



Ely Neighbourhood Panel Update

March 2013

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Action Updates:

Priority: None Set

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	Ely Environmental action day only 9 out of 39 issues raised have been done. Report back to next panel.	<p>Response from Nick Ball ECDC's Community Safety Officer:-</p> <p>The Community Safety Partnership which organises the Action Days is working with County Council Highways to plan resolutions to the outstanding Highways issues raised from the April Action Day.</p> <p>In general terms it was not intended that the core remit of Environmental Action Days be to schedule an audit review of issues as it would create additional downstream work for future resolution.</p> <p>It is unfortunate if expectations were raised that the action days were about taking forward action plans for an audited range of Highways and Street scene issues for future resolution. The administrative and other resource to resolve these downstream actions is not in place amongst the partner organisations.</p> <p>Accordingly the Community Safety Partnership has now revised the Terms of Reference of the action days so that they deal only with activity delivered on that day, without taking forward (mostly County Council Highways) issues for future resolution. This is prohibitive in terms of staff time and does not fit the remit of delivering discrete actions that are concluded on the day. The action days are now called Neighbourhood Action days and focus on litter picking/ fly tip removal/ street furniture restoration and public building restoration/ Police enforcement against nuisance parking / Fire and Rescue access checks with the fire appliance plus distribution of fire safety literature.</p> <p>The action days will continue in their revised format and will continue to benefit local environments through clearing of eyesores along with crackdowns on inconsiderate and dangerous parking.</p>
2.	Cambridge Road - Borland's Ex Garage Eyesore	<p>Response from by Alan Dover ECDC Planning Team:-</p> <p>The garage on Cambridge Road is the subject of a new application to change it to a B1 Office Ref 13/00106/FUL. Work had begun to change it into residential, so it is in effect a building site in progress. We shall monitor the situation.</p>
3.	Car parking in Ely – want an opportunity to discuss	<p>Response from Darren Dixon ECDC's Head of Communities:-</p>

Month total	7	4	7	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	31
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Dog Fouling Reports 2012/13

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Parish/Village	Fouling Reports												Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Chettisham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ely	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	0	22
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	1	0	0	1
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	3	4	3	0	23

Cambridgeshire County Council – Action Updates:

Priorities:

Three priorities set :-

1. Junction chapel street – See 1 below
2. Traffic lights synchronisation – See 5 below
3. Lamb Hotel lining and traffic lights – See 8 below

Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	Chapel street Downham road - Getting out is very difficult – any other options apart from a mirror?	Waiting restrictions at the junction should provide adequate visibility, subject to there being compliance by motorists with the associated Traffic Regulation Order.
2.	The Chantry - Surface rough for cyclists	<p>The highway network is suffering significantly at present and it is necessary for the Local Highway Authority (LHA) to prioritise resources to the areas in greatest need.</p> <p>The LHA will investigate the situation and consider remedial action if there is found to be a problem requiring priority remedial treatment.</p>
3.	The Barns estate - Street lighting not adequate	<p>Neither the County Council nor its street lighting contractor, Balfour Beatty, are aware of any outstanding maintenance issues on The Barns estate currently and, therefore, believe that the lighting in this area is functioning correctly.</p> <p>The County Council would of course be pleased to receive any reports of lights not working on either the reports freephone number 0800 7838 247 or by e-mail at enquiries@lightingcambridgeshire.com</p> <p>In addition, the lighting owned by the County Council in Ely, including this estate, will form part of the PFI replacement works being carried out by Balfour Beatty. These particular works are currently programmed for the period January to July 2015; further information can be obtained at: lightingcambridgeshire.com</p>
4.	Market place - 2 Lampposts broken off – dangerous edges	The two damaged lighting columns have now been replaced with temporary ones, which will then be replaced with heritage columns when available.

5.	Lisle Lane - Traffic lights and pedestrian lights at Sainsbury's need to be synchronised	This issue is being considered by the County Council's Traffic Signals Team.
6.	Across the city - Flyposting on lampposts/street furniture – who removes?	The view of the County Council's Highways Service is that this is more a local council (District Council or Ely City) responsibility.
7.	Forehill - Could arrangements be made to restrict the vehicular parking to one side of the road?	<p>Parking is already restricted on both sides of the road. There is a need for some loading to premises and Blue Badge holders are permitted to park.</p> <p>Officers of the Local Highway Authority are of the view that the road is too narrow and steep to formally provide for marked parking bays on one side; such action could cause more problems than it would solve.</p>
8.	Lynn Road to St Marys Street (near The Lamb Hotel) - Motorists think its straight on into Gallery, as there are no white lines to indicate that the road continues into St Marys Street. Stop light corner gallery think they have to stop at red light and prevents people coming round	<p>Officers of the Local Highway Authority feel that the Market Towns Strategy review next year should provide the opportunity to consider this issue.</p> <p>This issue has also been referred to the County Council's Traffic Signals Team for consideration.</p>
9.	Queen Adelaide and Prickwillow Road, Ely - Need for a speed-activated sign at Prickwillow Road, to help reduce speeding in that area	<p>The Local Highway Authority is aware that there have been concerns here for some time, although the level crossings at Queen Adelaide provide some disincentive to high speeds.</p> <p>Although speed-activated signs act as a reminder of the speed limit (when triggered), it cannot be guaranteed that the installation of such a measure would actually reduce the speed of vehicles.</p> <p>It is suggested that the local community engages in speed watch at this location.</p> <p>This is the sort of scheme which could be submitted by the local council to the County Council as a Local Highway Improvement bid or funded by the community by other means.</p>

Current Organisational Issues:

None

Sanctuary Housing – Action Updates:

Priorities: None set

Other Issues:

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	None raised	
2.		

