



Soham and East Neighbourhood Panel Update

October 2013

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Action Updates

Priorities: None Identified

Other Issues:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1	Dog fouling on the recreation ground – intimidation reporting to ECDC (Fordham)	Please report to ECDC and the enforcement officer can monitor areas with multiple complaints.
2	Dog fouling on Malting Lane (Soham)	Soham reported one complaint in June, July and August. Mess cleared.
3	New sites for building could accommodate more housing than planned (Soham)	The Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the District. This identifies a number of major housing sites in Soham, which are estimated to be capable of delivering 1,100 new dwellings. The Plan also sets out the Council's approach to housing density, which is that this should be judged on a site by site basis, to ensure that developments are compatible with the surrounding area. The Local Plan can be seen on the Council's website.
4	Rubbish left on the Priory Green (Soham)	Any rubbish reported would have been passed to Veolia to clear asap.
5	EMR sound barrier still no in place (Snailwell)	The council have received photos of the barrier which is currently being erected (These have been sent to the Parish Council). EMR are hoping to have it completed by mid – end of October and ECDC have contacted the County regarding a date for the next liaison meeting. Complaints are still continuing. These are still being logged and passed to EMR, the County Council and the Environment Agency (EA) for information. The last correspondence from the EA stated that they hoped to commence the review of EMR's site Environmental Permit in July. EMR currently have 36 containers in place.
6	Fly tipping into Causeway waterway into Soham Lode rubbish and hedge cutting (Soham)	Flytipping would be passed onto the enforcement Officer to investigate for evidence and then passed to Veolia for safe removal.

Fly Tipping Reports and Enforcement Actions 2013/14

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Parish/Village	Reported Fly Tips											Total	
	Apr	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		March
Chippenham	0	0	0	0	0								0

Prosecution 0 0 0 0

**Fly Tipping Enforcement Actions 2012/13
(District)**

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Investigation	27	16	33	32	42	31	31	28	20	37	42	32	371
Warning letter	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Statutory Notice	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Duty of Care Inspection	3	0	1	1	1	0	14	9	0	0	0	0	29
Stop & Search	7	1	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Formal Caution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Formal Caution With Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fly Tipping
Enforcement Options

Investigation	Inspection of fly tip for evidence that could lead to enforcement action being taken, together with related enquiries.
Warning letter	Used where formal enforcement action is not considered appropriate as a warning of the potential consequences of further infringements.
Statutory Notice	A legal requirement to provide information that will assist with investigation of an offence.
Fixed Penalty Notice	Agreement to accept a standard penalty fee as an alternative to formal legal action.
Duty of Care Inspection	Check that a business has correct arrangements in place for the storage, transport and disposal of its waste.
Stop & Search	Check on vehicle carrying waste for waste carriers licence and waste disposal documentation.
Formal Caution	An offender having admitted an offence is formerly cautioned by the Head of Service. A record is kept of the Caution for 5 years.
Formal Caution With Costs	As Formal Caution, but investigation and clear up costs are charged to the offender.
Prosecution	Formal prosecution through the Court System.

Dog Fouling Reports 2013/14

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Parish/Village	Fouling Reports												Total	
	Apr	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March		
Chippenham	0	0	0	0	0									0
Fordham	0	0	0	0	0									0
Isleham	0	0	0	0	1									1
Kennett	0	0	0	0	0									0
Snailwell	0	0	0	0	0									0
Soham	0	0	0	0	0									0
Wicken	1	0	1	1	1									4
Month total	1	0	1	1	2	0	5							

Total Dog Fouling Reports in East Cambridgeshire

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Monthly Ave.
2013/14	10	8	8	6	5									
2012/13	7	7	7	4	8	12	9	8	18	16	11	17	124	10.33
2011/12	5	4	0	1	1	6	4	12	10	24	30	0	97	8.41
2010/11	4	7	7	8	4	5	9	8	13	19	21	12	117	9.75
2009/10	2	4	1	4	1	0	7	3	8	11	14	9	64	5.33

Cambridgeshire County Council – Action Updates

Priorities: None Identified

Other Issues:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1	No public transport (Chippenham, Isleham and Kennet)	Chippenham is currently served by a Monday to Friday peak service into Newmarket, which also enables a connection into Cambridge. In addition, there is a shopping facility provided on Tuesdays and Saturdays into Newmarket. As part of the County Council's Cambridgeshire Future Transport project, all the current contracted services are being reviewed over the next two and a half years. Services in the Chippenham area are programmed to be reviewed for April 2014 and consultation on the future shape of public transport in the area will commence around the end of 2013. Any changes to the current provision will be considered as part of this process but it is important to note that the overall funding available is being reduced across the county from £2.7 million to £1.5 million.
2	Flashing lights on Weatheralls crossing not working for three to four weeks - cars speeding up to the crossing (Soham)	The Traffic Signals Team investigating the fault.
3	Potholes in the road contact details – freephone number best method of reporting potholes (Soham)	<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 or telephone the Contract Centre on 0345 045 5212.</p> <p>There is no freephone number nor are there any plans to introduce one because of the cost to the</p>

		council of running such a service. However, there is a plan to put a link on the home page of the district council web site, which should make reporting a problem more accessible.
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Sanctuary Housing – Action Updates

East Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team – Action Updates

Priorities: None Identified

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1	Shed/ Garage burglaries across the panel area	<p>Targeted patrols have taken place overnight during this period, with a particular focus on Fordham, Isleham and Soham. Shed burglary packs have also been distributed in Fordham and Isleham. Overall Burglary Non Dwelling has decreased in the area by 13 offences (-43.5%) over the last 3 months.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Burglary non dwelling</th> <th>Mar – May 2013</th> <th>Jun - Aug 2013</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fordham Villages</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- 70.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Isleham</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+ 200.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Soham North</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- 33.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Soham South</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- 44.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: center;">23</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- 43.5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Offenders believed to have been active in this area have been arrested and are currently on bail in relation to East Cambs and Suffolk offences. Proactive night-time patrols in the Soham, Fordham and Isleham areas remain an ongoing priority, and regular meeting are taking place with police colleagues in Suffolk and Norfolk to share intelligence in relation to cross-border criminality.</p>	Burglary non dwelling	Mar – May 2013	Jun - Aug 2013		Fordham Villages	10	3	- 70.0%	Isleham	1	3	+ 200.0%	Soham North	3	2	- 33.3%	Soham South	9	5	- 44.4%	Total	23	13	- 43.5%
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2	Anti social behaviour Soham	<p>Regular patrols of Soham have been taking place to deal with ASB. These have focussed on two distinct patterns of ASB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth-related ASB (including anti-social use of scooters and rowdy/nuisance) – especially in the area of the Recreation Ground, High Street and Brook Dam Lane, and the Kingfisher Estate and nearby streets 																								

- Alcohol-related ASB linked to the night-time economy – particularly on Friday and Saturday nights around licensed premises in the town centre

During this period we've seen a decrease in reported ASB of 18 incidents (16.4%). Many of these reports also do not relate to the types of ASB referred to above, and instead relate to nuisance messages on social media, noise complaints, neighbour disputes and parking complaints:

There has been an increase in alcohol-related incidents, which largely related to night-time economy issues outside licensed premises in the Town Centre, though some reports of street drinking during the day were also received.

Numerous Guardian Awareness Program letters have been sent out to parents following incidents in Soham during this period, including 19 sent out after an incident on 23/08/2013 (following a party to celebrate GCSE results) where damage was caused to vehicles and a For Sale sign in the Clay Street area.

Anti-Social Behaviour	Mar – May 2013	Jun - Aug 2013	
Soham North	55	49	- 10.9%
Soham South	55	43	- 21.8%
Total	110	92	- 16.4%

Alcohol Related Incidents	Mar – May 2013	Jun - Aug 2013	
Soham North	10	11	+ 10.0%
Soham South	12	18	+ 50.0%
Total	22	29	+ 31.8%

Youth projects, funded by East Cambs CSP, took place over the Summer Holidays, and initial reports suggest that these were successful in engaging with individuals believed to have been involved in ASB and disorderly behaviour.

ASB in Soham continues to be a priority for the East Cambs Policing Team, as well as East Cambs CSP.

3	Parking around the school areas	Regular patrols have taken place in the areas around schools, but officers report that they have
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	not come across offences or had to issue tickets as a result of these.
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Other Issues:

No.		
1	HGV's and Tractors speeding through the village (Chippenham)	Speed checks were conducted in the village on 05/08/13, 19/09/13 and 20/09/13. As a result of these one driver was reported for driving at 40mph in a 30mph zone. All other drivers were abiding by the speed limit, and no speeding tractors or HCVs were observed.
2	Car and motorbikes on the recreation ground in the evening (Fordham)	Noted. Officers have regularly attended the location as part of their routine patrols and have not reported any issues with vehicles congregating in this area. Local officers are in contact with the Parish Council to monitor this issue.
3	Cannabis smoking on the Green (Isleham)	Noted. Officers have regularly attended the location as part of their routine patrols and have not reported any issues with vehicles congregating in this area.
4	Parking into Weatheralls School, car travelling over the pavement and double yellow lines (Soham)	As per update for School Parking priority.
5	Parking on the main road on corners (Soham)	Patrols have taken place, but officers have not come across any offences.
6	Fires of Heron Croft sheds (Soham)	Noted. These were reported to Police at the time of their occurrence.
7	Heron Croft parking and taking children to school, Route 14. Should there be parking. (Soham)	Do not believe that this is a police issue, as we are not in a position to provide parking provision or amend current Traffic Regulation Orders.

East Cambridgeshire Fire Service Data

Fire Service Data

Ward	Month	Property Category	Property Type	Cause
Kingfisher Drive	August	Fire in the open	Refuse	Accidental
Near Kings Farm	August	Fire in the open	Grass Fire	Accidental
Willow Paddocks	September	Tumble Dryer	House	Accidental

Data Supplied by East Cambridgeshire neighbourhood fire crews, Ely Fire Station, Egremont Street, Ely, CB6 1AE
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