

Recycling changes from 11 December

South Cambridgeshire District Council is in the process of procuring new vehicles for collecting recycled waste. The present vehicles have two compartments, one for paper only and the other for all the other types of recyclable materials collected. The present system leads to inefficiencies since when either compartment is full a vehicle has to return to Waterbeach to be emptied.

When the present vehicles came into service waste paper that was not co-mingled with other types of recyclable materials fetched a much higher price than paper that was co-mingled. However, the two prices are now far more similar.

In these circumstances a decision has been made to use new vehicles with no separate space for paper, meaning that it will not be until a vehicle is completely full that it will need to return for emptying. The consequence for householders is that there will no longer be a need to separate the paper that goes into the blue bin from the other recyclables placed in that bin.

From 11 December, residents will no longer need to use paper caddies as part of their recycling routines. Instead, used paper should be placed directly into blue wheelie bins. This paper **will be recycled** as in the past. Residents can keep their caddy following the change, and use it however they wish. Alternatively, the caddies can be recycled if taken to a household waste recycling centre. They should **not** be placed in wheelie bins (hard plastics are **not** collected in the blue bins). More information can be found by visiting www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling.

The decision to withdraw the paper caddy service will save taxpayers money (for example, through saving over 20,000 vehicle miles per year) and simplify the recycling process for residents.

Because of this upcoming change, the District Council will not be delivering any new paper caddies. If they are lost or stolen before 11 December, residents can begin putting paper in their blue bin.

A1307 Local Liaison Forum

The A1307 Local Liaison Forum held a public meeting on 26 September following a series of workshops. Three possible strategies for tackling congestion on the A1307 between Haverhill and the Cambridge Biomedical campus were presented to the meeting. These were

- An off road high quality public transport link close to or along the track of the old railway line from the northern side of the A505 (across the A505 from the site of the old Pampisford station) to the eastern side of Sawston and Stapleford and on to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus;
- On line improvements on the A1307 between Four Wentways and the Biomedical Campus including new bus lanes;
- On line improvements on the A1307 between Four Wentways and the Babraham park and Ride site, including new bus lanes and a new link road for public transport between the Park and Ride site and the Biomedical Campus.

There has been further thought to possible Park and Ride sites near Four Wentways or off the A505, and the organic farm site now appears to be a non-runner.

The Forum supported all three possible strategies going forward to the Greater Cambridge Partnership [the new name for the City Deal] Joint Assembly meeting on 2 November and the Executive Board on 22 November. The Executive Board will then make the decision which strategies to put forward for a public consultation in February 2018.

Uttlesford Local Plan (2011 – 2033)

The first stage consultation on the draft Uttlesford Local Plan ended on 4 September. A number of local South Cambridgeshire villages submitted views opposing the inclusion in the draft plan of a new settlement of about 5,000 houses in North Uttlesford (close to Great Chesterford)

Uttlesford DC are in the process of considering the consultation responses and their Planning Policy Working Group's next meeting is on 24 December. I am working closely with a number of South Cambridgeshire parishes who are opposing the North Uttlesford Garden Community, particularly in view of its potential impact on South Cambridgeshire.

Great Abington Church emergency repairs

I have advised and supported a bid to the District Council's Community Chest for emergency repairs to the gas heating system at Great Abington Church. I am very pleased to report that a grant of £1,000 has been awarded towards this unexpected and urgently needed work.

Tony Orgee, District Councillor for The Abingtons ward