

## **Ely Neighbourhood Panel**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 Council Chamber**  
**East Cambridgeshire District Council, Ely**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Will Burton	City of Ely Council
Cllr Philip Eden	City of Ely Council
Cllr Elisabeth Every	City of Ely Council
Cllr Elaine Griffin-Singh	City of Ely Council
Cllr Shirley Overall	City of Ely Council
Cllr John Yates	City of Ely Council
Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith MBE	East Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Mike Rouse	East Cambridgeshire District Council

### **OFFICERS**

John Hill	Chief Executive	East Cambs. District Council
Inspector Paul Ormerod		Cambs. Constabulary
Terry Jordan	Neighbourhood Panel Liaison Officer	Cambs County Council
Alistair Frost	Project Manager	Cambs County Council
Allison Conder	Principal Community and Leisure Services Officer	East Cambs. District Council
Adrian Scaites-Stokes	Democratic Services Officer	East Cambs. District Council
Shirley Blake	Principal Sustainable Development Officer	East Cambs. District Council

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  
**28 members of the public**

### **ENP12/30     Welcome**

Cllr Philip Eden, the Panel Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **ENP12/31     Introductions and Apologies**

The Panel Members and supporting officers introduced themselves to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillors Sue Austen, Lindsay Harris and Richard Hobbs.

### **ENP12/32     Chairman's Announcements and Consultation Items**

Councillor Philip Eden highlighted the items currently out for consultation: (a) Ely's Car Parking, reminding everyone that the consultation closed on 1<sup>st</sup> March; (b) the Independent Remuneration Panel Review of Members Allowances at the District Council; and (c) The District Council's new Local Plan, which would be open for comments from February.

**ENP12/33      Update on East Cambs District Council Actions Since Last Meeting**

The Panel received a table giving an update on the actions undertaken by East Cambs District Council.

<b>Issue No and Description</b>	<b>Further Comments</b>
St Marys Car Park	Work on this was imminent.
Ely Environmental Action day	A report on the Action Day had been posted on the District Council's website. The District Council's website would be updated about issues reported back to the Panel.
Recycling Collection Plans for Wheelie Bins	The forward plan for implementation of the new collection scheme would be reported to the next Panel meeting.
The Maltings	A market testing exercise had been undertaken for a new provider who would be able to offer an all year service. Discussions were ongoing about public access to the lobby and meeting rooms. The Council had committed to improving the facilities.
Sports Club Directory	A new online sports club directory had been launched and sports clubs had been encouraged to register online.
Waste and Recycling Bid	A bid to fund a new recycling service whilst retaining the weekly collection service had been successful in securing £5million.

A member of the public commented that 39 issues had been raised during the Environmental Action Day, 9 of which had been actioned. So there was still a lot to be done.

The Chairman reminded everyone that it was important to report incidents of dog fouling or fly tipping.

**ENP12/34      Update on County Council Actions Since Last Meeting**

The Panel received a table giving an update on the actions undertaken by the County Council.

<b>Issue No and Description</b>	<b>Further Comments</b>
Beresford Road and St Johns Road – irresponsible parking	The majority of the roads in that area had been adopted by the County Council
High Street – parking after 10am	The Traffic Regulation Order meant that cars parked before 10am could not be driven away. This was not a high priority for the County Council but would be looked at when resources allowed.
Narrow paths at Prickwillow	This could be put forward as a local highways improvement bid.
Kings Avenue – incoherent markings	Officers were not clear where this referred to. This could be looked at once more information was received.
Jubilee Gardens – cycling routes	This was a District Council matter.
Forehill – Blue Badge holders	The County Council was responsible for issuing the Badges but not for assessing who was allowed one.

**ENP12/35      Update on Sanctuary Housing Actions Since Last Meeting**

No update on the actions undertaken by Sanctuary Hereward was provided.

**ENP12/36      Update on City of Ely Council Actions Since Last Meeting**

Councillor Will Burton gave a verbal update on the action taken by the City Council.

<b>Issue No and Description</b>	<b>Further Comments</b>
Victoria Street	The Council had set up a Working Party to look at all on-street parking issues in the city.
Youth Council	This had been set up and was progressing. A new website had also been set up.
Youth Fair	A Youth Fair would be held in the Paradise Centre on 15 <sup>th</sup> February, from 2pm to 6pm.
Forehill Car Park	A new memorial bench had been placed in that car park.
Dog Bins	New dog bins were now available for installation.
Ely Cemetery	The workshop and storage area had now been completed.
Christmas Lights	These had gone ahead and had been excellent.
Ely In Bloom	The format had changed but this scheme would continue this year.
CCTV	A new supervisor had been employed. This would allow more hours coverage.
Cycleways & Pathways	A review was being undertaken to look at filling in the few gaps found.
Matters for discussion with the District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maltings Cottage – this was at the stage where the deeds were to be signed.</li><li>• Maltings – discussions ongoing.</li></ul>
City Council matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A new Councillor had been appointed – Christine Jones – for the North Ward.</li><li>• The City Council currently had 2 vacancies.</li></ul>

**ENP12/37      Update on Police Actions Since Last Meeting**

The Panel received a table giving an update on the actions undertaken by the Police. Priorities from the last Panel meeting were: 1) car parking and 2) riverside anti-social cycling.

