

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 **Wednesday 9th January 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! Next meeting is being held on **Tuesday 19th March 2013, Soham Village College (Performing Arts Centre).**

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

Chairman and Vice-chairman

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



Cllr Derrick Beckett



Cllr Tony Cornell

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 not yet been set by the Government. 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.

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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.

Further Information

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

Email queries to cil@eastcambs.gov.uk

Once the government have announced the level of the 'meaningful proportion', District Council Officers are available to come and advise your Parish Council on procedures and processes, if this will be of help.

Community Navigators

Community Navigators is a programme ran by Care Network Cambridgeshire

Mission:

To help older, isolated and vulnerable people living in Cambridgeshire to stay independent and maintain social contact with friends and the community

Vision:

For a Cambridgeshire where all older and vulnerable people at risk of isolation, loneliness or ill health.

The programme aims to help older people:

- feel supported in their local community
- achieve greater independence, and a healthier, happier life
- are enabled to support each other for mutual benefit

Direct Services

- The programme aims to maintain and improve health and independence by providing a range of services, such as Help at Home (with over 120 volunteers) and Warm Homes Healthy People (winter project).

Help at Home (incorporating Welcome Home from Hospital)

Care Network's Help at Home service has been set up to offer practical and emotional help for people being discharged from hospital or who have an illness at home. The police trained and checked volunteers can offer help with practical tasks for example: shopping, collecting prescriptions, arranging services such as meal delivery or to help you regain confidence after an illness.

Social isolation can bring

It has been suggested that social isolation and loneliness have a significant impact on the health and well-being of older people. These physical and mental health implications are significant, both for the individual and for the resources within the community.

Community Navigator Aims

To maintain and improve the health and well being of older people in Cambridgeshire by:

- Informing people about and referring them to relevant activities and services
- Helping people overcome barriers to make use of relevant activities and services
- Identifying where more activities and services are needed and working with local people to provide these
- Targeting people at risk of poor health and well being

The Community Navigators could be local individuals or staff or volunteers used by a range of voluntary organisations that are already active in communities. Through the Community Navigator approach these people would be offered some focused training in aspects of statutory, voluntary and community services and activities; enabling them to find and support people with unmet needs within their community.

The Structure

Five District Coordinators - Support a network of Community Navigators to cover their district

Community Navigators - Friendly and approachable first points of contact who are out and about in Cambridgeshire's communities

- Provide advice and/or support to help older people live active, independent lives
- Know what is available to support older people in their communities

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What does the project do?

The Care Network Community Navigator Project points the way to local community activities and statutory and voluntary organisations, so that all older people can find something which suits them. Examples could include:

- A community car scheme for a lift to activities and appointments
- A local friendship club, lunch club or activity group
- Modifications to home or mobility aids
- Financial health check to maximise income
- Help at home support when unwell or with a one off task

If local people tell us that their community needs something extra, we will work with them to try to ensure that it happens.

Community Navigators are local volunteers who help older people find their way to activities or services which they would enjoy or find useful.

Making the most of local activities and services is a good way to keep fit, active and independent, but not everyone knows what is available. People with health or other difficulties may need a bit of help but can really benefit from activities and services available to everyone.

Can I help?

Yes, that would be great. We are looking for people all over Cambridgeshire who like to chat, have fun and meet others to become Community Navigators in their

local areas. Brief training and expenses will be provided and you will get satisfaction from sign-posting people to activities and services which will make a real difference to their well being.

Can my organisation or employer help?

Yes, in order to build up a true picture of all the “navigation” which is already taking place in Cambridgeshire, we need organisations that already do this sort of work to join the project. If you have volunteers or staff who already provide information and advice, please get in touch.

Contact Us

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What we've been doing since the last meeting

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

- **Anti social behaviour (Soham)**
- **Speeding (across the panel area)**

Here is a summary of what action has been taken:

Anti Social Behaviour

High-visibility patrols of Soham conducted during this period, particularly in the area of Fountain Lane Recreation Ground. Numerous stop searches in the run-up to Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night, following reports of fireworks being let off dangerously in public places. 2 males issued with Fixed Penalty Notices (£80 each) for letting off fireworks. 1 male arrested for possession of controlled drugs with intent to supply.

5 young people suspected of involvement in ASB in Soham signed up to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. These appear to have had a positive impact on their behaviour.

Particular issues on Hallowe'en in Soham, with over 100 young people congregating in Soham, and incidents of ASB reported.

No particular issues reported since the beginning of November. Police and partners looking to work together on a long-term plan looking at the provision of services for young people in the village, and diversionary activities for those at risk of getting involved in ASB and crime.

Speeding (across the panel area)

Speed enforcement and Speedwatch activity has taken place across the panel area.

Update (to 10/12/12):

A1123, Wicken – 1 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) issued, 12 Speed Awareness, 2 Words of Advice
A142, Soham – 4 FPNs, 27 Speed Awareness

Speedwatch Activity

- Townsend, Soham – 126 letters sent
- High Street, Chippenham – 15 letters sent
- The Green, Snailwell – 23 letters sent
- Mildenhall Road and Collins Hill, Fordham – 52 letters sent

What you have asked us to address next

- Dog fouling and cleaning services from contractors (Isleham and Soham)
- Pot holes on roads outside the village – Fordham and Road and Beck Row (Isleham)
- Traffic and local roads with mud due to farm traffic (Chippenham)
- Parking in the village – on corners / double lines West Street and Little London Road (Isleham)
- Cyclists with no lights (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 March 2013 should be:

- **Cyclists and lights (education) / cycling on the pavement**
- **Parking outside schools (across the panel area)**

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 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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Dates for your diary:

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