

Ely Area Neighbourhood Panel



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Welcome to the Ely Neighbourhood Panel newsletter! It summarises the main topics and points raised at the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting held on **Wednesday 16th January 2013** in East Cambridgeshire District Council's Chamber at the Grange in Ely.

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 on **Tuesday 12th March 2013, 7-9pm** in the East Cambridgeshire District Council's Chamber at the Grange, Ely and help shape the discussions about your community!

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

Hot Topics

Community Infrastructure Levy

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a levy on new development. CIL is calculated using a price per square metre formula. It is a new mechanism to help collect developer contributions from new developments, the money will help to pay for new infrastructure to meet growth needs.

How does CIL differ from Section 106?

CIL is a standard charge per square metre of development (rather than negotiated sums). CIL is payable on the commencement of development (rather than on completion or occupation). CIL can be pooled towards an infrastructure project in the District (rather than being directly related to the new development). There is no time limit on when the funds are used (rather than time limited and subject to potential claw back)

The District Council will continue to use Section 106 agreements for site specific work required to mitigate an individual development.

Is CIL relevant to Parish Councils?

Parish Council's will receive 'a meaningful proportion' of the CIL income for their area. The proportion has been set by the Government at a minimum of 15%. Parish Councils have full discretion in use of these funds for infrastructure projects in their area. Parish Councils will be required to produce an annual report on income received and expenditure incurred.

CIL Income Estimates

Income is estimated to be £33m district wide over 20 years based on current trajectories of growth; however this is dependent upon rates of growth in the District. Income is likely to be slow in early years due to the time lag between the granting of planning permission and commencement of development.

CIL Implementation Date

The public examination hearing took place on 17th October 2012 and the Council adopted CIL on 10th December 2012. CIL will come into force on 1st February 2013.

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Further Information

View details on ECDC's Website (Planning & Building section) www.eastcambs.gov.uk

Email queries to cil@eastcambs.gov.uk

District Council Officers are available to come and advise Parish Council's on procedures and processes, if this will be of help.

Ely Southern Bypass Exhibitions – Have Your Say

Cambridgeshire County Council is running a public exhibition from Monday 25 February - Friday 22 March 2013 on the proposed Ely Southern Bypass. They are looking for feedback from local residents on the plans that will help shape the final scheme.

The proposed bypass would run to the south of Ely to link Angel Drove and Stuntney Causeway, removing the need for traffic to pass the railway station and for high vehicles to use the level crossing.

There are six exhibitions in Ely and surrounding villages, enabling members of the public to engage with the plans and discuss them with council staff:

- 5 March, 4.30-7.30pm — Lamb Hotel, Ely, CB7 4EJ
- 6 March, 5-7pm — Stuntney Social Club, CB7 5TL
- 12 March, 4-7pm — Ely train station, CB7 4BS
- 14 March, 5-7pm — Witchford Village Hall, CB6 2JN
- 16 March, 9am-3pm — Ely Market, CB7 4NT
- 21 March, 4.30-7.30pm — Soham Village College, CB7 5AA

Detailed information on the scheme and latest news is available on the web:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ely-bypass

Local residents can give feedback by emailing delivery@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, calling 01223 699906 or by mail: Transport Delivery Team, Cambridgeshire County Council, CC1211, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP.



What we've been doing since the last meeting

Cambridgeshire Constabulary were tasked with tackling two priorities at the July Ely Area Neighbourhood Panel meeting:

1. **Car Parking**
2. **Riverside anti-social cycling**

Here is a summary of what action has been taken:

1. Officers have continued to carry out parking enforcement within the city. Exact numbers of tickets issued, and details of areas focussed on, will be provided in the presentation at the next Panel meeting.
2. Officers have carried out patrols during the peak times for reports of people cycling along the river side in contravention of the signs being displayed. When offences have been witnessed the riders have been spoken to.

Some of the other issues that were addressed since the last Panel meeting were:

Issue: St Marys car park there are trip hazards with drain covers

Action: The cost for repairing St Mary's car park has now been approved by the Council and the works will start in the New Year after the peak shopping days on the 7th of January 2013.

Issue: What are East Cambs District Council's recycling collection plans for wheelie bins?

Action: The current brown sack and black box collection system will be replaced with:

- A new wheeled bin recycling collection, including paper, glass, metal cans, plastics, 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.
- A fleet of new vehicles for the new services as well as a rescheduling of rounds to reduce carbon emissions.

The weekly waste collections would be retained and collected via black sacks.

The work to put in place the new system will include a survey of all households in the district to identify anyone whose property would not be suitable for the new service. These homes would retain the current black box and brown sack collection service while other households would convert to the wheeled bin service.

The new service will be introduced in late 2013 or early 2014.

Issue: Beresford Road and St Johns Road irresponsible car parking by parents. There is public perception that no action can be taken by the Police because the road has not been adopted. What is the situation regarding the adoption of the highway at this location?

Action: Both St John's Road and Beresford Road, plus the majority of the roads adjoining Beresford Road, have been adopted by the County Council as public highway.

In cases where roads are not adopted as public highway, it is because a developer has not come forward to secure an agreement for adoption to take place. Until such time as a developer/landowner chooses to pursue adoption (and the road has been constructed to adoptable standard), roads remain private. In some cases, new roads are never submitted for adoption.

Issue: High street parking on Saturdays before 10am, which then don't move on once the road is closed. Can the traffic regulation order be changed to include a restriction to move people on after 10am?

Action: Unless this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is structured differently to others, the normal approach to these is to prohibit driving in the affected area after a certain time, unless that vehicle is exempted; in other words, any vehicle not out of the area by the time that the prohibition takes effect, the vehicle must remain in position.

Any change to the TRO would involve work and costs. The Highways Service has undertaken to add this matter to its list of issues to investigate when resources allow. The Highways Service no longer possesses a budget for these types of matters; if, however, this is felt to be a priority issue for the local community, the opportunity exists for the community, possibly the City Council, to provide the funding to meet the necessary costs.

What you have asked us to address next

- Cyclists riding without lights in High Barns
- Problem with parked cars in West Fen Road at the junction with Chiefs Street
- The pavement surface at the Chantry being too rough for cycling
- Street lighting not adequate on the Barns Estate
- Two broken off lamp posts in the Market Place
- Speeding in Downham Road, Cam Drive, Victoria Street, Prickwillow Road, Cambridge Road, St Marys Street and Lynn Road
- Unsynchronised pedestrian and traffic lights in Lisle Lane

Priorities for Action

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

- **Speeding at highlighted locations**
- **On street enforcement at highlighted locations**
- **Improving safety at the junction of Chapel Street**
- **Traffic lights synchronisation in Lisle Lane**
- **Lamb Hotel road lining and traffic lights**

Did You Know.....

.....that you can raise issues of concern in your neighbourhood on a new community website called 'ShapeYourPlace'?

The website was launched on 4th April 2012 and has so far attracted comments on topics such as the need for a pedestrian crossing for parents crossing Lynn Road from Orchard Estate, high street pedestrianisation in Ely, and many blog posts from local organisations and voluntary groups.

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

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 or contact Allison Conder, Principal Community and Leisure Officer, on 01353 665555. Alternatively visit www.Shapeyourplace.org and have your say!

The 2013 Panel dates are on:-

- **Tuesday 12th March 2013**
- **Thursday 18th July 2013**
- **Thursday 24th October 2013**

All meetings are from 7 to 9pm at East Cambs District Council, Council Chamber at The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely.