



West Neighbourhood Panel Update

July - Sept 2013

**East Cambridgeshire District Council
Action Updates**

Priorities

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Objective	
Action Taken	See CCC response in section below.
Current Situation	
Continue or Discharge?	

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting

No.	Parish	Issue	Action Taken
1.	Mepal	Hosepipe ban – see 2012/13 update doc for details: Hosepipe ban concerns – more houses being built. What are plans to cope with it? Extreme weather conditions.	Response from Anglian Water: <u>What are your plans to deal with extreme weather conditions?</u> Sewers are not designed for extreme rainfall events, therefore we need to ensure we have plans in place to prepare for, respond to

		<p>Water shortages, lack of pressure (district-wide)</p>	<p>and recover from such events, such as severe weather and extreme rainfall.</p> <p>We attend the 13 Local Resilience Forums across our area, including Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LRF. This gives us an opportunity to work with our partners such as the police, fire service and local authorities to ensure a coherent multi-agency response to emergencies. We work very closely within these forums and actively contribute to multi-agency plans and exercises for the different threats and hazards we face. The different threats and hazards are identified in the National Risk Register, which is a Government assessment of the threats and hazards facing the UK. We use this assessment to identify the threats and hazards facing our business, severe weather is one of those identified and we have robust business continuity plans in place. An independent assessment is carried out to certify our systems and processes meet the requirements within the international standard ISO22301, this is the international standard for business continuity which we have held since 2010.</p> <p>We also work with our Lead Local Flood Authorities, including Cambridgeshire County Council developing local flood risk management plans. We were part of the group which produced the local flood risk management plan for Cambridgeshire and several surface water management plans.</p> <p>Anglian Water are an advocate of sustainable drainage and we are the only water company to offer adoption of these assets to facilitate their use. Sustainable drainage systems are a more effective way of dealing with extreme rainfall events by managing the water on the</p>
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surface, rather than channelling it into underground sewers. More information on this can be found here:
<http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developers/sewer-connection/suds.aspx>

What are your plans to cope with growth and population increase?

Anglian Water are a statutory consultee to the Local Plan process, which enables us to plan for the amount of growth set out within local plans. One of the ways that we do this is by supporting the preparation of water cycle strategies, which are a snapshot in time. We also use other sources of data to plan, including Local Planning Authority Annual Monitoring Reports.

We have been involved in providing comments and information to formulate the East Cambridgeshire District Council Water Cycle Study completed in 2011 and East Cambridgeshire District Council's Local Plan.

Anglian Water have a legal obligation to accommodate the additional flow from sites with planning permission at the receiving Water Recycling Centres or WRC (formally known as Sewage Treatment Works). Each WRC will be monitored and any work or consent changes required will be managed by Anglian Water when deemed appropriate in accordance with our periodic review with our regulator Ofwat.

With regards to the network capacity to cater for the additional flows, we recommend developers and consultants engage with Anglian

			<p>Water as early as possible. We offer a pre planning service where we view each site on an individual basis and determine if there is sufficient capacity within the network to accommodate the proposed development. Where the proposed development will result in an unacceptable risk of flooding, we will identify mitigation to ensure there is no detriment caused by the additional flow. This work will be funded by the developer. Anglian Water are not a statutory consultee to planning applications. However, we do comment on major applications (over 10 dwellings) and work with East Cambridgeshire District Council to recommend the addition of foul and/or surface water conditions to protect our existing and future customers. Additional information regarding this service is available on our website http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developers/pre-planning-service-.aspx</p>
2.	Mepal	Opposition to wheelie bins	Noted
3.	Sutton	Bury Lane, Sutton footpath – clearing	Passed to Veolia to cleanse.
4.	Wilburton	Beresford Close – lots of litter from cars visiting takeaways	Passed to Veolia to cleanse
5.	Wilburton	Large timber frame building (bungalow) Witchford – Stretham road. ECDC to provide planning update. Illegal building. WPC to send letter to Cllr Hunt to investigate.	Unable to deal with individual planning issues at Panels (see Terms of Reference) report to Planning Enforcement Team: 01353 665555

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

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	6	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

Road maintenance – verge building. CCC to issue report to Lt Downham. Coveney Road – concrete breaking up	
Objective	To address the community’s concerns regarding road and verge maintenance in the Little Downham area.
Action Taken	<p>Specific repair Works on West Fen/Coveney Road have been undertaken and routine maintenance works are ongoing across the area. The County Council needs to prioritise the road maintenance works that it carries out, making the most effective use of the budget available.</p> <p>Roads should be done approx every 6-8 weeks although this can be affected by weather, vehicle breakdowns and staff sickness.</p>
Current Situation	See Action Taken section above.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge. The information provided above has outlined the Local Highway Authority’s approach to these issues.

