

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

### **Education Proposals for North West Cambridge Site**

As we know the University is progressing with their proposals for development on the North West Cambridge Site. Approval for development and funding has been given the green light by the University, archaeology work is progressing on site with many thousands of tons of soil being moved. Planning approval and agreement to the important Section 106 that will fund much of the local authorities' investment is being finalised.

One of the major issues outstanding is how, what and who will provide the primary education. The University are working with the Faculty of Education to assist with the design of an innovative school concept. Since then, the Faculty has been working with various stakeholders to progress the idea of the primary school as a University Training School (UTS). This school would be the first primary University Training School in the country. The school's size would be a maximum 640 pupils. The catchment area suggested is homes in the city, i.e. Castle Ward. The provisional opening date is September 2015.

I attend the regular Community Group meetings and can provide an email version of the full presentation.

### **Repair Teams Wage War on Potholes**

The county highways teams have been busy over the past two months dealing with the impact of the winter's snow and ice. Since the beginning of January, nearly 1,500 potholes have been reported to the County Council and the crews have already dealt with more than 1,200 areas of damage, some of which had multiple potholes. I regularly spend time going round my villages with the Area Surveyor to identify work required to be carried out. Areas identified for action include Cambridge Road, Northfield, Dodford Lane and Church Lane.

I would urge the public to report any damage to the road surface as quickly as possible. People can report a problem via the telephone contact centre on 0345 045 5212 or preferably online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm).

### **What lies beneath the soil?**

Only a few steps away from the busy Huntingdon Road lies the history of our ancestors. The development of the former National Agriculture and Botany (NIAB) site, now called Darwin Green, has uncovered a host of archaeological finds dating back 2,000 years.

Work was first carried out by archaeologists back in 2008; the evidence uncovered encouraged additional investigations. Last September Albion Archaeology began investigation works across the site. This work has uncovered Roman coins, a fully intact Roman pot, a selection of Iron and Bronze Age objects and a few human remains. Also found was evidence of an Iron Age settlement roundhouse. Other finds include jewellery, coins, and craft and farming artefacts.

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