South Area Neighbourhood Panel

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elcome to the South Area Neighbourhood Panel newsletter! It summarises the main topics and points raised at the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting held on **Monday 7th January 2013 at Bottisham 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!

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 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.

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.

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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 the 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.

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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'?

the Panel area

Cambridgeshire Constabulary were tasked with tackling Speeding and Parking Offences as a priority at the last South Panel Area Neighbourhood Panel meeting:

Here is a summary of what action has been taken: Speed enforcement and Speedwatch activity has taken place across the area.

- A1303 Stetchworth Toll, Newmarket 6 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs), 2 Process, 27 Speed Awareness Courses offered
- B1061 Dullingham Road, Newmarket 5 FPNs, 13 **Speed Awareness Courses**
- Bell Road, Bottisham 5 FPNs, 41 Speed Awareness
- Newmarket Road, Burwell 2 FPNs, 24 Speed **Awareness Courses**
- Swaffham Road, Burwell 3 FPNs, 26 Speed **Awareness Courses**
- Ness Road, Burwell 1 FPN, 1 Speedwatch letter, 5 verbal warnings

Speedwatch Activity

- High Street, Brinkley 2 letters sent
- High Street, Cheveley no speeding vehicles observed
- Parking patrols continue in areas highlighted, though few offences were observed in these specific area
- In other areas tickets have continued to be issued for unnecessary obstruction, parking on double yellow lines, and vehicles without valid tax discs
- The main parking problems continue to be around schools at dropping off and picking up time. PCSOs have been continuing with patrols outside schools, but have been confronted by parents who've claimed it's not an offence to park illegally if you're dropping your children off, and others who've demanded police vehicles be moved, so that they can park closer to the school

Speeding and Parking Offences across Some of the other issues that were addressed since the last Panel meeting were:

Issue: Litter issue and on the outskirts of Dullingham (Eagle Lane)

Action: A litter clearing team was assigned to Eagle Lane (week commencing 29th October 2012). Other areas were assessed and issues resolved at the time of visit

Issue: Rumble strips worn away on Heath Road, Swaffham Bulbeck

Action: This will be inspected by the relevant Highways Supervisor and any repair works found to be necessary will be included within the 2013/14 maintenance programme



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What you have asked us to address next

- Tea time parking problems around the village college.
 Cars sometimes have to drive on the pavement to get around each other (seems to be worse on a Monday evening during term time, 5pm), Bottisham
- Anti Social Behaviour, intimidation and vandalism issues in Swaffham Bulbeck. Reports of residents being scared of youths and scared to contact police. (Pound Way, the Village Green and The Denney
- Request for police foot patrols, rather than just vehicle patrols evenings around the takeaway, Burwell
- Keep up random speed checks in Brinkley particularly mornings and evenings
- Speeding concerns in Kirtling & Upend occasional police presence wanted, especially when people travelling to and from work (especially as just gone from 40 to 30 mph)

Priorities for Action

The Panel agreed that the priorities up until to the end of February should be:

- Speeding and parking ongoing (across the panel area)
- Anti Social Behaviour and intimidation issues in Swaffham Bulbeck
- Clearer advice to be provided on ECDC Members Code of Conduct

Did You Know.....

......that ShapeYourPlace was launched on 4th April 2012 and has so far attracted comments on topics such as the need for more dog bins in Kirtling, litter in Burwell and many blog posts from local organisations and voluntary groups.

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!!

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 Julie Cornwell, Partnerships Officer on 01353 665555.

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

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20th March 2013 at 7.00 – 9.00pm at Kirtling Village Hall Wednesday 19th June, 2013 at 7:00 – 9:00pm at the Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth