

Report for Great Shelford Parish Council:

South Cambridgeshire District Council – October 2019

South Parishes meeting

There is a meeting of parish councils in our area at the South Cambs District Council offices on Tuesday 15th, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Officers will provide an update on existing applications and appeals, and emerging allocations.

Local Plan

The Local Plan for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire will look at how the Greater Cambridge area will develop up until 2040 and beyond – including where homes will be built, new jobs located, what education facilities are needed and how people can get around. We expect the process to develop the Local Plan to take around four years and Councillors want to make sure local people are involved all the way through.

A report published on Monday 23 September will shape the conversation with communities across the Greater Cambridge area about what the big issues are that need to be addressed and how people can get involved.

Councillors will be debating the report at meetings over the next month and, subject to agreement, an Issues and Options consultation on the Local Plan will launch on Monday 25 November.

To make sure the local community helps to develop the new Local Plan from the start, the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service – a strategic partnership between the two councils – has held some early engagement workshops with Parish Councils, residents' associations, businesses, developers and interest groups.

The two councils' current Local Plans set out how the two areas will be developed up until 2031, with 33,500 new homes to be built and 44,000 new jobs to be created. Some of the key themes already emerging for the new joint Local Plan, to 2040 and beyond, include:

- Responding to climate change
- Increasing biodiversity and green spaces
- Promoting wellbeing and equality
- Delivering quality places
- Jobs and employment
- Infrastructure – including transport links, schools, health and utilities
- Homes and affordable housing

More information on the emerging joint Local Plan can be found via the following link on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website:

www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/emerging-local-plans-and-guidance/emerging-greater-cambridge-local-plan/emerging-greater-cambridge-local-plan-overview/

Community Chest

South Cambs Community Chest Grant has had a top up of £49,000. Please do encourage community groups to bid into it - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest>

Chief Executive

On 23 September, South Cambridgeshire District Council welcomed our new Chief Executive, Liz Watts.

Household Details

South Cambs has to annually ask people for their updated household details (should there be any changes), they do this via letter. The council is urging people to respond online to this, so they don't have to send out a paper letter, which carries a cost, both financial and environmental. If possible do urge those who haven't responded to do so online here <https://householdresponse.com/>

Please contact District Councillors Nick Sample or Peter Fane if we can help with local council matters.

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