



NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS

Supporting local communities

Ely Neighbourhood Panel Update

January 2013

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Action Updates:

Priority: None Set

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	St Marys car park Trip hazard with drain covers	Response from Spencer Clark ECDC's Asset Management Team:- 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 7 th of January.
2.	Ely Environmental Action Day – when feedback?	Response from Nick Ball ECDC's Community Safety Officer:- A report on April 2012 Ely Environmental Action Day is posted on the ECDC website at the following location; http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/environment/environmental-action-days
3.	What are ECDC's recycling collection plans for wheelie bins?	Response from Dave White ECDC's Waste Strategy Team Leader:- The current brown sack and black box collection system will be replaced with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* 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.

4.	<p>The Maltings - Findings of questionnaire sent out? Restaurant closed so how to people get access to the Danish tapestry?</p>	<p>Response from Darren Dixon ECDC's Head of Communities:-</p> <p>The purpose of the consultation was to identify areas of improvement that we could address within the current contractual obligations of the contract with the Compass Grp UK. The key issue from general customers was dissatisfaction with the limited opening hours of the restaurant. In response to this feedback, we have completed a market testing exercise for a new restaurant/cafe provider who will be able to provide a financially viable 'all year' service. Discussions are currently taking place with the interested parties and Compass, and this includes public access to the Malting lobby (tapestry) and meeting rooms.</p> <p>Another area of concern raised through the consultation was the general infrastructure of the building (particularly a key issue for ADeC); therefore the Council has committed to undertake capital improvements to the facility – we have completed the repair and upholstery of the tiered seating, the flooring has been treated and a new stair lift has been installed. Funds have been allocated to replace the heating system (this will need to be timetabled to coincide with the decision on the restaurant).</p>
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Current Organisational Issues:

	<p>ECDC Sports Club Directory</p> <p>East Cambridgeshire District Council has recently launched a new online sports club directory. We would like to encourage sport clubs to register online to help raise the profile of clubs, promote new sessions and increase membership. The sports club directory will be published on the council website and be a focal point for residents to find out more information about sport clubs and services.</p> <p>If you would like to register a sport club please visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sports/sports-club-directory Or for more information e-mail sportandhealth@eastcambs.gov.uk or call 01353 665555.</p>
	<p>Waste and recycling bid is a winner</p> <p>East Cambridgeshire District Council has successfully won a £5 million bid from Central Government to fund a new recycling service and retain weekly waste collections.</p> <p>The funding, from the Department for Communities and Local Government's 'Weekly Collection Reward Scheme', means residents will find it easier to recycle more of their waste with the new service being introduced in late 2013 or early 2014.</p>

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- * A new wheeled bin recycling collection, including paper, glass, metal cans, plastics, cartons and cardboard. This will be collected fortnightly.
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- * 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.

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Councillor Richard Hobbs, Chairman of the Community and Environment Committee at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Winning the funding to improve our recycling service is fantastic news. In a recent public consultation we had overwhelming support for our plans so it is great to know we can now deliver a recycling service which people want.

"The task ahead of us now is to bring the service in as soon as we can. This will mean a lot of hard work from buying the vehicles and wheeled bins to deliver the service to identifying the homes which will not be suitable for the service. We hope to complete this by next summer and have the service up and running from late 2013 or early 2014. During this process we will ensure residents are kept fully up to date with the progress of our work. Finally I would like to thank the Environmental Team at the District Council who has made our bid successful. It is very exciting to know our recycling rates are set to rise and we can continue to collect black bag rubbish every week in the years to come."

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



Dog fouling and fly tipping statistics:

Fly Tipping Reports and Enforcement Actions 2012/13

Ely Neighbourhood Panel

Parish/Village	Reported Fly Tips												Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Chettisham	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Ely	4	4	6	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
Prickwillow	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Queen Adelaide	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Shippea Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stuntney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Month total	7	4	7	1	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	29

Dog Fouling Reports 2012/13

Ely Neighbourhood Panel

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Chettisham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ely	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	16
Prickwillow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Queen Adelaide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shippea Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stuntney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Month total	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	16

Cambridgeshire County Council – Action Updates:

Priorities:

One priority set - Improvements to the traffic regulation Order High Street (see No.2 below)

