

District and County Councillors' Report – June 2023

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Sustainable Travel Zone Consultation Results

The results of the consultation were published at the end of May. With more than 24,000 responses this has been a mammoth task and has produced a mountain of data. The headlines are:

Over 70% want to see improved public transport.

58% are against the charging fee, for the proposals as they stand.

What happens now? The GCP Assembly and Board will review the results and look at options for changing the proposals in the light of the consultation results. There will then be further discussion with the Mayor, who has responsibility for transport policy, and with the County Council who are the Highways Authority. This will take some time, probably running into the Autumn.

We would hope that this will result in new proposals that will be more acceptable to the public. The Government also has to agree the way forward so that the initial funding of £50 million can be released so that the improvements to the transport system can start going ahead. The total funding available will be around £200 million. This is an opportunity that is unlikely to come again if some form of congestion charging is not adopted.

All the information is available at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022

A1307 Works

Work continues on the upgrades to the road and the next scheme to be implemented is the roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton crossing, which started in early May and is due to go on for about 40 weeks.

For more up to date information go to the Greater Cambridge Partnership website - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambridge-south-east-transport/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-background/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-current-schemes>

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

The popular ZCC grant from South Cambs is open again for bids until June 2nd. There is a pot of £125,000 available for community groups and parish councils to bid for up to £15,000 for a project that will help with the reduction of carbon emissions in the district. Full detail and application form can be seen here - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant>

Four Day Week Trail

This District Council has recently taken a decision to extend their 4-day week trail to its bin crews, meaning that they would only collect bins between Tuesday and Friday each week. This will mean, for our area where the bins are collected on a Monday, a change in collection day. This will be actioned at the end of the summer and will be heavily communicated, so please do keep your eyes peeled for the notices.

Councillors Henry Batchelor and Geoff Harvey

Resurfaced Roads

Some of our communities have been lucky enough to get roads in their parishes resurfaced. If you're wondering why yours hasn't been, it's likely that the roads selected were either in a very bad state, or had preventative work done to them, to stop them falling into serious disrepair.

If you feel that your road should be included in the forward plan to be resurfaced, contact Henry and he can put a proposal forward to the local Highways Department on your behalf.

Potholes

We reported last month on the pothole situation and the pressure that the Highways department were under. This month we have some figures for you. Since Christmas, Highways have filled in 27,000 potholes with another 10,000 to go and are fixing roughly 2,500 per week – so if no more reports came in then we would be pothole free in a month (although, in reality, this won't be the case). New reports are, of course, coming in all the time but due to the better weather, this is at a much slower rate.

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