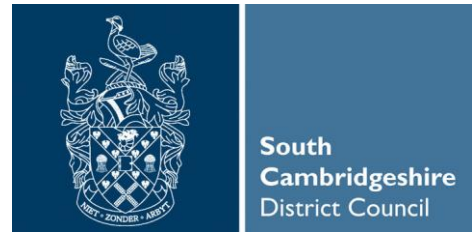


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To All Parish Council's

15 July 2021

Dear Parish Council,

I have had a number of meetings recently with parish councils in South Cambs and it is apparent that many of you are feeling overwhelmed by the number of major issues that could potentially impact your communities. This includes things like East West Rail, the GCP schemes, the OxCam Arc, the new local plan, various very large planning applications etc. I have been told that parishes are confused about where responsibility rests for some of these schemes and that it is not always obvious what the District Council's role is or indeed if we are in a position to influence schemes that are outside of our direct control.

I have also spoken with a number of District Councillors and with the council's Leadership team and it is being suggested that as an initial exercise to sort this issue out we run a couple of infrastructure workshops in September specifically for parish councils. The purpose of this will be twofold: to brief parish councils on all the issues that could impact them and to explain what we are doing in relation to each of them and secondly to establish how you would like us to keep you better informed in the future.

In the meantime, if you would like me to come and talk to your parish council on any of these matters, I am more than happy to do so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bridget Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Cllr Bridget Smith  
The Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council (Liberal Democrat)



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