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.	On street parking – restriction on parking at certain times for residents	Response from Tracey Coulson City of Ely Council:- Unfortunately, we have nothing to update yet, as the On-Street Car Parking Working Group are not meeting until the 27 th March.

Current Organisational Issues:

None

East Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team – Action Updates:

Priorities:

- **Priority 1 : Speeding – at highlighted locations**

Action Taken	Impact Team officers have not been in a position to conduct routine speed enforcement during this period, and no Speedwatch activity has been undertaken by volunteers.
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1. Priority 2: On street enforcement – at highlighted locations

Action Taken	Hotspot areas have been patrolled and 29 Fixed Penalty Notices issued for offences between 16/01/13 – 26/02/13, as well as one vehicle reported as having an expired tax disc. Tickets have been issued in St Mary's Street, Broad Street, High Street, Forehill, Barton Square, Chequers Lane, Market Street, Station Road and Newnham Street. Regular dip-sampling of vehicles parked on Forehill has been taking place to ensure those parked there are doing so legally. In 22 checks during the period, all vehicles parked in Forehill were found to be Blue Badge Holders. On one occasion a ticket was issued to a driver that was parked illegally on the double yellow lines, and on another occasion a ticket was issued to a driver causing an obstruction of the junction of High Street and Forehill. We are not aware of taxis parking illegally in Market Street, and PCSOs have not come across this as an issue during their patrols.
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Other Issues raised at the Panel meeting:

There is less activity to report than would be usual for a panel meeting. It should also be noted that during this period East Cambridgeshire Police officers have been committed with an ongoing local operation, which has limited their capacity to deliver against speeding issues.

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1.	High street, Market Street, gallery - Cyclists cycling the wrong way	PCSOs have continued to monitor cycling in the area of High Barns, the City Centre, Riverside and the Station area. They have not come across any anti-social cycling, or lighting issues during their patrols. The situation as regards the legality of cycling on footways in certain areas of the City is not clear, and it is not suggested that pedestrians challenge cyclists they feel might be committing offences.
2.	Downham Road - Speeding – what monitoring is done?	Impact Team officers have not been in a position to conduct routine speed enforcement during this period, and no Speedwatch activity has been undertaken by volunteers.
3.	Cam Drive - Speeding towards Downham Road	See 2 above
4.	Victoria Street - Used as a rat run & speeding	See 2 above
5.	Prickwillow Road -Speeding by police officers	See 2 above
6.	Cambridge Road St Marys Street - Speeding	See 2 above
7.	Lynn Road - Speeding	See above
8.	Lisle Lane - Parked vehicles make it very narrow combined with Travis Perkins deliveries parking on pavement	Hotspot areas have been patrolled and 29 Fixed Penalty Notices issued for offences between 16/01/13 – 26/02/13, as well as one vehicle reported as having an expired tax disc. Tickets have been issued in St Mary's Street, Broad Street, High Street, Forehill, Barton Square, Chequers Lane, Market Street, Station Road and Newnham Street. Regular dip-sampling of vehicles parked on Forehill has been taking place to ensure those parked there are doing so legally. In 22 checks during the period, all vehicles parked in Forehill were found to be Blue Badge Holders. On one occasion a ticket was issued to a driver that was parked illegally on the double yellow lines, and on another occasion a ticket was issued to a driver causing an obstruction of the junction of High Street and Forehill. We are not aware of taxis parking illegally in Market Street, and PCSOs have not come across this as an issue during their patrols.
9.	Ely college area - Parking too close to junctions e.g St Andrews Way	See 8 above
10.	Police patrols on permanent basis – provide details of patrols?	The patrols in the City Centre in the run-up to Christmas were conducted by officers being paid to provide additional patrols on their Rest Days, and so are not something that can be routinely provided without additional funding. We will endeavour, where capacity allows, to put officers out on foot patrol in the City on a more regular basis at peak times (e.g. Thursdays and Saturdays). This already occurs on Friday and Saturday nights to deal with the night-time economy in Ely.
11.	New Barns road - Speeding	See 2 above
12.	Market street - Illegal taxi parking in	See 8 above

	Market street needs resolving	
13.	Cyclists – illegal to be on footway. What are rights of pedestrians to stand up to cyclists?	The situation as regards the legality of cycling on footways in certain areas of the City is not clear, and it is not suggested that pedestrians challenge cyclists they feel might be committing offences.

Ely Neighbourhood Total Crime

No data provided

Ely Neighbourhood Total ASB:

No data provided

Crime and Incident Levels in Ely Neighbourhood, by Ward

No data provided

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
Dec	Ely	yes			Domestic	House		Accidental
Dec						Rubbish		Accidental
Dec						Rubbish		Accidental
Nov						Rubbish		Accidental