<b>Issue No and Description</b>	<b>Further Comments</b>
Car Parking	Parking enforcement continued. Frequent patrols had taken place, resulting in the issue of 49 tickets. This was an ongoing issue and would need a multi-agency approach to be dealt with.
Riverside Anti-Social Cycling/The Cutter	Patrols have been carried out and riders spoken to.
Beresford Road and St Johns Road	A new 'safer schools' scheme was being developed to tackle this.
Dolphin Lane – cyclists	No further reports of incidents.
Princess of Wales Hospital – parking	Patrols had been carried out. No offences witnessed.
Forehill – Blue Badge holders	No driver reported for abusing the scheme. Complaints about obstruction by drivers parking in Forehill were difficult to prove. Blue Badge holders were allowed to park on double yellow lines but not in loading areas.
Operation Wicket	This operation had targeted theft from shops, with high visibility patrols taking place over the Christmas period. 20 people had been caught and 3 imprisoned.

Crime Figures	There had been a significant reduction in the crime figures, from the same time last year, in Ely and across the district.
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Inspector Ormerod replied to a number of public questions by stating:

- There was concern over the issue of cyclists riding without rear lights. Rather than issue tickets, the riders would be warned and had to report to a police station to prove they had purchased rear lights for their bike.
- There had been no previous reports of cyclists biking up the wrong way in The Gallery, Market Street and High Street.
- Other areas were monitored for illegal parking and tickets had been issued.
- If there were specific areas which were suffering from speeding, it would be useful to know so the safety camera van could be deployed.

#### ENP12/38 Audience Issues

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ISSUE OF CONCERN</u>	<u>LEAD AGENCY/OFFICER</u>
Ely	Env action day 9 out of 39 issues raised have been done. Report back to next panel.	ECDC – Nick Ball
High Barns	Cyclists without rear lights – paper boys? Work with newsagents?	Police
West Fen Road	Problem with parked cars – mainly too close to junction with Chiefs Street	Police/COEC review
High street, Market Street, gallery	Cyclists cycling the wrong way	Police
Downham Road	Speeding – what monitoring is done?	Police
Cam Drive	Speeding towards Downham Road	Police
Victoria Street	Used as a rat run & speeding	Police
Prickwillow Road	Speeding by police officers	Police
Cambridge Road St Marys Street	Speeding	Police
Lynn Road	Speeding	Police
Chapel street Downham road	Getting out is very difficult – any other options apart from a mirror?	CCC
The Chantry	Surface rough for cyclists	CCC
The Barns estate	Street lighting not adequate	CCC
Market place	2 Lampposts broken off – dangerous edges	CCC
Cambridge Road	Borland's Ex Garage Eyesore	ECDC Planning
Lisle Lane	Parked vehicles make it very narrow combined with Travis Perkins deliveries parking on pavement	Police
Lisle Lane	Traffic lights and pedestrian lights at Sainsbury's need to be synchronised	CCC
Ely college area	Parking too close to junctions e.g St Andrews Way	Police
	Request for new police commissioner to come to panel	ECDC – Allison Conder
	Car parking – want an opportunity to discuss	ECDC – Darren Dixon
	Police patrols on permanent basis – provide details	Police

