u> 18 FPNs for Limited Waiting 6 FPNs for Parking in a Disabled Bay 3 FPNs for Incorrectly Parked in Bay 1 FPN for Unnecessary Obstruction	<u>St Mary's Street</u> 4 FPN for Limited Waiting
<u>Chapel Street</u> 2 FPN for No Waiting 1 FPN for Limited Waiting	<u>West End</u> 4 FPNs for Limited Waiting 1 FPN for No Waiting	<u>Minster Place</u> 1 FPN for Parking in a Disabled Bay
<u>Downham Road</u> 1 FPN for No Waiting		

Current Situation	Parking remains a concern for local residents, and enforcement will continue alongside officers' other duties.
Continue or Discharge	Continue

Priority - Speeding at Identified Locations:

- Lisle Lane
- Cam Drive (0700-1100)
- Victoria Street
- Lynn Road

Objective	To enforce the law and educate drivers
Action Taken	<p><u>Lisle Lane</u> 2 drivers reported for Excess Speed (41 & 44 MPH)</p> <p><u>Cam Drive</u> 2 drivers reported for Excess Speed (37 & 40 MPH)</p> <p><u>Victoria Street</u> No offences observed</p> <p><u>Lynn Road</u> 2 drivers given words of advice</p>
Current Situation	Speeding continues to be a concern for local residents, though enforcement activity has found most drivers to be complying with the speed limits in these areas.
Continue or Discharge	Discharge