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	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?	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.
2.	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	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.
3.	Narrow paths at Prickwillow - Possible to have cycle area alongside paths?	If the paths are narrow, it is unlikely that sufficient space would exist for specific cycle provision. Such a scheme could be submitted as a local highways improvement if there were local demand. For such a bid to stand a chance of successful, it would need to be demonstrated that the roads in Prickwillow are so hazardous that specific provision for cyclists would be a priority.
4.	Kings Avenue - Incoherent markings - Carry through with strip of red for cyclists?	County Council officers are unclear exactly where this is, but most likely a red strip has been used to identify a particular area of conflict - rather than a signed and specifically provided for advisory route.
5.	Jubilee gardens - Cycling routes doesn't join up	The District Council signed the route through the gardens to the river front where cycling is not permitted. This is, therefore, a matter for that council, rather than the County Council. There had been some work to join-up a route between Annesdale and Jubilee Terrace but this has stalled (Sustrans).

6.	<p>Forehill - Public concern that some of the Blue badge holders who park on the double yellow lines are non genuinely disabled; it was suggested that incidents of a dubious nature be reported to the County Council.</p> <p>A person is automatically eligible to apply for a Blue Badge if he or she is over two years of age and meets one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receives the Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance • is severely sight impaired (registered blind) • receives the War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement • receives a lump sum benefit from the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (within tariff levels 1-8). The applicant must also have been certified as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking. <p>As part of the application, the applicant is required to provide supporting documentation as evidence of the qualifying benefit.</p> <p>If a person does not qualify automatically, there will be an assessment of the applicant's eligibility for a Blue Badge.</p> <p>Anyone over two years of age may be eligible for a Blue Badge, if he or she either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a permanent and substantial disability which means that the person cannot walk, or which makes walking very difficult. An Independent Mobility Assessment may be required to assess the level of disability • drives a motor vehicle regularly, has a severe disability in both arms, and is unable to operate all or some types of parking meter (or would find it very difficult to operate them). <p>The Independent Mobility Assessments are not carried out by the County Council but by specific medical practices across the county.</p> <p>It is assumed by the County Council that the Constabulary would take action in cases where unauthorised parking on double yellow lines is undertaken.</p>
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Current Organisational Issues:

None

Sanctuary Housing – Action Updates:

Priorities: None set

Other Issues:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	None raised	
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Current Organisational Issues:

None

City of Ely Council – Action Updates:

Priorities: None set

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	Victoria street - Parking to be looked at holistically – rat run in Victoria street	The City of Ely Council is not looking at the problems with Victoria Street being a rat run as this is not a parish responsibility. However, the Council has formed an On-Street Parking Review Working Group which is looking at all issues within the City to do with on-street parking. I will ensure that Victoria Street is included in this. Cllr Phillip Eden is Chair of this Working Group.

Current Organisational Issues:

None

East Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team – Action Updates:

Priorities:

1. Priority 1 : Car Parking

Action Taken	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.
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1. Priority 2: Riverside anti-social cycling

