

Ely Area Neighbourhood Panel



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Welcome to the Ely Neighbourhood Panel newsletter! It summarises the main topics and points raised at the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting held on **Thursday 18th July 2013** in East Cambridgeshire District Council's Chamber at the Grange in Ely.

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!

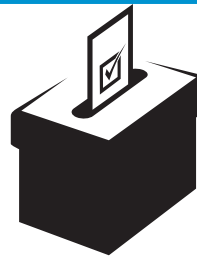
Please use the link to access the Neighbourhood Panel webpage, which provides background information and all up-to-date documents

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Hot Topics

Chairman and Vice-chairman elected

The Ely Neighbourhood Panel elected Ely City Councillor **Liz Every** as Panel Chairman for the coming year and **Christine Jones** as Vice-Chairman.



Waste Management and collection - your new wheeled bin service starts from 2nd September 2013

From Monday 2 September, the roll out of the new wheeled bin recycling service will begin in East Cambridgeshire over a ten week period.

Over the last few months, councillors and officers at the District Council have been busy purchasing wheeled bins and collection vehicles, developing a waste policy and surveying homes to see which properties are suitable for the new service.

Work is progressing well and this summer an awareness programme will be rolled out to ensure residents across East Cambridgeshire understand how the new service will work.

The aims of the new recycling service are to:

- Improve the recycling rate from 34% to 45-50%
- Comply with EU targets to recycle plastics from kerbside by 2015, with progress towards 2020 recycling target of 50%



- Widen the range of materials recycled
- Simplify the service for users
- Increase satisfaction with services
- Increase alignment with neighbouring councils

Changes mean that the current brown sack and black box collection system will be replaced with:

A new wheeled bin recycling collection, including paper, glass, food & drinks cans, plastic bottles & hard plastic food containers, cartons and cardboard. This will be collected fortnightly.

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The following table highlights the changes with the new service:

	Current service		New service	
	Container	Materials	Container	Materials
Recyclables	Black box (materials separated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper Glass Cans 	Wheeled bin - blue lid (materials mixed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper Glass Cans Plastic Cardboard
Garden & Food Waste	Brown sacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden waste Food waste Cardboard 	Wheeled bin - green lid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden waste Food waste
Refuse	No change			

The service will operate on an alternate week basis where residents will be asked to put one wheeled bin out for collection one week followed by their other bin the following week. This is addition to the weekly black sack waste collections.

Properties judged unable to accept wheeled bin services because of space or access issues will be offered an alternative service based on clear sacks for recycling and continuation of the existing brown sack service for food and garden waste.

There will also be a fleet of new vehicles for the new services as well as a rescheduling of rounds to reduce carbon emissions.

These changes are possible after East Cambridgeshire District Council successfully won £5 million from Central Government to fund a new recycling service and retain weekly waste collections last year.

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

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Council Introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy ('CIL') on 1 February 2013. It is a levy that is charged on most new development in the District. Proceeds from the levy will be used to assist in the provision of strategic infrastructure required to support development in the District. The CIL rate per square metre has been calculated taking land values into account to ensure that potential development remains viable. The Levy is set out below and applies to developments (including extensions) over 100 square metres.

Development Type	CIL rate per square metre
Residential Zone A- Littleport and Soham	£40
Residential Zone B- Ely	£70
Residential Zone C- Rest of District	£90
Retail Development (A1-A5) and sui generis uses akin to retail (e.g. Petrol filling stations, motor sales units)	£120
All other uses (unless stated above in this table)	£0

Under the Regulations the District Council is required to publish a list of infrastructure that will benefit from CIL funding. For the year 2013-14 the Council, through its Annual Delivery Plan, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders has prioritised the following strategic projects: Ely Leisure Centre; Littleport Secondary School and Soham railway Station. It is likely that the list will widen as the CIL process beds in.

