

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Harston & Comberton Ward

Report to Barton Parish Council July 2019

Strawberries and Creem Festival

The festival went ahead under its new licence terms last month. The terrible weather the week before did little to help organisation and there were several problems in the days running up to the festival. We have also received several complaints about the running of the festival over the weekend and possible breaches of the licence conditions.

Two residents who are near neighbours of the festival are planning to request a review of the licence by South Cambs, as any person is entitled to do, subject to certain conditions. Once a licence review is in progress there is the opportunity for residents and bodies like the police and emergency services, as well as the parish council, to make representations for, or more likely against, the licence for the festival.

The review concludes with a hearing with a sub-committee of the South Cambs licensing committee to decide on next steps (where licence conditions may be updated or added to, or as the ultimate sanction, the licence may be withdrawn). Everyone who has made representations to the review may be permitted to speak at the hearing.

We will keep the Parish Council informed of the progress of the review and alert you when it opens for representations should you wish to make them.

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The executive board of the Greater Cambridge Partnership met last month and, as expected, resolved to progress the plans to a full planning application. We will be scrutinising those detailed plans very closely when they are brought forward, as we still have serious concerns about how the flow of traffic will be optimised along the A10. However, we remain of the opinion that doing nothing is not an option, and the P&R is the least bad option on the table.

Local Transport Plan

As trailed last month, the consultation on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's Local Transport Plan is now live. You can find about the plan and how to contribute to the consultation here: <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltp/>

There are many consultation events scheduled throughout July, and a few in September – see the link for details. The consultation closes on 27th September.

Waste Services Campaigns

The shared waste service is launching campaigns to increase public awareness on fly tipping and recycling contamination.

The fly tipping campaign aims to educate residents about the problem and how it can be prevented, highlighting legal ways of disposing of waste and how to report fly tipping. The SCRAP action check list (Suspect, Check, Refuse, Ask, Paperwork) will be a key message.

The recycling campaign's aim is to reduce the amount of non-recyclable material put into blue bins. The contract for recycling has a threshold of 7% contamination so it is important that the council maintains levels below this. Textiles, sanitary products, black bags and food/liquids are the main items that are being found to be contaminating blue recycling bins, and the campaign will lead on these.

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