

### **Affordable housing: Pampisford Road/High Street, Great Abington**

Last month I reported that the two fixed equity bungalows would be advertised once the valuations have been completed. They have now been advertised for a number of weeks.

The first phase of the affordable rented properties will be advertised soon on the Council's Home Link system. This information has been put on the Abingtons website. Registered households looking for affordable rented homes should start to keep an eye out for the adverts.

If they have not already done so, people living in either **Great Abington or Little Abington** or with a local connection to our villages to register on the Council's Home Link (Housing Register) if they are in housing need, have a local connection and looking for a Council rented home.

Link to Home Link:- <http://www.home-link.org.uk/>

Link to the SCDC website :- <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/apply-housing>

### **South Cambridgeshire Local Plan update**

The six-week consultation on the main modifications required by the planning inspectors to the Local Plan has now finished.

At the Plan hearings, district council officers supported and defended the Plan as submitted to national government. However, the inspectors require the modifications as set out in the consultation in order to find the plan 'sound'. The inspectors made it very clear that comments would only be accepted in relation to the specific modifications they had identified. The consultation was **not** a re-opening or re-consideration of any other aspects of the Plan other than those identified.

We now await the inspectors' report.

### **Greater Cambridge Partnership and the A1307**

The Greater Cambridge Partnership's 'Cambridge South East Transport Study' consultation has now started and runs until Tuesday 3 April.

The first public exhibition of the proposals is being held this evening from 4 till 7 pm.

Detailed leaflets setting out all the key proposals will be delivered to over 20,000 homes along the routes.

There will be local public exhibitions of the proposals at the Abington Institute on Tuesday 13 March from 4 till 7 pm and at Sawston Village College on Wednesday 14 March, again from 4 till 7 pm.

## **SCDC Budget**

South Cambridgeshire District Council's budget-setting meeting will be held on 22 February. The recommendation to the Council from its cabinet is for an increase in Council Tax of £5 per year for a Band d property (pro-rata for other Council Tax bands).

The District Council decided to increase its portion of Council Tax by £5 per year for a Band D property, and proportionately for other council tax bands.

The net result for a Band D property in Little Abington is as follows

County Council	£1,249.83
District Council	£140.31
Police and Crime Commissioner	£198.72
Fire Authority	£68.76
Little Abington Parish Council	£65.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,723.35</b>

## **Agritech Technology Park**

Planning application ref S/4099/17/OL for an Agritech Technology Park to the east of Hinxton village is likely to go to the March 7 meeting of the SCDC Planning Committee for determination.

The planning documentation for this application is very extensive but is all on the SCDC website.

## **Wellcome Genome Campus**

The Wellcome Trust recently organised two community workshops, one on Saturday 27 January and the other on Tuesday 30 January. I attended the 30 January event.

Wellcome, in their own words, were 'exploring the potential for future development at Hall Farm.' They are 'exploring what future development could look like and how this could best serve the existing research community, companies and staff already operating on site and the surrounding villages, as well as any future users of the Campus. By consulting early in the process, before we have fixed plans, we hope local knowledge can help.'

## **Uttlesford Local Plan (2011 – 2033)**

I have no further update on the Uttlesford Local Plan. As yet, there are no further meeting dates for the Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group on their website.

**Tony Orgee, District Councillor for Little Abington**