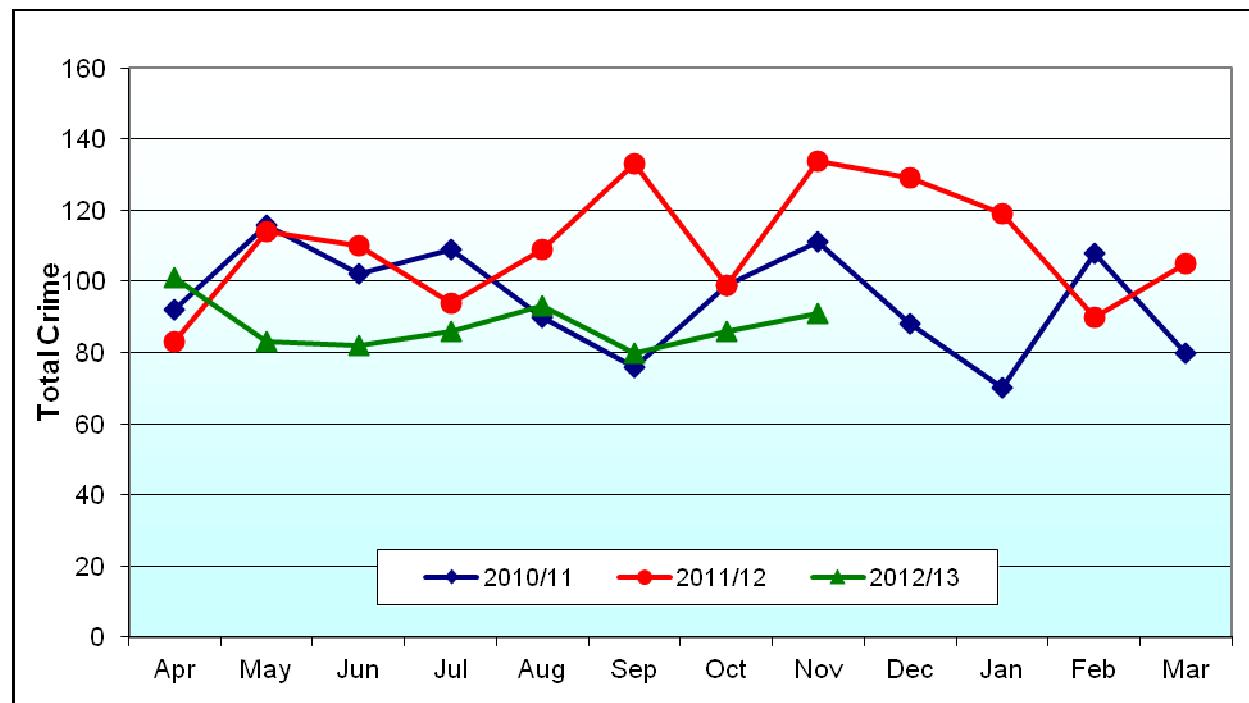
Action Taken	Officers have carried out patrols during the peak times for reports of people cycling along the river side in contravention of the signs being displayed. When offences have been witnessed the riders have been spoken to.
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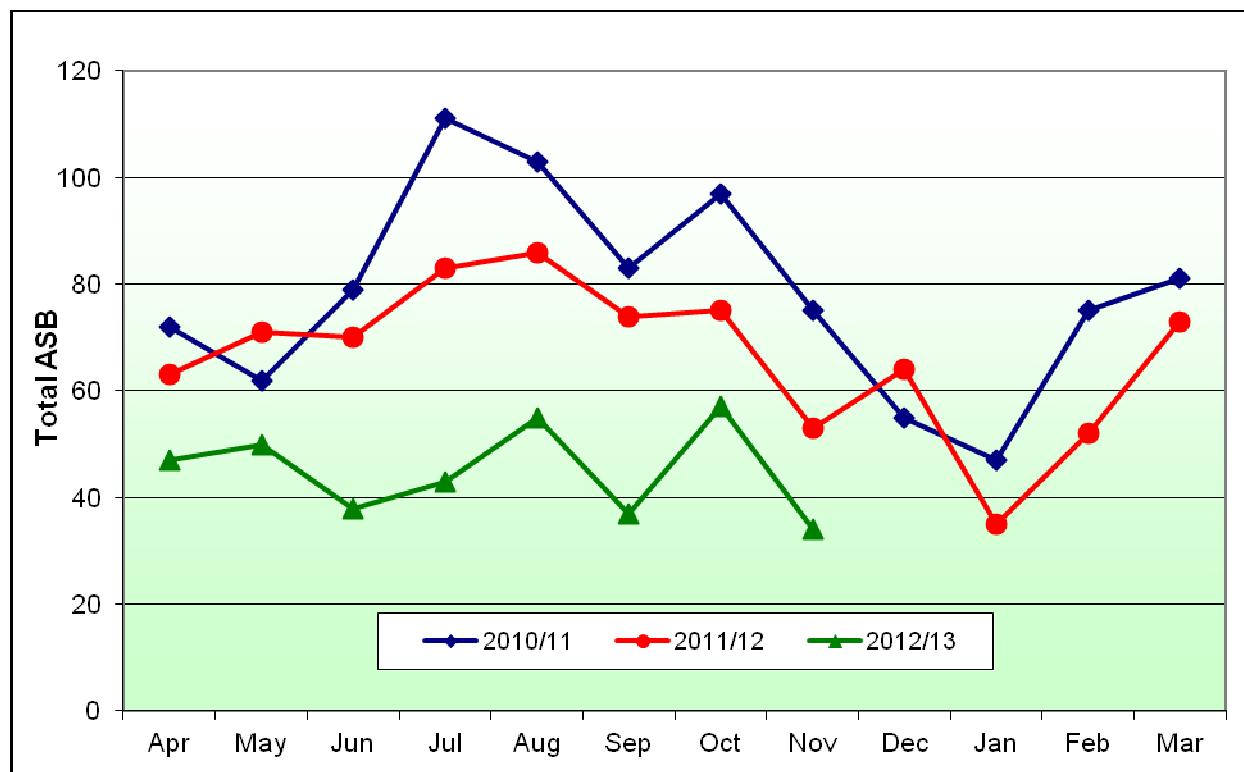
No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	Beresford Road and St Johns Road - Irresponsible parents parking and problem is that County Council hasn't adopted roads. Can police be there at time of school arrival and departure?	The PCSOs try to get round all of the schools on their sectors. The Police are very aware of the seriousness of this problem at this school and others and the risk it presents to young children and their parents. A new 'safer schools' scheme is in the process of being created which will tackle this and other school related issues.
2.	The Cutter - People cycling on riverside as danger. Can police PCSO issue tickets?	This issue was adopted as a Panel priority. As such the final update will be provided at the Panel meeting. Patrols have been taking place and cyclists have been given words of advice about cycling in this area. The vast majority of cyclists observed were not committing offences.
3.	Dolphin Lane - Game of chicken being played with cyclists cycling and stopping suddenly	No further reports have been received of this nature. Nobody has been witnessed carrying out this act.

