

# South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward

(comprises the Parishes of Caldecote, Childerley, Kingston, Bourn, Longstowe & Little Gransden)

## Councillor's Monthly Report – September 2022

This report of previous month events is for all the Ward, so please be aware that some of the content may not be relevant to your particular Parish.

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### General

Please contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. These are housing need, housing repairs for council tenants, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health issues etc. Don't fight on your own. I am available to help you to get the best outcome possible for your situation.

Check out articles on my facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi> and my blog <http://www.TumiHawkins.org.uk>. What I post on there is my view and not LibDem or South Cambs official policy unless I state that it is.

### Community & Wellbeing

#### Cost of Living

We are all beginning to feel the pinch of the cost of living crisis. The latest edition Autumn 2022 issue of South Cambs magazine on its way to you this month has a 2 page pullout of information that we hope will help. In addition, there is website content signposting residents to available support, such as with energy bills or ensuring residents check what they are entitled to (whether it be Universal Credit, help with childcare costs, Disability and Carers benefits etc) and then encouragement to claim entitlements – especially focused on Local Council Tax support and Discretionary Housing payment.

Support is also available from our partner agency, Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency. This includes highlighting grant funding available to replace a boiler for a homeowner whose health is impacted by a lack of warmth and is eligible for a grant. Check it out.

#### South Cambs Magazine

The Autumn 2022 edition is on its way to all residents of the district and you should receive it by the end of the first week of September. It is a very informative copy – as usual. You can find the electronic copy on the council website at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/south-cambs-magazine/the-south-cambs-magazine/>

#### Ukraine Guests

How brilliant the generosity and compassion of South Cambs residents is that we host the highest number of guests in the District under the “Homes for Ukraine” scheme. The most recent data shows that 668 Ukrainian guests are in South Cambridgeshire involving 70 parishes, of which 19 are in Caldecote, Bourn and Longstowe. Caldecote has additional 10 guests that came in under a different scheme. We celebrated this on 25th August as part of Ukraine Independence Day by flying the national flag at South Cambs Hall and with a press release showing art works by some of our young guests which made it onto the BBC website. I also posted a [short article on my facebook page](#) about it. SCDC Officers have now made 245 welfare visits and conducted 725 DBS checks.

South Cambridgeshire communities have done an immense amount to make our guests welcome so thank you to all of you. People who are hosts to Ukrainian guests and/or an have interest in SCDC's ongoing work in this area can sign up to the regular community updates by emailing [duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk)

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## Warm hubs

Local authorities are responding to the cost of living crisis by helping communities to set up “Warm Hubs.” These are places where people can find a safe, warm and friendly environment in which to spend part of their day and whilst doing so reduce their energy bills at home. Warm Hubs can run from any publicly accessible community building, such as community centres, village halls, churches and their halls, older peoples’ day centres, youth centres or community libraries. They will be run by volunteers, with support and training delivered by Cambridgeshire ACRE. It is expected that first of the community-led Warm Hubs will open their doors in October as the weather starts to get colder. The “Warm Hubs in Winter” project is being delivered in partnership by Cambridgeshire ACRE, the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System’s South Place Partnership, South Cambridgeshire District Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council. Read more about it at <https://www.cambsacre.org.uk/introducing-warm-hubs/>

## Passes to the Wimpole Estate for Community Groups

The Wimpole Estate, a National Trust property in Cambridgeshire are offering local community groups free admission to the estate and its facilities. Each pass issued under this initiative would provide free access for up to 16 people and may be used on any day except bank holidays and the weekends preceding bank holidays. Those intending to use the pass are asked to email [wimpolehall@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:wimpolehall@nationaltrust.org.uk) or call the estate before coming, stating the name of the group, the number of people and approximate time of arrival. For more information visit <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole-estate>

The Action for Happiness theme for this month at <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/calendar>. is **Self Care September**. This month’s focus is “Self-care isn't selfish, it's essential.”. Please look after yourselves.

## Transport

### EWR Update

The Cambridge City MP and Cambridge Ahead spoke out some weeks ago on the issue of EWR as you would have seen in the local papers. They also wrote to the Transport Minister Grant Shapps MP who had made some off the cuff comments during his failed bid for the Conservative Leadership role. I recently came across the response letter from Mr Shapps to Cambridge Ahead which you will [find on my blog and can download here](#).

### City Access Consultation

A ‘Sustainable Travel Zone’ (STZ) road user charge has been put forward by Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) for private vehicles between 7am and 7pm on weekdays. The plans are part of a package to deliver improvements to public transport, reduce congestion in the city, and to help the environment through lower emissions. The proposals follow the GCP’s ‘Making Connections’ consultation, which the authority said showed the public was supportive of improvements to the public transport network, as well as its aims to reduce pollution and congestion.

