

# CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Correspondence

The below schedule is a summary of correspondence circulated by the Town Clerk to Councillors

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| 13.1 | Email from Local Resident                                       | Issues in Cambourne      |
| 13.2 | Letter from Bridget Smith,<br>Leader of the District<br>Council | Infrastructure Workshops |
| 13.3 | South Cambs District<br>Council                                 | Six Free Trees           |

Correspondence circulated since the last meeting by email

| FROM   | SUBJECT  |
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| CAPALC   | September Training Sessions  |
| CamCycle   | Camcycle update: A countywide walking and cycling network of accessible routes for all |
| South Cambridgeshire District Council              | July 2021 Parish E Bulletin  |
| Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority | The Combined Authority: Issue 4  |
| CAPALC   | August Bulletin  |
| East West Rail                                     | Keeping you connected: Summer 21   |
| CAPALC   | September Bulletin   |

## To whom this may concern

Dear all

I represent a small group of homeowners from Great, Lower and Upper Cambourne, who have great pride in our villages, communities and surroundings.

We have come together as we wish to voice our concerns about the urgent need to preserve and enhance the quality of Cambourne. It was once a shiny, new community, however, at around a quarter of a Century old, it is showing its age in many places and without action, will become further run down and very tired in the not too distant future. A plan of action is required, and we would like to encourage our Local Authority, elected representatives, the Parish Council, The Wildlife Trust etc to please liaise and either work together where possible or acknowledge individual responsibilities and suggest solutions, wether they be short term or over a longer period of time. Our concerns are that within the next decade, without a planned and accountable maintenance, replacement and improvement program in place, the fabric of Cambourne will become so dilapidated, that the task and cost required of raising it back to its original standard, will be practically unachievable.

In no particular order...

The blue lampposts were once a vibrant colour, yet and are now dull and flaking and in places covered in growth. Could a certain number of lampposts be painted every year?

Many public bins are severely corroded, in particular near the base. We believe this is in part may be due to the gardeners stripping the paint off the bins when they cut the grass around them. When bins are replaced or maintained, could they be raised on concrete plynths so that the gardeners do not damage them so easily?

The many blue signs and flag poles which were placed around Cambourne over twenty years ago, advertising developers and various locations, have deteriorated with time and are now unnecessary and redundant so could they all be removed? There are no new properties available for sale anywhere in Lower, Great or Upper Cambourne and all sales offices have been closed. Many of us have lived on a perpetual building site since moving to Cambourne. It would be good to finish it off.

There are multiple places in Cambourne, especially in paved areas, where trees have died, been removed, yet not replaced.

All over Cambourne the ground is littered with broken concrete utility markers. Who is responsible for these?

There are hundreds of rotten posts around Cambourne, at the edges of pavements and cycle paths, marking crossings.

There are many opportunities around Cambourne for tree planting, such as the plot where the old pre-school was once located opposite the church. Could the Wildlife Trust help with a planting programme or are there any government grants or initiatives for community tree planting programmes?

Many of the wooden fences around Cambourne are rotting and falling apart. Could these at the very least be repaired and stained to give them a few more years life?

Is it permitted that unsightly advertising banners and signs for private businesses are put up around Cambourne?

The lacquer on many benches is flaking off and they are unsightly and require treatment to avoid going rotten. Could we have more benches around Cambourne? Simple wooden ones made with railway sleepers would be inexpensive, low maintenance, yet very welcome, especially around the lakes and beside paths.

There are only three covered bus shelters in Cambourne serving hundreds of students, schoolchildren, workers, retired people and others who travel by bus to Cambridge and St Neots. All three shelters are substandard and in poor condition. All other bus stops offer no protection from the elements at all. Can we not have modern, large, clear, graffiti resistant bus shelters that most other communities of our population size have?

Why are there so few pedestrian crossings in Cambourne? Hundreds of children have no choice but to cross busy roads on their way to and from primary and secondary schools every day. Traffic has increased dramatically over the years and there are an increasing number of impatient drivers speeding through Cambourne. We also have concerns for residents of the 53 new retirement apartments which will become occupied soon. We assume that most will be of retirement age, some may be elderly and others may have disabilities or mobility issues yet they will all need to cross a busy road to get to the chemist, doctor or supermarket. In Europe many villages have numerous pedestrian crossings at almost every junction. They are often just simple painted white stripes on the tarmac without the need for expensive traffic lights or beacons.

The Upper Cambourne road sign (posts still there, opposite the cricket pavilion) has disappeared.

Please note that this email has been sent to our elected representatives, Member of Parliament, the Parish Council and The Wildlife Trust.

We urge you to please liaise with one another regarding the issues raised, however, would very much appreciate your individual responses.

Please feel free to forward this email to others who may be able to assist.

Yours faithfully



## ● UPLANDS PLACE

A range of Retirement Living properties, comprising of 53 apartments with a mixture of one and two bedrooms.

The development features two lounges with terraces and Wi-Fi access, guest suite, landscaped gardens and house manager among other great features.

With access to both the spectacular roof terrace and the communal south-facing Sky Lounge, from which you can admire wonderful extended views over Cambourne. This provides the perfect space to sit back, relax and enjoy your retirement with friends, old and new.





























Dear Parish Councils

As referenced in the attached letter of 15<sup>th</sup> July I would like to confirm the dates for the Parish Council Workshop.

In order to keep the Workshop focused we will run 2 sessions

4th October For Parish Areas 1 and 3

11th October For Parish Area 2

The Workshops will commence at 7pm and are expected to last no more than 2 hours, both these sessions will be held via Zoom.

I understand you may not be available on the specific date allocated to your area and in this case you are welcome to join the alternative session.

The Workshops will be led by Stephen Kelly, also attending will be Liz Watts, Cllr Smith, Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Gough.

Please RSVP back to me confirming the date you will be attending.

Kind Regards

Glenda Hansen  
Executive Assistant to Bridget Smith  
Leader - South Cambridgeshire District Council  
and Ward Member for Gamlingay.



**From:** ZCC <[ZCC@scambsgov.uk](mailto:ZCC@scambsgov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Six Free Trees Offer for Parish Councils  
**Date:** 1 September 2021 at 09:50:51 BST



Following the success of our Three Free Trees scheme last year, we are delighted to be offering all parish councils in the District **Six Free Trees** as part of our work to Double Nature in South Cambridgeshire.

**If you are interested, please apply by 30 Sep.**

Trees will be delivered directly to your chosen location during [National Tree Week](#) (Saturday 27 November – Sunday 5 December)  
You can find out more information and apply for your free trees [here](#)

Kind regards,

Emma

**Emma Dyer** | Project Officer, Climate & Environment