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## Growth Delivery in East Cambridgeshire

*Development in East Cambridgeshire continues apace, with several major projects either now complete or due for completion in the near future. These include the brand new secondary school and leisure centre in Littleport, which opened in September, the new leisure centre on the A10 at Downham Road, due to open in the spring of 2018, and Ely southern bypass in late summer 2018. Much progress has been made on planning applications for North Ely with Hopkins Homes starting work on the first phase of 199 dwellings in November and a Reserved Matters application submitted by Redrow Homes for the first phase of the Church Commissioners site for 200 dwellings.*

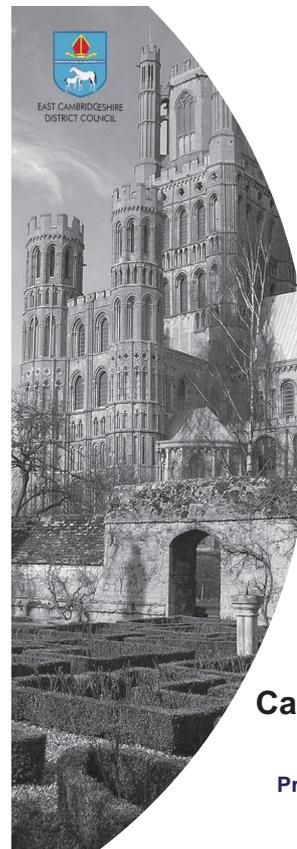
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### East Cambridgeshire Local Plan

East Cambridgeshire District Council voted on 5 October to proceed to the next stage in preparing the Local Plan for the area.

The Local Plan will now progress to its final consultation stage, which is scheduled to commence on 8 November and end on 19 December (please check our website for full details). During 2018, the Local Plan will then be considered by an independent Inspector to decide whether the plan is suitable and if any changes are required.

Progressing to the next consultation stage is an important milestone. It not only takes the council one step closer to finalising its Local Plan, but it also enables the council to declare that it has a five year land supply. The declaration means that speculative development on the edge of the district's villages which are not in accordance with the emerging Local Plan, can be recommended for refusal by planning officers.



**East  
Cambridgeshire  
Local Plan**  
Proposed Submission  
November 2017

Further details on the consultation will be issued shortly on the council's website. Residents are urged to wait until the official consultation starts in November before submitting their comments, otherwise by law they cannot be considered.

## North Ely Phase 1

The detailed North Ely phase 1 housing scheme of 199 homes was approved by the District Council in September 2017. Hopkins Homes Ltd was selected to work in partnership with Endurance Estates to deliver the first homes here and their development will begin in early November. The “Orchard Green” development site is located adjacent to the Isle of Ely Primary School to the north of Cam Drive and is the first part of the south west neighbourhood planned at North Ely. The project will deliver a broad range of homes including 1, 2, 3 and 4 bed properties plus affordable homes, lifetime homes and flexible dwellings suited to home working. The scheme will also deliver allotments along the east boundary and new areas of public open space including a local equipped area for play. Following initial ground works and site infrastructure work, the first homes are due for completion in September 2018.



## Ely station car park opening this month

Work is nearly completed on the creation of more than 120 car parking spots in Ely. The site, which is approximately one acre in size, is located near the old ‘Strikes’ bowling alley. The car park will continue the Angel Drove pricing policy where users are charged a much lower fee than in the rail station car park.

The new car park will be linked to the Angel Drove car park by a proper all weather lit path suitable for buggies and wheelchairs etc.

## Work commenced on Littleport Station car park

The extra 79 spaces will represent a significant increase on current available parking space and mean that more people can access the main Kings Lynn – London line. In addition, a further 30 cycle spaces will be installed to meet the demand in commuters choosing to cycle to the station. East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) has worked alongside local Councillors to finally bring the scheme to fruition. The work will be managed by ECDC’s trading company, with Ingleton Wood as the agent and Brooks and Wood Ltd appointed as the main contractor.

The Littleport station car parking charges will remain the same.

The spaces are scheduled to be completed before Christmas.

## Leisure centre

Great progress is being made on the construction of the district's new leisure centre, with the contractor reporting that work is currently on programme.

The centre, which is adjacent to the Ely Outdoor Sports Association, has been under construction since March. Work on the external walls and roof is ongoing and work is now focussed on the internal structure and making the building watertight.

The Council has announced that the centre will be named The Hive, to reflect both the area's Fenland heritage and the active nature of the building.



## Littleport and East Cambridgeshire Academy

Littleport and East Cambridgeshire Academy (LECA) is a brand new, state-of-the-art secondary school primarily serving the popular and thriving village of Littleport, Cambridgeshire. It opened in September 2017 with a cohort of 84 Year 7 students and will grow year on year until it reaches capacity of 600 in 2022.

LECA shares its campus with Littleport Leisure – a brand new leisure centre – and Highfield Littleport Academy (SEN) meaning the opportunities for all users are many and varied. The key advantage of the campus is sharing the wealth of expertise in both schools to benefit all students. LECA students have access to SEN specialists every day of the week and Highfield students can access subject specialists at LECA as they advance to GCSE stage.

The vision for the Academy and the campus as a whole is to be the go-to location in East Cambridgeshire to learn and to spend leisure time, thus promoting a thirst for learning and healthy lifestyles at the same time. The campus is open to all outside of school hours and the general public are able to enjoy the outstanding facilities both at the Leisure Centre and in the school itself.



*School front*



*Sports hall*

## East Cambs Business Event

Global giants, Google and Microsoft, will be in Ely on November 10th to talk to local businesses for the first East Cambs Business Boost event.

East Cambs Business Boost 2017, organised by East Cambridgeshire District Council's Enterprise East Cambridgeshire team, The Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP, Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses, takes place at The Maltings in Ely. It is a free event bringing together up to 200 small and medium-sized businesses from across the region.

The event will consist of networking, business support clinics headed up by Signpost 2 Grow (the LEP's free business signposting service) and exhibitors. The event will be opened by Lucy Frazer MP with James Palmer, Mayor of Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, also speaking. The event is free but attendance is by ticket only and numbers are limited.

For further information and to register as an attendee, please visit [www.emeraldfrog.co.uk/ECBB2017](http://www.emeraldfrog.co.uk/ECBB2017)



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Global giants, Google and Microsoft, will deliver engaging and insightful sales and marketing masterclasses for the benefit of East Cambridgeshire's SMEs.

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## Ely Southern Bypass

Work is progressing well on the Ely southern bypass which will connect the A142 at Angel Drove to Stuntney Causeway. The careful removal of an overhead high voltage electricity cable that supplies local homes and businesses was recently completed, and has been replaced with an underground cable which involved drilling under the railway line to lay the new cable.

VolkerFitzpatrick is continuing to progress with the permanent and temporary works design. The piling for the viaduct is approaching completion, structural concrete works are ongoing

The new road is expected to open late summer 2018.

More details about the process and copies of plans, reports and studies on the subject can be found on the County Council website via the link below. A 3 minute video walk through of the proposed Ely Southern Bypass from a pedestrian's perspective can also be viewed via this link:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/transport-projects/ely-southern-bypass/>

If you would like to keep in touch with future growth delivery work in both Ely and the surrounding district:

- Ask to be included on the Growth Delivery contact database to receive the newsletter updates.
- Look out for updates on the District Council's website under the Growth Delivery/Masterplan and Local Development Framework sections  
[www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)
- Send in your thoughts and ideas

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