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Objective	To address, within the extent of the powers of the County Council, the difficulties caused by straw being deposited on the public highway.

Action Taken	<p>Letters have been sent to property owners regarding the need for them to undertake pruning and cutting back of trees.</p> <p>With regard to trees sweeping straw off tops of lorries, the Local Highway Authority has no power to deal with any branches which are more than 15 feet above the ground.</p> <p>Once straw transportation processes are finished for this year, gullies and drains will be cleaned.</p> <p>East Cambridgeshire District Council is responsible for clearing any loose straw debris on the road, as part of its street cleaning regime.</p> <p>It is suggested that the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Panel may wish to send a letter to the Elean Power Station in relation to the community's concerns about the impact of straw falling from lorries.</p> <p>Signage for lorries is adequate; there is little else that the Local Highway Authority could do to prevent lorries travelling through Haddenham.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Detailed within the Action taken section of this document.</p>
Continue or Discharge?	<p>Discharge. The County Council, as Local Highway Authority, has taken all the action that it can in this matter.</p>

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting

No.	Parish	Issue	Action Taken
1	Coveney and Wardy Hill	Concrete breaking up – CCC maintenance required from the West Fen Road Ely entrance into Coveney.	Repairs have been carried out. Inspections are ongoing.
2	Haddenham	Need a sign at Stretham roundabout advising that lorries can get to Sutton (and be directed via A10 towards Ely)	The existing highway signage has been inspected by the Local Highway Authority and is considered to be adequate. This information has been provided to the Parish Council, which has accepted the Local Highway Authority's position.
3	Haddenham	Grass length – needs cutting at Grunty Fen junction, dangerous (near Ansons Packaging).	Grass cutting at this location has been carried out.
4	Little Downham and Pymoor	State of roads – dips and troughs along Black Bank and across parish area. A view that CCC doing no maintenance.	Works to repair the majority of the dips has been carried out; there is a need for further work.
5	Little Downham and Pymoor	Grass verges along footpaths not fully cut. Less than 1 cut a year. Just being left by CCC.	Verges receive three cuts a year; the third cut is due in the autumn.
6	Little Thetford	Grass cutting coming in to village, junction near caravan site – needs cutting back further as there are still visibility problems.	The necessary work has been undertaken. The County Council has no objection to Parish Council involvement in such service provision. Contact Dennis Vacher (01223 699167) for more details.

		Potential interest from Little Thetford PC in taking on responsibility for cutting highway verges in the parish	
7	Mepal	Road from Earith Bridge to Willingham – bad. Is anything being done?	<p>This stretch of the B1050 lies within South Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>The Local highway Authority is well aware of the poor condition of this piece of public highway and is looking at long-term solutions to address the matter. None of these options, which have been shared with Willingham Parish Council, are without very significant costs.</p> <p>Therefore, until a longer-term solution can be agreed and funded, the Local Highway Authority will continue to undertake necessary repair works.</p> <p>In fact, carriageway repair works were undertaken, as a result of a recent routine safety inspection, to the B1050 on 15 September 2013.</p>
8	Sutton	Carpond Lane, no-through road, serves village primary school. Car parking probs on peoples driveways. Dust cart couldn't get down to collect rubbish. People having to drive on footpath. Could yellow lines be considered?	Double yellow lines could be considered but would require third-party funding. This is the sort of scheme that could be the subject of a future Local Highways Improvements scheme bid by the Parish Council, if it felt this to be a priority for the local community.
9	Witcham (and Wardy Hill)	Fen roads: Wardy Hill to Witcham – concrete breaking up. CCC maintenance request	<p>Inspections and maintenance on going generally.</p> <p>Members of the public and local councils are able to report pot holes and other defects using the County Council's highways</p>

			<p>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 or telephone the Contract Centre on 0345 045 5212.</p>
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10	Lt Thetford	Cyclepath: Lt Thetford to roundabout – needs to be repaired as it is dangerous to use	CCC Update: I have arranged to do an inspection on 8th October so I will know more then. I will be accompanied by a crew man and equipped van so if any dangerous potholes or smaller localised defects could possibly fixed then and there.
11	Across panel area	CCC – what is being done to address road maintenance issues across the panel area?	<p>Inspections and maintenance on going generally.</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.

