

Soham & East Area Neighbourhood Panel

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Welcome to the Soham and East Area Neighbourhood Panel newsletter! It summarises the main topics and points raised at the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting held on **Tuesday 18th June 2013 at Soham Village College**

Neighbourhood Panels are your opportunity to tell agencies working in your area what you would like to see improved and will ultimately make your locality a better place to live. Please come along to the next Panel meeting and help shape the discussions about your community!

The next meeting is being held on Wednesday 19th October 2013, Soham Village College (Performing Arts Centre) 7- 9pm.

Please use the link to access the Neighbourhood Panel webpage, which provides background information and all up-to-date documents
www.eastcamb.gov.uk/neighbourhood-panels/

Hot Topics

Chairman and Vice-chairman

The Soham and East Neighbourhood Panel Area Chairman is Cllr Derrick Beckett and Vice-Chairman is Cllr Tony Cornell.



Cllr Derrick Beckett



Cllr Tony Cornell

Waste Collection and Management

From Monday 2 September, the roll out of the new wheeled bin recycling service will begin in East Cambridgeshire over a ten week period.

Over the last few months, councillors and officers at the District Council have been busy purchasing wheeled bins and collection vehicles, developing a waste policy and surveying homes to see which properties are suitable for the new service.

This work is progressing well and this summer an awareness programme will be rolled out to ensure residents across East Cambridgeshire understand how the new service will work.

The aims of the new recycling service are to:

- Improved recycling rate 34% to 45-50%
- Compliance with EU targets to recycle plastics from kerbside by 2015, with progress towards 2020 recycling target of 50%
- Wider range of materials recycled
- Simpler service for users
- Increased satisfaction with services
- Increased alignment with neighbouring councils

Changes mean that the current brown sack and black box collection system will be replaced with:

- A new wheeled bin recycling collection, including paper, glass, food & drinks cans, plastic bottles & hard plastic food containers, cartons and cardboard. This will be collected fortnightly.
- A new wheeled bin collection for organics to include food and garden waste. This will also be collected fortnightly.

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Dates for your diary:

The following meeting is on
Wednesday 19 October 2013
Soham Village College
(Performing Arts Centre).

The following table highlights the changes with the new service:

| | Current service | | New service | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | Container | Materials | Container | Materials |
| Recyclables | Black box (materials separated) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper Glass Cans | Wheeled bin - blue lid (materials mixed) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper Glass Cans Plastic Cardboard |
| Garden & Food Waste | Brown sacks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden waste Food waste Cardboard | Wheeled bin - green lid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden waste Food waste |
| Refuse | No change | | | |

The service will operate on an alternate week basis where residents will be asked to put one wheeled bin out for collection one week followed by their other bin the following week. This is addition to the weekly black sack waste collections.

Properties judged unable to accept wheeled bin services because of space or access issues will be offered an alternative service based on clear sacks for recycling and continuation of the existing brown sack service for food and garden waste.

There will also be a fleet of new vehicles for the new services as well as a rescheduling of rounds to reduce carbon emissions.

These changes are possible after East Cambridgeshire District Council successfully won £5 million from Central Government to fund a new recycling service and retain weekly waste collections last year.

For more information on the waste and recycling service in East Cambridgeshire please visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk or call 01353 665555.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Council Introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy ('CIL') on 1 February 2013. It is a levy that is charged on most new development in the District. Proceeds from the levy will be used to assist in the provision of strategic infrastructure required to support development in the District. The CIL rate per square metre has been calculated taking land values into account to ensure that potential development remains viable. The Levy is set out below and applies to developments (and extensions) over 100 square metres.

| Development Type | CIL rate per square metre |
|--|---------------------------|
| Residential Zone A- Littleport and Soham | £40 |
| Residential Zone B- Ely | £70 |
| Residential Zone C- Rest of District | £90 |
| Retail Development (A1-A5) and sui generis uses akin to retail (e.g. Petrol filling stations, motor sales units) | £120 |
| All other uses (unless stated above in this table) | £0 |

Under the Regulations the Council is required to publish a list of infrastructure that will benefit from CIL funding. For

the year 2013-14 the Council, through its Annual Delivery Plan, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders has prioritised the following strategic projects: Ely Leisure Centre; Littleport Secondary School and Soham railway Station. It is likely that the list will widen as the CIL process beds in.

The District Council are required to pass 15% of CIL receipts to the relevant Parish that arises from development in that Parish area, payments will be transferred on a 6 monthly basis to the relevant Parish. Once the Parish receive the 15%, they have full discretion on expenditure so far as it accords with the Regulations. These receipts allow the local community to decide what is needed to help mitigate the impact of development in each of their areas.

Regulation 59C states that CIL monies can be spent on:

'A local council must use CIL receipts passed to it ...to support development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding:

- (a) The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or*
- (b) Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area*

Examples of how the money could be spent include play areas, village halls and affordable housing.

The Regulations require the Parish Council to:

- Produce each year a report that sets out the Parish's:
 - Total CIL Receipts
 - Total CIL Expenditure
 - A summary of what the CIL was spent on
 - The total amount of receipts retained at the end of the reported year
- The report shall be:
 - Sent to the District Council for their information
 - Published on the Parish's website
 - Where the Parish does not have a website, the District Council shall publish the report on their website
 - The report required by the Regulations can be combined with other reports already produced by the Parish.