4.	Princess of Wales Hospital - Parking at hospital as car parks oversubscribed causing parking issues outside	Patrols have taken place in the area. This is acknowledged as a problem area, with a lack of spaces for the number of vehicles present. No offences have been witnessed warranting prosecution, and it's suggested that this matter is addressed with the Hospital to discuss any future concerns.
5.	Forehill - Public concern that some of the Blue badge holders who park on the double yellow lines are non genuinely disabled; it was suggested that incidents of a dubious nature be reported to the County Council.	Blue Badge holders continue to park on Forehill and other locations around Ely, as is their right. We have had no cause to report any driver suspected to be abusing the Blue Badge scheme. We are aware of persons parking their vehicles near to the Vineyards. This is causing problems, and we will be addressing the matter with the drivers when seen.

Ely Neighbourhood Total Crime



Ely Neighbourhood Total ASB:



Crime and Incident Levels in Ely Neighbourhood, by Ward

		Dwelling burglary	Other burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of vehicle	Theft from vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from shop	Criminal Damage	Other crime	Total Crime	Total ASB
Ely Area	Sep 12 - Nov 12	15	14	36	0	6	20	7	39	32	88	257	128
	Jun 12 - Aug 12	18	13	46	0	8	10	9	36	34	87	261	136
	Sep 11 - Nov 11	25	36	55	0	10	25	10	45	40	120	366	202
Ely North	Sep 12 - Nov 12	5	3	7	0	3	1	1	0	10	21	51	31
	Jun 12 - Aug 12	5	1	11	0	3	3	2	0	11	27	63	40
	Sep 11 - Nov 11	4	8	11	0	3	7	5	1	10	20	69	38
Ely South	Sep 12 - Nov 12	2	0	5	0	0	2	1	5	2	13	30	16
	Jun 12 - Aug 12	7	5	3	0	0	0	1	2	4	11	33	17
	Sep 11 - Nov 11	1	0	5	0	1	2	1	12	1	10	33	29

Ely West	Sep 12 - Nov 12	3	2	5	0	3	11	1	0	4	12	41	17
	Jun 12 - Aug 12	2	2	8	0	3	3	2	1	8	16	45	25
	Sep 11 - Nov 11	7	6	8	0	1	8	0	0	10	22	62	43
Ely East	Sep 12 - Nov 12	5	9	19	0	0	6	4	34	16	42	135	64
	Jun 12 - Aug 12	4	5	24	0	2	4	4	33	11	33	120	54
	Sep 11 - Nov 11	13	22	31	0	5	8	4	32	19	68	202	92

Fire Service data Primary and Secondary fires:

Month	Ward	Is Primary Fire	Is Derelict	Is Chimney Fire	Property Category	Property Type	Is Property Regulated	Cause
Sept	Ely	No	No	No	Outdoor structure	Loose refuse	No	Deliberate
Sept	Stuntney	No	Yes	No	Outdoor structure	Grass	No	Accidental
Sept	Ely	Yes	No	No	Dwelling	House	No	Accidental
Oct	Ely	No	No	No	Outdoor structure	Loose refuse	No	Accidental
Nov	Ely	No	No	No	Outdoor structure	Loose refuse	No	Accidental