

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Harston & Comberton Ward

Report to Haslingfield Parish Council November 2018

Universal Credit

Universal Credit was rolled out for new applicants in South Cambs last month. Help is available on the South Cambs website and in the latest South Cambs magazine. A number of officers have also been specially trained to deal with any problems and appointments can be made to see one of them at Cambourne. Do tell people to contact us as soon as possible if they are experiencing any difficulties.

#ConsiderTheImpact

South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council are jointly asking motorists to consider the impact of hitting pedestrians or one of their waste staff by driving on pavements to get around bin lorries. The safety campaign, including CCTV footage of one such dangerous incident (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTjocqCZfVc&feature=youtu.be>), includes reports of 30,000 incidents nationally each month of drivers mounting pavements to get around collection vehicles.

Payoff at the Combined Authority questioned

Lots of confusion about why the former Chief Executive of the Combined Authority was given a £94,000 payoff when he apparently resigned, with further concerns raised that the payment was authorised only by the Mayor and did not follow formal procedure. The Mayor has stated publicly that no one cares about this amount but we certainly do and strongly suspect residents do too! Costs seem to be ballooning at the Combined Authority and so far there seems to be little to show for it.

Cambourne to Cambridge

We were extremely disappointed with the Mayor's 4-page Arup "report" included with the Combined Authority meeting papers at the end of last month which gave no detail on how they reached their conclusions – certainly nothing that would allow the work and the conclusions to be properly scrutinised.

The GCP Assembly papers on the Arup work have given us barely any further detail. The Mayor's claims that CAM must go on the off-road route through Coton have simply not been proven, and we don't see sufficient evidence elsewhere in the GCP papers that justifies the proposed route – there are still the same questions about the underlying assumptions with respect to journey times and wider economic benefits, not to mention the still unanswered question of what happens at Grange Road.

The next steps are now at the Local Liaison Forum (LLF) at Comberton Village College on 14th November (from 6:30pm), followed by the Joint Assembly (on 15th November) and the Executive Board (on 6th December) – though it's worth noting that the GCP board is not making a decision on the route in December. The intention is that the whole route (including the thus far neglected Cambourne to Madingley Mulch section) be worked up and consulted on before going before the board (likely in the second half of next year).

M11 Junction 11 Park and Ride Consultation

The consultation on Park and Ride capacity at Junction 11 has also gone live and can be accessed here: <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/m11junction11>

There are two options in the consultation: (1) Increase the number of spaces at the existing Trumpington Park & Ride site from 1,614 to 2,560 (creating an additional 946 spaces) by creating a multi-storey car park; (2) Maintain the Park & Ride site at Trumpington and provide a new Park & Ride site with 2,260 spaces to the west of Junction 11 of the M11, with dedicated access from the M11. There are multiple consultation events being held, including Hauxton Primary School (21st November 6–8pm) and Harston Village Hall (6th December 6–8pm) – see the website for details of others. The consultation close on 21st December.

Loneliness Toolkit

South Cambs has put together a toolkit with ideas of how to help our communities to tackle loneliness here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community/a-toolkit-for-tackling-socialisolation-and-loneliness/>

Council Door-knocking

Just to note that the council will have staff out door-knocking in the next few weeks to try and get the responses required to keep the electoral register up to date.

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