In accordance with the Regulations, if a Parish has not spent the receipts in accordance with the Regulations (59C); or has not spent the receipts within a five year period, The District Council can serve a notice on the Parish requiring it to repay some or all the money transferred to it. Should

this occur, the District Council are required to spend the recovered funds in the Parish's area.

Where the Parish do not have any projects that they wish to spend their receipts on, or where they share the same priorities as the District Council, it is possible for the Parish, should they wish, to agree not to receive their 'meaningful proportion' and opt to allow the District Council to spend these receipts on the infrastructure set out in the Annual Delivery Plan.

For more information on the Community Infrastructure Levy please visit East Cambridgeshire District Council's Website- www.eastcambs.gov.uk Alternatively, you can email your queries to cil@eastcambs.gov.uk Officers are available to visit individual Parish Council's to advise on the process and procedures of the Community Infrastructure Levy. Should you think that this would be helpful please contact:

Emma Grima- Infrastructure Programme Manager
Emma.grima@eastcambs.gov.uk
01353 665555

Foodbank Developments

Ely Foodbank opened last November having been called to serve an area of a 15 mile radius of Ely. Initially, as you may expect, the focus has been the Ely area but the Foodbank has already served more than 250 people from the 2 wards in Soham and several from the villages in the area, including the South Panel area. To date, more than 1,000 people have been served by Ely Foodbank (with the equivalent of 10,000 meals)

Local people have been astonishingly generous by buying additional items of food, with more than 12 tonnes having been given in the first seven months ! This generosity, the teamwork of the Foodbank's volunteers and considerable development work behind the scenes has led Ely Foodbank to make further significant steps in seeking to fulfil its remit.

A Foodbank, backed by Churches Together in Soham, the Town Council, the Children's Centre and local traders working in partnership with Ely Foodbank (a Trussell Trust Foodbank) will open in Soham on Thursday, 11th July at the Salvation Army centre in Bushel Lane, Soham. People who are in food crisis will be able to collect their food in Soham on production of a Foodbank Voucher on Thursdays 1000 - 1100, or in Ely from The Lighthouse Centre on Tuesday afternoons or from The Forum, in Barton Road on Friday afternoons., so clients can make their choice.

The Foodbanks aim to serve people in food crisis in our local towns and villages, and more Foodbanks (in partnership with Ely Foodbank) are planned in the near

future. In this way agencies, organisations and all of us as individuals can play our part in working together to ensure that we can look after local people who are going through difficult times, and enable them to get the help they need to get through their crisis with revived hope and dignity restored.

<http://www.elyfoodbank.org.uk/>
info@elyfoodbank.org.uk

July Bulletin from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

As the sun (hopefully) starts shining, your local fire service is asking for community volunteers to step forward and champion fire safety.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has rolled out its Community Champion scheme across the county and would like volunteers in every district to get involved.

Community champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

- Would you like to learn more about fire safety?
- Could you help your community become a safer place?
- Do you want to gain volunteer experience, get free training and make friends?

Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion should call Ed Aniskowicz at Cambridgeshire Acre, which is running the scheme for the fire service. Call Ed on 01353 865038, email edward.aniskowicz@cambsacre.org.uk or log on to <http://cambsfirechamps.org.uk/>.

What we've been doing since the last meeting

Cambridgeshire Constabulary were tasked with tackling two priorities at the last Soham and East Area Neighbourhood Panel meeting:

Burglary (Dwelling)

- Dwelling Burglary has reduced from 7 offences in Feb/Mar to 5 offences in Apr/May
 - Fordham Villages (2 offences reported; 0 reported in Feb/Mar)
 - Isleham (0 offences)
 - Soham North (2 to 1 offence)
 - Soham South (5 to 2 offences)
- 2 offenders arrested for an offence in Newmarket, charged with 9 offences and currently remanded in custody

- 2 other offenders arrested for a recent burglary in Burwell, and on police bail

Anti social behaviour (Soham)

- Reported ASB has reduced from 83 incidents in Feb/Mar to 62 in Apr/May
- Regular directed patrols
- 4 youths arrested at the beginning of April and charged with a total of 17 offences (incl. criminal damage, public order and traffic offences)
- ASBO application made in relation to one male
- 1 youth dealt with for possession of cannabis
- 2 Guardian Awareness Programme letters sent to parents

What you have asked us to address next

- HGV's and Tractors speeding through the village (Chippenham)
- Dog fouling on Malting Lane (Isleham)
- New sites for building could accommodate more housing than planned (Isleham)
- Parking into Weatheralls School, cars travelling over the pavement and double yellow lines (Soham)

If you would like to raise an issue of concern, but are unable to come to the next Panel meeting, please contact your local Neighbourhood Panel representative on 01353

665555 or alternatively visit www.Shapeyourplace.org and have your say!

Priorities for Action

The Panel agreed that the priorities for the 3 months to the end of September 2013 should be:

- **Shed and garage burglary across the panel area**
- **Parking around school areas**
- **Anti Social Behaviour (Soham)**

Did You Know.....

....Soham and East has it's own page and since the launch of the website in on 4th April 2012.

You can expect a response from the agency that is responsible for sorting out your concerns within 10 working days of posting your issue, and you can also

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add your thoughts about issues already raised by others on the site.

So visit www.shapeyourplace.org and join in the conversation in your local community!!



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Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cambsfrs, follow us on **Twitter @cambsfrs**.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

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Alternatively visit www.Shapeyourplace.org and have your say!