

District Council's report July 2019

Local Transport Plan Consultation

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) has been out for consultation since June 17 and will run for 15 weeks until September 27.

The Plan covers transport infrastructure in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and its development up to 2050. It includes nearby projects such as the much-needed CAM Metro, the Cambridge South (Addenbrooke's) rail station and reforming the bus network, as well as more distant projects.

Residents are encouraged to make comments, ask questions, and provide feedback on the Plan. This includes the key priorities and principles behind what a future transport network should look like.

Nearby summer consultation events are as follows:

- Cambourne, Sat 06 Jul, 9am-1pm, Cambourne Library
- Cambridge, Thu 11 Jul, 10am-6pm, Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard
- Cottenham, Thu 18 Jul, 3pm-7.30pm, Cottenham Community Centre Coffee Shop
- Cambridge, Wed 25 Jul, 2pm-7pm, Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard
- Cambridge, Sat 14 Sep, 10am-3pm, Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard

Other events are being held further afield, and the details of these, along with the documents and an online comments questionnaire can be found on the Combined Authority website at: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltp>. Following the consultation and inclusion of comments, the Board will be asked to approve the first Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LTP later in 2019.

On the whole, there are many good projects in the document that I wholeheartedly support, such as the CAM metro, the Wisbech rail link and the electrification of the rail lines to Newmarket and from Ely to Norwich and Peterborough. There is also a Girton Interchange Study that could identify additional connections at the interchange that could reduce traffic on local roads, for example along the A1303 past the American Cemetery.

Food Banking Service:

District Council's Neighbourhood services team in the Housing department meet with the residents on a regular basis who often have issues relating to antisocial behaviour and safeguarding. They also sign up tenants into temporary housing for the homeless. Council recognised that the tenants which their team are specifically dealing with are often in crisis and, over the years, they have found that it is difficult to sign post residents to the food banks within 24hrs. This is mainly due to them not having the capacity or finances to access them straight away.

Seeing the potential for individuals and families to go without food overnight led Council to find a solution for these particular individuals and families so they can be supported.

A small food bank which is supported by the staff members but not designed to replace the services that already exist. It is purely a small bank to dip into when faced with the prospect

of individuals or families going without food overnight. So far Council have helped 47 families since the food bank started in February 2019. This food bank exists behind the reception area at the Council office.

Fly-tipping

Last year (2018) there were 926 recorded incidents of fly-tipping across South Cambridgeshire. In 2017, the figure was 902. In 2016 it was 713 and in 2015 it was 708. Because of the rising number of local fly-tips, one of the priorities within the Council's recently-agreed Business Plan is to tackle the issue.

Cambourne High Street

I asked about Cambourne High Street Development in last full Council meeting. The administration did not give any specific report or any explanation when the residents of Cambourne the High Street will have instead I was told that planning deptment are engaged in the discussion. No specific information was passed to the District Councillors of Cambourne ward.

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