

County Councillor report - Sawston & Shelford Division

(includes Sawston, Little and Great Shelfords, Stapleford, Babraham, South Trumpington, Hauxton, Harston, Newton and Haslingfield)

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September 2022 update

### **The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the period of national mourning**

In the unprecedented and sad events of the last week it has been hard to underestimate the role of Parish councils - thank you for working so hard to mark the historic occasion and provide the residents with opportunity to express their grief and condolences to the Royal family.

During the period of national mourning the Council's public services will continue as usual, although there may be some changes to service availability. For businesses there is no obligation on organisations to suspend business during the National Mourning period. Depending on the nature and location of their business and the tone of planned events, some businesses may wish to consider closing or postponing events, especially on the day of the State Funeral, however this is at the discretion of individual businesses.

### **Greater Cambridge 'Public Transport & City Access' consultation**

The Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly is being asked to consider proposals for a consultation on improved public transport and active travel into and around Cambridge, with a Sustainable Travel Zone including a road user charging scheme. The consultation proposals will then be considered by the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board on 28 September.

The Partnership has been considering for some years how to improve poor public transport provision and also solve car traffic congestion and pollution in Cambridge. This is important, when even the inadequate bus services we have are under threat from uncertain central government funding.

We need a plan that reduces carbon emissions, improves air quality, and makes Cambridgeshire's roads safer and less congested, while at the same time providing affordable, reliable, and convenient options for travel. My colleagues and us will be working with local people and with politicians in Greater Cambridge to ensure the proposals adequately serve South Cambridgeshire residents.

Meanwhile, we strongly encourage South Cambridgeshire residents to read the proposals and respond to the consultation when it opens.

### **Household Support Fund**

The Council is reminding residents of the household support fund to increase uptake from eligible people of pensionable age. The Council is producing a leaflet on this fund for distribution through faith and community groups and at foodbanks.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-supportfund#support-for-pensioners-who-are-struggling-financially-0-0>

### **East West Rail Drop-in session postponed**

EWR drop-in session in Haslingfield has been postponed for the second time, this time due to passing of Her Majesty the Queen the day before. New dates have not yet been announced.

*South Cambridgeshire East hub* latest meeting notes are here: [Agenda, Meeting Notes & Supporting Materials | Welcome to the South Cambridgeshire East Local Representatives Groups page | East West Rail Community Hub](#)

*Cambridge and surrounding areas hub* Parishes have been asked to state their preferred time for their next virtual engagement – 11 or 13 October at 6pm. We encourage everyone to respond. Deadline for responding is 14 September.

### **Streetworks:**

- 21-23 September 64-66 New Road, Sawston footpath closed for water supply works for newbuilds
- 20-24 October High Street, Little Shelford closed for traffic between number 68 and Hall Farm, diversion will be in place via Whittlesford Road - Church Street - High Street
- 25-27 October 64-66 New Road, Sawston, no through traffic, diversion will be in place via Mill Lane - High Street – Hillside
- 7-10 November 9.30-15.30 A1301 Cambridge Road, Gt Shelford, cycle lane will be suspended opposite JW Davey crescent