	of patrols?	
	Flyposting on lampposts/street furniture – who removes	CCC
<b>Forehill</b>	Can parking be limited to one side only with kerb markings	CCC
<b>Lynn road to St Marys street (Lamb)</b>	Cars think its straight on into gallery as no white lines to indicate road goes round into St Marys street. Stop light corner gallery think they have to stop at red light and prevents people coming round	CCC
	Car park questionnaire is worded that everyone in agreement with intro of charges. How will comments from people not supporting be used?	ECDC – Darren Dixon
<b>Maltings restaurant</b>	Have an update on Compass and any new people running it?	ECDC – Darren Dixon
	Police to continue to monitor cycling issues	Police
<b>Station</b>	Educate cyclists at cycling hub? & a PCSO?	Police working with Network Rail?
	Police continue enforcing pinch points(Parking) around city centre	Police
	On street parking – restriction on parking at certain times for residents	COEC
<b>New Barns road</b>	Speeding	Police
<b>Queen Adelaide and prickwillow road ely</b>	Speeding – need for flashing light at Prickwillow road	Police/CCC
	Fraudulent use of blue badges	Police
	Clarity on level of police foot patrol and more police presence and visibility	Police
	Cyclists – illegal to be on footway. What are rights of pedestrians to stand up to cyclists?	Police
<b>Market street</b>	Illegal taxi parking in Market street needs resolving	Police
<b>Court House</b>	Update on what is happening with the Court House	ECDC Alan Dover
<b>POLICING PRIORITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speeding – at highlighted locations</b></li> <li>• <b>On street enforcement – at highlighted locations</b></li> </ul>	<b>Police</b>
<b>OTHER PRIORITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Junction chapel street, Mirror</b></li> <li>• <b>Traffic lights synchronisation – Lisle Lane</b></li> <li>• <b>Lamb Hotel lining and traffic lights</b></li> </ul>	<b>CCC</b>

## ENP12/39 Community Infrastructure Levy

Shirley Blake advised the Panel about the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Developers had to pay the District Council money to help fund infrastructure requirements as a result of the impact of their developments. The CIL was a new tool, introduced by Government, that allowed local authorities to make a charge on developers. CIL would be a standard charge paid at the commencement of a development. It would not replace Section 106 payments altogether and would be introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013. CIL would only be charged on residential or retail developments.

At least 15% of CIL income would be passed to parish councils. It was difficult to anticipate exactly how much income would be generated over the next 20 years. The CIL funds could be pooled together for infrastructure within the district. The benefits of CIL included the delivery of infrastructure, flexibility at a local level, developers would be more certain of their contributions and transparency about how the contributions would help the community.

In answer to public questions, it was revealed that CIL related to the floorspace for all storeys of a building and not its footprint. A comparison had not been done between potential CIL and previous Section 106 incomes. CIL and Section 106 could both be used on a development. House extensions under 100m<sup>2</sup> would not be subject to CIL. CIL would vary between councils as it would depend on local land values.

#### **ENP12/40     Update on Option B for the Bypass**

Alistair Frost advised the Panel about the progress towards the Ely bypass. Option B was the one that people wanted, as demonstrated by the 61% support for it compared to the other options and a further consultation, which had shown 81% support for Option B. This had gone to the County Council's Cabinet, which had agreed to go forward with Option B. However, this decision had been called in by one of the County Council's scrutiny committees. It had looked at the issue to ensure enough work had been done on the options. It agreed to go with Option B but asked for additional information to be made available for the public. Subsequently Cabinet approved to a pre-planning consultation and to make a planning application.

This approach was supported by the rail industry and by Ely Cathedral Chapter. However, the Chapter suggested options for a 'hidden bypass' with several routes cutting across the land off Angel Drive, going under the railway line and along the Kings School sports fields. Routes 1 and 2 had many technical limitations and would mean that land would have to be found to replace the sports fields. Route 3 was being looked at as no technical design had been completed for this. These would be included as an addendum and used as part of the public pre-planning exhibition to be held in March 2013. It was intended to submit a planning application and publish draft Orders in June.

The Chairman requested a further update for the July Panel meeting.

#### **ENP12/41     Panel Prioritisation**

The Chief Executive of East Cambridgeshire District Council summarised the various issues brought up during the Audience Issues discussions.

For immediate action:

- Invite the Police and Crime Commissioner, or his Deputy, to attend a future Panel meeting;
- Send out a letter relating to the road conditions in the Chantry;
- Deal with the damaged lamp standards in the Market Place;
- Clear out-of-date posters and other fly-posting.

Updated information wanted on:

- The contact point to report contraventions of Blue Badge holders parking;
- The station hub;
- Trading on pavements;
- The Environmental Action Day.

Work for the City of Ely On-Street Working Party:

- Forehill parking restrictions.

Emerging priorities:

- Speeding in various locations;
- Highway safety issues including the Chapel Street/Downham Road junction, traffic lights in Lisle Lane, signage in the Lynn Road/Market Street/The Gallery area;

Police priorities:

- Continued car parking enforcement;

- The use of uniformed police presence.

**ENP12/42     Ely Foodbank**

The Chairman permitted Alan Williams to report on progress with the Foodbank. So far 7 tons of foodstuffs had been donated. This had allowed 350 families to benefit in the short term. A request was made for people to continue to support this, as the Foodbank was increasingly busy. It aimed to cover an area within a 15 mile radius of Ely, so a lot of work was still needed.

**ENP12/43     Forward Agenda**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Panel was due 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Council Chamber at East Cambs District Council, Nutholt Lane, Ely.

The Meeting closed at 9:07pm.