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**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 in Wilburton	
Objective	To enforce speed limits and educate drivers
Action Taken	<p>Speed checks conducted on a number of occasions. Very positive feedback from local residents but no speeding drivers observed.</p> <p>Speedwatch checks on Haddenham Road, Wilburton, resulted in 84 letters being sent to speeding motorists (at least 50% of these were from the local area). 981 vehicles were monitored during these checks.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Police enforcement has not resulted in any prosecutions, but may well have had a deterrent effect on speeding motorists.</p> <p>Speedwatch activity would suggest that motorists are still speeding on the A1123, though a lower proportion than many other locations.</p>
Continue or Discharge?	For panel decision – though other locations should also be considered for speed enforcement.

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

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1	Little Downham and Pymoor	Police patrols to discourage ASB in Lt Downham – school hols	<p>Noted. ASB for Downham Villages has reduced compared to the same period in 2012, as has Criminal Damage.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Dowham Villages</th> <th>Jul 12 – Sep 12</th> <th>Jul 13 – Sep 13</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Anti Social Behaviour</td> <td>19</td> <td>16</td> <td>-15.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td>6</td> <td>3</td> <td>-50.0 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No current or emerging issues of ASB reported.</p>	Dowham Villages	Jul 12 – Sep 12	Jul 13 – Sep 13		Anti Social Behaviour	19	16	-15.8%	Criminal Damage	6	3	-50.0 %
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2	Little Downham and Pymoor	Theft of diesel – police deterrent	Noted. One male stopped with syphoning equipment in his car during this period and pending interview.												
3	Little Thetford	Drug use – Holt Fen	Noted. Patrols made of area but no offences disclosed.												
	Mepal	Bus stops, new bus shelters. Young people vandalising bus shelters. Cllr ES to advise Police of details.	Noted. No issues reported.												
	Sutton	Speeding traffic, 4-5am and during day - lorries. The Americas	Noted. Speed checks conducted.												

	Sutton	Carpond Lane, no-through road, serves village primary school. Car parking probs on peoples driveways. Dust cart couldn't get down to collect rubbish. People having to drive on footpath. Could yellow lines be considered.	Noted. PCSOs made aware, but yellow lines are an issue for the parish council and Highways to consider.
	Wilburton	Speeding in Station Road, Wilburton	As per speeding priority update
	Wilburton	A1123 speeding – police presence requested	As per speeding priority update

Fire Service data NH Panel West; Sutton, Mepal, Haddenham, Witcham, Wentworth, Coveney, Little Downham, Witchford, Wilburton, Stretham, Little Thetford.

Ward	Month	Property Category	Property Type	Cause
Downham villages Long Causeway Coveney	September	Non residential	Caravan	Deliberate
Downham villages West Moor Common	September	Non residential	Combine Harvester	Accidental
Downham villages	July	Non residential	Car	Deliberate

Pymoor Lane Pymoor

Stretham Cambridge Road	September	Non residential	Trees and Power Lines	Accidental
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Stretham Masters Logistics	July	Non residential	Commercial Building	Accidental
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Sutton Elean Power Station	September	Non residential	Power station	Accidental
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Sutton Station Road	August	Non residential	Shed	Accidental
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Sutton Low Bank Mepel	August	Non residential	Stack	Accidental
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Haddenham Sutton Rd	September	Non residential	Hedge	Accidental
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Haddenham Hive Road Witcham	August	Non residential	Refuse	Accidental
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Data Supplied by East Cambridgeshire neighbourhood fire crews, Ely Fire Station, Egremont Street, Ely, CB6 1AE
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