



West Neighbourhood Panel Update

March - July 2013

**East Cambridgeshire District Council
Action Updates**

Priorities

Dog Fouling across the panel area	
Objective	
Action Taken	<p>Dog fouling is routinely removed during street cleaning activities & in response to reports of deposits. The level of reports is used to identify areas in most need of enforcement attention, although the chances of observing an offence in progress are limited unless details of regular times, locations & offenders can be provided.</p> <p>Between 1st April & 30th June, 9 incidents were reported in the panel area (Haddenham - 1, Little Downham - 1, Sutton 6, Witchford -1). Routine enforcement patrols have been carried out in the area, but no offenders have been apprehended. All of the Sutton reports were for different streets. During April a walk through inspection of Sutton village Centre was made to assess the level of fouling. At the time only 1 deposit was found, but the process will be repeated as part of monitoring of cleansing standards. Please report dog fouling at the time, rather than waiting for neighbourhood panels as it enables quicker removal of deposits & gives a better indication of where & when offences are taking place. Any information about regular patterns or offenders will help to target offenders.</p>
Current Situation	
Continue or Discharge?	

Litter on the verges across the panel area	
Objective	
Action	Routine cleansing & monitoring of standards is taking place. If cleansing problems are reported they will be

Taken	inspected & necessary action requested. It is important that specific locations are clearly identified to help target limited inspection capacity.
Current Situation	
Continue or Discharge?	

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1	Issues about planning consent of hazardous materials to be stored at Block Fen, Mepal	East Cambridgeshire District Council were consulted on the variation to conditions 3 and 5 of planning permission E/03005/10/CW. Officers from Environmental services were satisfied that the variation to allow hazardous waste to be imported and processed would be covered by the Environment Permit for the site. The Environment agency would need to be satisfied that adequate controls were in place before granting a variation.
2	Concerns around the communication between the parishes in East Cambs and Fenland DC regarding planning applications, Mepal	If the concern is that Fenland DC are not consulting parishes in East Cambs, then this would be best dealt with by the parishes concerned writing to Fenland. Where ECDC have applications on the borders of the district, we find out which neighbouring parishes should be contacted, and we would hope that Fenland would do the same.
3	Concern some people worse off and what that might mean to Mepal and other parishes in the west. An understanding of the percentage	Sanctuary Housing's Welfare Reform presentation sent to Mepal Parish Council as requested.

	and demographics of people worse off. Mepal	
4	Dog Fouling. Particularly bad in the High Street, Sutton	Please report fouling as it occurs to enable speedy removal. Additional inspections of the area have been arranged in an attempt to resolve any issues, but there was only 1 report of fouling in Sutton High Street during April-June.
5	Bags of rubbish at Jardine Packaging. Very unsightly. Can they keep the bags lower than the bank?	This seems to be a more behavioural aspect rather than something that would necessarily arise for the land use that was granted permission. It is not the District Councils place to comment on business operations with such an issue. Such an approach is more likely to be accepted positively if made by the Parish. It is most unlikely that ECDC would be able to instigate any formal action.
6	Concerns about the amount of traffic (particularly aggregate lorries) coming through Wilburton. People can taste of the fumes of lorries after a walk. Areas: High Street, Wilburton (used as a shortcut from A14 to Newmarket) – almost every day.	Parish Councils to write to specific, offending companies and also to respond to consultations on renewal of licences.
7.	The amount of rubbish in the countryside is everywhere. Particularly Station Road, but generally everywhere. Wilburton	Officers routinely monitor cleansing problems as they travel around the district, but will inspect & request work to be carried out where specific problems are identified. Please report problems at the time & give specific locations to help target resources.
8.	Frustration at continuing lack of co-ordination between grass cutting and litter picking. ECDC would like	ECDC have now been provided with grass cutting schedules by CCC. These have been given to Veolia in an attempt to arrange litter removal before grass is cut, but information is limited to zones & grass cutting progress varies dependant on weather

Statutory Notice	0	0	0
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	0	0
Duty of Care Inspection	0	0	0
Stop & Search	0	12	12
Formal Caution	0	0	0
Formal Caution With Costs	0	0	0
Prosecution	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	41	380
Warning letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Statutory Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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

**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												
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	0	0	67	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 set

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1	Pot holes and general poor state of roads continues to be a problem in Haddenham.	<p>Currently the schemes that are being delivered are part of the approved 2013/14 Transport Delivery Plan; these include those maintenance schemes for implementation in the first six months of the current year (April - September). These schemes all scored 10 or above using the existing scoring matrix.</p> <p>A review of the prioritisation process is currently being undertaken to ensure that the schemes which local councillors indicate are priority for local communities are suitably reflected in the scoring. Local councillors will be consulted about the new proposals in the next few months and the programme for the remainder of the year will be established and reported to the County Council's Cabinet in September 2013 for approval.</p> <p>This is likely to change the prioritisation order of schemes on the existing list and, thus, some schemes which are currently near the top of the priority list might not remain as high on the new list and, consequently, not be able to be implemented in 2013/14.</p> <p>In the financial year 2012/13, Wilburton Road, Haddenham was re-surfaced at a cost of £95,000.</p> <p>The three schemes listed below are currently identified for consideration/prioritisation:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1123 Hop Row - New Road, Haddenham: £86,000 • A1123 West End, Haddenham: £64,500 • A1123 Hill Row Causeway, Haddenham: £268,000. <p>It is not possible to say at this time where the schemes will sit within the prioritisation process.</p>
2	<p>There have been a large number of accidents between Sutton and Earith recently. Is action being taken by the Local Highway Authority to seek to reduce the likelihood of future incidents?</p>	<p>An assessment of the accidents between Earith and Sutton over a five year period has been undertaken by officers of the County Council's Road Safety Team.</p> <p>Over the last five years, the 5.5Km length of road has seen 12 slight and 3 serious injury accidents; however, there are currently no cluster sites along this length.</p> <p>Whilst it is appreciated that there is concern along this length of carriageway, the priority for the Road safety Team is to address formally identified accident cluster sites.</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>Cambridgeshire has approximately 104 such sites and the Road Safety Team prioritises where engineering works are undertaken by the accident reductions to be achieved.</p>
3	<p>In Sutton, traffic often backs-up at chicane as far as the main roundabout, providing</p>	<p>Removal of the current traffic calming scheme and installation of alternative features would carry a high financial cost, which, unfortunately, the County Council could not undertake within the current financial climate.</p>

the potential for accidents; this is particularly prevalent at peak times and when the traffic is being re-routed via Sutton because of an accident on the A142. The community asks whether it would be possible to replace the current traffic calming measure with an alternative solution, such as the creation of a mini-roundabout at Church Lane.

From a safety perspective, there do not appear to be any injury accidents in the vicinity of the traffic calming. Whilst there have been 2 at the A142 roundabout, the details do not suggest that they were the result of queuing traffic into Sutton. Therefore, this is not something that the County Council's Road Safety Team could pursue at this time.

Whilst mini roundabouts are often used as part of an area wide traffic calming scheme, they have mixed results when used in isolation. There are a lot of points to consider before a roundabout is agreed as the most appropriate junction. This site does raise some initial safety concerns with regard to approach speeds, deflection and a predominant traffic flow along the main road.

Below is a link to the Local Highway improvement initiative which gives some more details on a possible way forward:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/localism/Minor+works+funding+opportunities.htm>

**Sanctuary Housing
Action Updates**

Priorities

None set

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting

None raised

East Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team
Action Updates

Priorities

Speeding – from Stretham into Wilburton.	
Objective	To conduct speed checks at the location with a view to reducing the speed of vehicles entering Wilburton from the direction of Stretham
Action Taken	Police speed checks conducted on a number of occasions – no vehicles found to be exceeding the threshold for prosecution for speeding; 2 drivers given words of advice; vast majority of drivers complying with the speed limit. Speedwatch Activity resulted in 269 vehicles monitored – 1 vehicle exceeding 45mph
Current Situation	Evidence from Police and Speedwatch activity in the area would suggest that there is not a speeding problem at this location.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

Number	Issue	Action Taken
1	Speeding, large tractors along the High Street, Wilburton	<p>Speed enforcement and monitoring has been in conducted in Wilburton, linked to the panel priority adopted.</p> <p>No tractors have been found to be exceeding the speed limit, and police and Speedwatch feedback from other locations in the District would suggest that whilst there is a perception that tractors are speeding, this is not found to be the case when their speeds are recorded.</p>
2	Lots of cars with defective headlights have been noticed. Witchford	<p>Noted. If officers come across vehicles being driven with defective headlights then this would normally be dealt with by way of a Vehicle Defect Rectification Notice, or by the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice.</p>
3	Feedback on the acquisitive crime across the panel area	<p>Figures in relation to overall crime and a breakdown of acquisitive crime figures will be provided as part of the police update at the Neighbourhood Panel meeting.</p> <p>Crime and ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) data for your area can be accessed at http://www.police.uk/. This site provides street-level crime and outcomes maps and data, along with details of your local policing team and forthcoming meetings.</p> <p>Parish-level crime statistics are also available on the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website, at http://www.cambs.police.uk/LocalPolicing/CrimeData.aspx.</p>

Fire Service data

Month	Ward	Is Primary Fire	Is Derelict	Is Chimney Fire	Property Category	Property Type	Is Property Regulated	Cause
Jan	Sutton	Yes			Vehicle	Motorcycle		Deliberate
Jan	Witchford	Yes			Building	Pub	Yes	Accidental
Feb	Haddenham	Yes			Vehicle	Car		Accidental
Feb	Coveney	No			Fire in open	Hedge		Accidental
Feb	Coveney	Yes			Building	Barn		Accidental
Mar	Sutton	Yes			Vehicle	Car		Deliberate
Mar	Sutton	No			Fire in open	Refuse		Deliberate
Mar	Pymoor	Yes			Building	Farming sheds		Accidental
Apr	Wilburton	Yes			Fire in open	Sheds		Accidental
May	Sutton	Yes			Vehicle	Car		Deliberate