A £5 congestion charge to drive into and around Cambridge is being considered as part of a “once in a generation” plan to shake up how people travel between 7am and 7pm on weekdays.

While driving in the city could get more expensive, the GCP has revealed plans to make buses cheaper. Flat fares have been proposed to be introduced; in Cambridge a ticket could cost £1 to travel in the city, with a ticket in the wider ‘travel to work’ area proposed to cost £2.

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There is to be further public consultation following the discussion and potential adoption of the plans at the GCP Assembly meeting on September the 8<sup>th</sup> (or not). I will urge all residents of our Ward villages to please respond and if you can, watch the live stream of the meeting. You can also submit public questions by 10am on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Check this link for further details on the process <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGCP/bulletins/3296f07>

### **A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbett Dual Carriageway**

The Secretary of State has given permission through a Development Consent Order (DCO) for this new piece of road to be constructed. The decision was announced on 18 August, and hit the press almost immediately. It is a brand new 10-mile dual carriageway, linking the Black Cat roundabout to the Caxton Gibbet roundabout just down the road from us. There will be a flyover at Caxton Gibbett over the existing and additional roundabout to be built there for local traffic. The notorious Eltisley turn will be removed too. You can read more about it on my blog at <https://tumiawkins.org.uk/planning-consent-a428-black-cat-caxton-gibbett/>

### **Luton Airport Flight Path and Airspace Deployment (AD6) change**

I am continuing to receive emails from folks showing that many communities are continuing to suffer negative effects from the flight path changes. I was interviewed on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire in July and you can read about it on my blog at <https://bit.ly/AD6onBBCRad>. The SCDC Leader Cllr Smith is continuing to raise this matter with Luton Airport on our behalf recently meeting with the CEO of Luton Flight Operations.

I also met with and chaired a meeting with Head of Luton Airport Operation – Noise enquiries, a Community Noise Executive - LLA Noise Enquiries together with two co-founders of RELAS in mid August. I had requested it in order to make sure that LLA understood the real, not imagined or modelled impacts of the AD6 change on all the villages in the Ward. It went well in that we were able to clarify a number of points and agreed to work together during this Post Implementation Review (PIR) period to collect the right sort of data and information that would be used for analysing the effectiveness or not of the AD6 by CAA after the PIR ends on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

The important point to note is anyone who is being disturbed should continue to complain to Luton during this post implementation period (PIR). Please join the facebook RELAS group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6> for more information, updates and share your experiences. **I suggest where possible make a video recording on your phone of the flight event that caused the disturbance as part of your record keeping.** Send it to Luton airport by email [noise.enquiries@ltn.aero](mailto:noise.enquiries@ltn.aero) or [noise@ltn.aero](mailto:noise@ltn.aero). When you do, copy me in, your Parish Council and also the South Cambs MP. You can use the airport complaint site at <https://bit.ly/Ad6Complaint> but make sure you notify us too. All the reports will be data that will be used to assess the success or otherwise of the deployment at the end of the PIR.

I have written a number of blog articles that will help with a clearer understanding, so please check them out.

## **Planning Policy & Delivery and Building Control**

### **Planning Compliance (formerly Enforcement):**

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS) is updating the policies that support implementation of planning applications. What is known as Enforcement is now called Compliance. The GCSPS has published guidance on what is and what is not a breach of planning at <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/planning-compliance/>.

It includes a helpful, explanatory video. Where it appears there is a breach of planning control, complaints can now be submitted using an e-form. It enables documents and/or photographs to be uploaded which will help the compliance team with their investigations. I will provide more updates as the updates come on line.

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## Parish Council Survey

The GCSPS carried out a survey of Parish Councils in South Cambs (and Resident Associations in the City) to ask about service provided, the quarterly Area Parish meetings and topics the PCs would like to see discussed in future. The response rate was disappointingly low but the Planning Service is thankful to those PCs that were willing to engage helpfully and took the time to respond. The comments that we received gave an indication of what those PCs felt was important. We will make the results known in due course.

## Environmental Services

### Recycling of electrical items

South Cambs has installed eight new recycling banks (the pink ones) for small electrical items like hairdryers, toasters and phones. Closest to us are at Morrisons car park in Cambourne, Tesco car park in Bar Hill. Please take your small broken/unusable electrical items there instead of putting them in your black bins. There are also existing pink electrical recycling banks at Milton and Thriplow Household Recycling Centres. Small appliances can also be handed in for recycling in-store at Curry's on Newmarket Road in Cambridge.

## Casework

Please do feel free to contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. I will help as best I can

You will find the current and past reports on my blog at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports/monthly-reports/2022-23-monthly-reports/>. Feel free to read, share and/or download.

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