

Cllr Tom Bygott
Huntingdon Road Crossing

The opening of the new University of Cambridge Primary School has highlighted the difficulty of crossing Huntingdon Road. Following requests from parents concerned about the safety of children crossing the road, a temporary crossing has been installed.

I support the parents' request for a permanent, safe and convenient crossing to be installed on Huntingdon Road between Thornton Road and Eddington Ave.

Public Consultations

Three public consultations have recently been launched in which residents are invited to make comments:

1. Local Plan

This is a joint consultation with Cambridge City Council on the Local Plans submitted by the two councils for the years to 2031. It closes at 5pm on Monday 25 January.

The main changes being suggested including an additional 500 dwellings across the District by 2031, and location specific changes at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Waterbeach Barracks, Bourn Airfield, Cherry Hinton and Teversham. To have your say, go to www.scambs.gov.uk/localplanmods-dec2015, or attend one of the upcoming roadshows:

Thursday 7 January 2016, 3pm to 7.30pm. South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA

Friday 8 January 2016, 3pm to 7.30pm. The Scout and Guide HQ, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford, CB22 5AZ

Monday 11 January 2016, 9am to 6pm. The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

Tuesday 12 January 2016, 3pm to 7.30pm. Baptist Chapel Hall, High Street, Teversham, CB1 9AS

2. District Council Priorities

This consultation is on a draft plan setting out four priority areas for the Council from 2016 to 2021. These are:

Living well - with an emphasis on both physical and mental health

Building homes for our future - including neighbourhood planning and increasing consumer choice

Connectivity – between communities, including transport and digital infrastructure

An entrepreneurial council – adopting a more commercial approach to deliver good quality services at lower cost

Visit www.scambs.gov.uk/council-aims-and-objectives to view the full plans and have your say. It closes on Monday 25 January 2016.

3. Ward boundaries

The number of councillors on the District Council will be reduced from 57 to 45 from 2018. This will require a change in the ward boundaries. The Boundary Commission is drawing up a plan of which village(s) Girton should be joined with. Girton is too large to be a single member ward and too small to be a two member ward on its own, so one or more small villages need to be added to make a ward of the correct size. Dry Drayton and Madingley are the most likely.

The consultation can be found at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk and is open until 1 February 2016. The draft recommendation will be published in May.

I think that all consultations should be available in both electronic and paper formats. Unfortunately it is an increasing trend for organisations to disenfranchise large sections of the community by only providing an electronic mechanism, such as the last two consultations above. If you have any views on these, please feel free to write to me at 9 Station Rd, Oakington CB24 3AH.

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