

# **South Cambridgeshire District Council – Harston & Comberton Ward**

## **Report to Haslingfield Parish Council October 2019**

### **Zero Carbon Communities Grants**

Applications are invited for grants under the Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme. The deadline to apply for the Zero Carbon Energy Grant scheme is 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The Zero Carbon Communities Grant supports voluntary and community sector groups, charities and parish councils seeking to deliver bold, ambitious projects that engage communities and help the district shift towards a cleaner, greener future in support the aim of zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Applications are invited for grants of between £1,000 and £15,000.

South Cambridgeshire communities of all sizes and levels of experience are encouraged to apply for these grants and bid for a share of just over £91,000.

### **Fly-tipping**

The council has recently launched a campaign to tackle the issue of fly-tipping across the district – over 900 reported fly-tipping incidents are reported in South Cambs each year. Unfortunately fly-tipping often comes from householders paying someone to remove waste for them.

If you are booking someone, you can check whether they have a waste carriers' licence via the Environment Agency website.

The Council will also take away up to three bulky items for a charge of £30, more details via <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/bi.../bulky-item-collection-service/>

If residents witness fly-tipping taking place, then they should contact the police via 999. If found afterwards, it should be reported online to the Council as quickly as possible so it can be investigated and cleared up. In both cases, people are being asked to note the exact location, time, what the items are and, if safe to do so, to take a photo.

### **NHS services in Cambridgeshire**

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group has launched what it is calling The Big Conversation – a public discussion about how it should continue buying health services for our area, against the reality that it is currently spending considerably more than it can afford. The consequences are important for all of us. Do please have a look and respond.

<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk>

### **East West Rail**

In response to local questions, a CamBedRailRoad spokesman reports: “We were expecting a Preferred Route Announcement on the EastWest Railway by the Summer Recess. This has now passed, and the current turbulence both at Westminster and in relation to the now-doubtful HS2 would indicate not a lot of announcing about railways anytime soon.

“However, EWR have written to CamBedRailRoad telling us that our Northern Option (St Neots – Cambourne – Northstowe – Cambridge North) is being assessed following the end of the public consultation.

“We are seeking clarification on the timings of announcements and the detail of the assessment. This is important because communities are living with a cloud of doubt about the eventual routing which is blighting land, property and lives. We are also in discussion with a wide range of organisations about a possible joint approach to any future legal action and have engaged a well-known firm of solicitors to work with us. More about our work at [www.cambedrailroad.org](http://www.cambedrailroad.org).”

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