

A1307 Parishes Forum Meeting  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 6:00pm  
Abington Institute, Great Abington, CB21 6AB

*An informal meeting of representatives of Bartlow Parish Meeting and Balsham, Great Abington, Hadstock, Hildersham, Horseheath, Linton, Little Abington and West Wickham Parish Councils*

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## Meeting Notes

1. Introductions – members round the table and overview of agenda
2. Review of Parishes Forum Meeting Notes from 20<sup>th</sup> June meeting in Linton  
SM noted that, having missed the meeting, he had in fact sent the response to the letter from Roger Hickford, before reading the minutes.
3. Responses to Parishes Forum letters of March 2016 to higher level councils, MPs etc.
  - a. *Local Plans* letter to Saffron Walden Town Council, South Cambs. District Council, St.Edmundsbury Borough Council, Uttlesford District Council, South Cambs & Uttlesford District Councillors, St.Edmundsbury Borough Councillors with copies to MPs and MEPs
  - b. *Traffic* letter to Heidi Allen MP, South Cambridgeshire; Lucy Frazer MP, South East Cambridgeshire; Rt. Hon. Matthew Hancock MP, West Suffolk; Alan Haslehurst MP, Saffron Walden; Vicky Ford, MEP; Cambs CC - Roger Hickford; Essex CC - Simon Walsh; Suffolk CC - Tony Brown, Julian FloodNo further responses had been received and no further action was proposed.
4. Update/feedback on relevant recent & ongoing consultations
  - a. City Deal – A1307, Three Campuses to Cambridge (closed 1 August)  
[http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/citydeal/info/2/transport/1/transport\\_projects\\_and\\_consultations/9](http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/citydeal/info/2/transport/1/transport_projects_and_consultations/9)  
Feedback not expected until early 2017.
  - b. Cambridge Access / Tackling peak-time congestion in Cambridge (closes 10 October)  
<http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/congestion>  
There was no string feeling around the table; PCs will make their own responses if required.
  - c. Smithson Hill integrated transport system for the south of Cambridge (June 2016)  
[http://www.smithsonhill.co.uk/integrated\\_transport\\_system/](http://www.smithsonhill.co.uk/integrated_transport_system/)  
This was quite a good report, which did cover some of our concerns in item 5.
5. Concerns about A1307 between Haverhill and Four Went Ways (Abington)
  - a. Developments in St. Edmundsbury, Haverhill & Uttlesford

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LF has recently met with Matt Hancock MP and the Chamber of Commerce at Haverhill and found them open to discussion about the A1307; she recommended that we get involved with their discussions and will help to facilitate this (SF to lead).

- b. Mix of HGV and commuter traffic; City Deal focus on latter

We need to see results of the new traffic survey but it seems likely that a wider scope is required.

- c. Update on A1307 Revised Traffic Data and Cost Benefit Analysis

A previous traffic survey had largely been discredited due to its short duration and limited scope. Members were keen to see the scope of the new traffic survey. TO said the scope was quite wide: automatic counters on roads, manual counting at intersections and ANPR surveys. He suggested making contact with Jeremy Smith at Cambs CC for details and LF agreed to follow up on this.

6. Update on SCDC Local Plan Submission and Hearings

The hearings have recommenced and local aspects in South Cambs should be examined soon. The final report is not expected until late 2017 or early 2018. This leaves parishes, especially local rural centres, vulnerable to speculative development proposals. LF met the minister to discuss this. Neighbourhood plans also appear to be delayed. Linton PC is dismayed by a recent decision to allow 55 houses near the flood plain and is likely to contest the decision; an application for a further 70 is pending.

7. Update on Flooding in Granta Valley, since meeting with EA in Hildersham on 25<sup>th</sup> May

This is very much still a concern, with more runoff likely due to development.

Current status, working downstream:

**Bartlow:** 3 rivers converge and some flooding occurs. Action is being taken to clear the river and drainage and suitable flood space (e.g. Barham Hall) is being investigated.

**Linton:** Improvements have been made by Linton PC to the flood plain; river levels do seem to have been improved by some of the action taken.

**Hildersham:** Ditches are being cleared and landowners are being encouraged to make space for flooding.

**Abington:** GA church and school annex have been flooded fairly recently but otherwise flooding usually occurs only on fields.

After the meeting with EA in Hildersham on 25th May, we await further feedback after their internal meeting due to take place some time in October.

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Note: The national flood resilience review has recently been published:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flood-resilience-review>

8. Greater Cambridge / Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership – proposal for local infrastructure

SF advised that he'd not heard back after an enquiry of Adrian Cannard at the LEP. LF advised that the LEP regularly bids for funds for projects but agreed to check what information was available about infrastructure projects.

9. Any Other Business

10. Publicity / Press Contacts: work in progress.

*A provisional date for the next meeting was agreed: mid-January 2017. West Wickham was suggested, subject to room availability. TH to investigate.*