The District Council are required to pass 15% of CIL receipts to the relevant Parish that arises from development in that Parish area, payments will be transferred on a 6 monthly basis to the relevant Parish. Once the Parish receive the 15%, they have full discretion on expenditure so far as it accords with the Regulations. These receipts allow the local community to decide what is needed to help mitigate the impact of development in each of their areas.

Regulation 59C states that CIL monies can be spent on:

'A local council must use CIL receipts passed to it ...to support development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding:

(a) The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or

(b) *Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area*

Examples of how the money could be spent include play areas, village halls and affordable housing.

The Regulations require the Parish Council to:

- Produce each year a report that sets out the Parish's:
 - Total CIL Receipts
 - Total CIL Expenditure
 - A summary of what the CIL was spent on
 - The total amount of receipts retained at the end of the reported year
- The report shall be:
 - Sent to the District Council for their information
 - Published on the Parish's website
 - Where the Parish does not have a website, the District Council shall publish the report on their website
 - The report required by the Regulations can be combined with other reports already produced by the Parish.

In accordance with the Regulations, if a Parish has not spent the receipts in accordance with the Regulations (59C); or

has not spent the receipts within a five year period, the District Council can serve a notice on the Parish requiring it to repay some or all the money transferred to it. Should this occur, the District Council is required to spend the recovered funds in the Parish's area.

Where the Parish do not have any projects that they wish to spend their receipts on, or where they share the same priorities as the District Council, it is possible for the Parish, should they wish, to agree not to receive their 'meaningful proportion' and opt to allow the District Council to spend these receipts on the infrastructure set out in the Annual Delivery Plan.

For more information on the Community Infrastructure Levy please visit East Cambridgeshire District Council's Website- www.eastcambs.gov.uk Alternatively, you can email your queries to cil@eastcambs.gov.uk Officers are available to visit individual Parish Council's to advise on the process and procedures of the Community Infrastructure Levy. Should you think that this would be helpful please contact:

Emma Grima- Infrastructure Programme Manager
Emma.grima@eastcambs.gov.uk
01353 665555

What we've been doing since the last meeting

Here is a summary of some of the actions taken as a result of the issues raised at the March meeting 2013:

Priority: Antisocial parking at various locations

Action taken:

- Regular patrols of problem areas
- In total 75 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued since the last panel meeting
- Tickets have been issued in Chapel Street, Chief Street, St Mary's Street, Annesdale, West Fen Road, Market Street, High Street, Minster Place, The Gallery, Downham Road, Archery Crescent, New Barns Road, Larkfield Road, Forehill, Broad Street, West End and Dovehouse Close

Priority: Antisocial speeding at various locations

Action taken:

Speed enforcement conducted at:

- Cam Drive – 2 drivers reported; 3 drivers given words of advice.
- Lisle Lane - 5 drivers reported; 3 drivers issued with Endorsable Fixed Penalty Notices; 1 driver given words of advice.
- Lynn Road – 1 driver reported.
- No Speedwatch activity reported.

Some of the other issues that were addressed since the last Panel meeting were:

Skateboarding on the Market Square

Action: Advice given to young people from PCSO's but no offences being committed by young people skateboarding

Stour Green - No parking restrictions and offences being committed

Action: Patrols conducted; no offences observed.

Lynn Road surface is dangerous for cyclists

Action: Maintenance works are being undertaken by the County Council between 28 June to 2 July 2013.

More HGV's going through Prickwillow village - why?

Action: Relevant officers within the County Council are unaware of any particular reason for an increase in HCV traffic through Prickwillow. However, a letter will be sent to local hauliers to reinforce the Cambridgeshire Advisory Freight Map and the strategic routes which should be used for through movements.

Ely Market place lighting columns - When will they be replaced?

Action: Balfour Beatty (the County Council's street lighting service provider) has informed the County Council that replacement of the heritage columns has been put on hold further to discussions with Lorraine Brown at East Cambridgeshire District Council concerning a proposed enhancement project for the area which may include changing the style of the current street lamps. Once this meeting has been held, Balfour Beatty and County Council officers will be better informed and will, if applicable, arrange for the replacement heritage columns to be installed.

