

Littleport Area Neighbourhood Panel

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Welcome to the new look Littleport Area Neighbourhood Panel newsletter! It summarises the main topics and points raised at the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting held on **Tuesday 15th January 2013 at Littleport Community Primary School**.

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',

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- Obstructive parking at bends and junctions.
- Fly tipping (Friars place clean up)

District Council Officers are available to come and advise your Parish Council on procedures and processes, if this will be of help.

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.

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 faulty vehicle activated road sign in Wisbech Road north of Woodfen Road had been repaired.

Constabulary update

Speeding and Parking Offences across the Panel area

Cambridgeshire Constabulary were tasked with two Priorities set by Littleport Neighbourhood Panel on 2 October 2012:

- **Parking in Littleport**
- **Speeding in Littleport – particularly Wisbech Road**

Parking enforcement

Here is a summary of what action has been taken:

- Patrols of areas highlighted as having parking problems
- 16 Fixed Penalty Notices issued for parking offences:
 - High Street
 - Main Street
 - Granby Street
 - Globe Lane
 - Parsons Lane

- Work continues with the District Council to run a pilot project to try and tackle parking problems in the area of primary schools

Current Situation

- Parking remains an issue at this and other locations within the panel area
- Consideration to retaining parking as a priority, focussing on specific locations

Speedwatch Activity

Action

- Police enforcement activity at Wisbech Road and A1101 – 3 Speed Awareness Courses offered
- 1789 vehicles monitored by Speedwatch in Wisbech Road and 107 warning letters sent out to speeding motorists
- Other police enforcement and Speedwatch activity around the panel area:
 - Ely Road – 26 Speed Awareness courses offered and 276 warning letters sent out to speeding motorists
 - Lynn Road – 30 warning letters sent out to speeding motorists

Current Situation

- Speeding remains an issue at this and other locations within the panel area
- Consideration to retaining speed enforcement as a priority
- Need for increased police enforcement activity

- Promotion of NHW (incl. an article in Littleport Life, publicity at public buildings, and articles via e-Cops and police and NHW websites)
- Efforts to recruit a Village Co-ordinator for Littleport and increase the numbers of co-ordinators in the village

Other issues

Neighbourhood Watch in Littleport

- Meeting held with East Cambs NHW Association to discuss a joint action plan

Children cycling without lights

- PCSO has spoken with several children seen cycling without lights
- Work with schools, education children about cycling road safety

What you have asked us to address next

LOCATION	ISSUE OF CONCERN
Wisbech Road	Parking and yellow lines. Objections have been raised in consultation. Progress to be made.
Lynn Road	Parking around Lynn Road and double yellows needs progress. Issue going on for up to 3 years.
Health Centre	Patient referred to Ely - cost him twenty pounds in taxi fares. Practice manager feedback on clinics - provide information but organisers can withdraw, causing patients to be referred elsewhere. Dial a ride service to be provided for patients?
Friars Place	Derelict land opposite garage. Fly tipping and rats. Needs clearing
Parsons Lane	Parking of vehicles blocking exit from resident's property in Parsons Lane. Large vans and other vehicles from new developments down the road.
Woodfen Road/Gilbert Road	Parking update. Funding to improve public open space is in place. Residents to receive letter explaining options available to them and costs to provide secure access for parking on drives, or public open space otherwise protected.

Priorities for Action

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

- Speeding throughout the panel area including evening enforcement
- Obstructive parking at bends and junctions.

The panel agreed that the new (non-policing) priority should be:

- Fly tipping (Friars place clean up)
- Community action day
- Split refuse collection sacks

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 Nick Ball, Community Safety Officer on 01353 665555. Alternatively visit www.Shapeyourplace.org and have your say!

Dates for your diary:

The following meeting is on Wednesday 13 March 2013, 7-9pm
 Littleport Community Primary School in Parsons Lane