New Ely Bypass - What speed restrictions will apply?

Action: At this stage in the process, there is no reason to believe that anything other than the national speed limit for single carriageway roads (of 60 mph) would apply.

Hedging on narrow pathways overgrown between New Barnes and Kings Avenue

Action: In most cases, boundary hedges or planted shrubs adjacent to the public highway are in the ownership of the respective adjoining property owners and, therefore, the responsibility to maintain this planting (to ensure that there is no obstruction to the highway) rests with those property owners. However, the County Council, as Local Highway Authority, will, as a matter of priority, send letters to the property owners, to both remind them of their duties and request that they trim back the hedges and/or shrubs. The relevant Highways Supervisor is seeking to clarify ownership issues and will arrange for any clearance work/trimming to be done as required.

What you have asked us to address next

- Silver Street is Dangerous for cyclists over speed bumps
- Fly tipping at the bottle bank in New Barnes Road
- New Barnes and shared cycle way with Benthem Way, overhanging branches
- Can the community payback team be asked to litter pick at The Cutter and Jubilee Gardens?
- Speed checking required Victoria Road for rat runs am and pm but also weekends

Priorities for Action

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

- **ASB Market Street and Forehill**
- **Speeding at specified locations**
- **Parking**
- **Litter in front of shops**

Did You Know.....

....that your local fire service is asking for community volunteers to step forward and champion fire safety.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service have rolled out its Community Champion scheme across the county and would like volunteers in every district to get involved.

Community champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

Would you like to learn more about fire safety?
Could you help your community become a safer place?
Do you want to gain volunteer experience, get free training and make friends?



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COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion should call Ed Aniskowicz at Cambridgeshire Acre, which is running the scheme for the fire service. Call Ed on 01353 865038, email edward.aniskowicz@cambsacre.org.uk or log on to <http://cambsfirechamps.org.uk/>.

Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cambsfrs, follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.
To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

Did You Know.....

...that **Ely Foodbank** opened last November having been called to serve an area of a 15 mile radius of Ely. Initially, as you may expect, the focus has been the Ely area but the Foodbank has already served more than 250 people from the 2 wards in Soham and several from the villages in the area, including the South Panel area. To date, more than 1,000 people have been served by Ely Foodbank (with the equivalent of 10,000 meals)

Local people have been astonishingly generous by buying additional items of food, with more than 12 tonnes having been given in the first seven months! This generosity, the teamwork of the Foodbank's volunteers and considerable development work behind the scenes has led Ely Foodbank to make further significant steps in seeking to fulfil its remit.

A Foodbank, backed by Churches Together in Soham, the Town Council, the Children's Centre and local traders working in partnership with Ely Foodbank (a Trussell Trust Foodbank) will open in Soham on Thursday, 11th July at the Salvation Army centre in Bushel Lane, Soham. People who are in food crisis

will be able to collect their food in Soham on production of a Foodbank Voucher on Thursdays 1000 - 1100, or in Ely from The Lighthouse Centre on Tuesday afternoons or from The Forum, in Barton Road on Friday afternoons, so clients can make their choice.

The Foodbanks aim to serve people in food crisis in our local towns and villages, and more Foodbanks (in partnership with Ely Foodbank) are planned in the near future. In this way agencies, organisations and all of us as individuals can play our part in working together to ensure that we can look after local people who are going through difficult times, and enable them to get the help they need to get through their crisis with revived hope and dignity restored.

For more information about Ely Foodbank, go to:

<http://ely.foodbank.org.uk/>
info@elyfoodbank.org.uk

t: **01353 662396** (to speak to Karl Relton, Chairman of Ely Foodbank)

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 Allison Conder, Principal Community and Leisure Officer, on 01353 665555. Alternatively visit www.Shapeyourplace.org and have your say!

The next Ely Panel meetings are on

Thursday 24th October 2013

All panel meetings are 7-9pm and held in East Cambridgeshire District Council's Chamber at The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely.