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Residents, business and other stakeholders across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are being given a once in a generation opportunity to have their say on how local government is to be restructured. Surveys and focus groups are being run in June and July so the public can help inform the biggest shake-up of local government since the 1970s.

It follows a national government requirement to replace current district, county and city councils with simplified unitary councils. From April 2028, you will access all services—from road maintenance and bin collections to schools, planning, social care, and support

with benefits - through a unitary council.

National government believes these changes will improve services, making them simpler for you and more efficient, as well as supporting economic growth and delivering much needed housing.

Since the start of the year, all seven existing county, district and city councils have been working collaboratively to identify viable options for new unitary councils across the region and we want to hear your views.

You can read more about the proposals and can take part in our survey online at cambridge.gov.uk/ LGR until 16 July.



Helping butterflies soar

Find out what we're doing to boost butterflies and moths in the city this summer - and how you can help! Turn to page 9.



How to contact Cambridge City Council

It's often easier to contact us online, at a time that suits you. You can complete a short form to report things like flytipping - cambridge.gov.uk/reportflytipping, a missed bin collection - cambridge.gov. uk/report-a-missed-household-bin-collection, or a change in your circumstances affecting your benefits or Council Tax - cambridge.gov.uk/online-accounts

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Get out and get active this summer!

For parents or carers looking after children during the summer holiday, it's always useful to have one or two ideas up your sleeve for when the inevitable cries of "I'm bored!" start to be heard.

So this summer, instead of reaching for the telly or laptop again, why not join our Active Lifestyles team for a series of free 'Active Family' events around the city across the school holidays? These exciting sessions are a fantastic chance for families to enjoy fun sports and activities together — all at no cost.

What's on offer? Activities will include the chance to try out equipment in a fun family play zone, where you can grab a skipping rope, space hopper, hula hoop or catcher. In addition

Look out for our Hello Summer brochure at schools and libraries packed with even more ideas of things to do this summer!





there will be loads of structured activities led by local clubs, with sports and activities including football, dance, short tennis, orienteering, ball games, skating and scooting, skipping workshops, archery, table tennis, crazy golf, bouldering, boxing, family fitness and more!



We'll also have an on-the-day activity challenge with prizes to be won, and helpful info about local ways to stay active year-round.

More summer fun around the city

This summer we're also supporting a range of local organisations to provide an amazing range of free familyfriendly physical activity opportunities. Among the activities to look out for are nutrition workshops for families, city walks for neurodivergent families, multi-sports sessions at North Cambridge Academy, football, martial arts, fishing and gymnastics sessions, climbing and laser-tag for low-income families, weekly outdoor play in city green spaces, free family swimming lessons.

What's happening where

All events run from 10am-2pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 29 July -Coldham's Common
- Tuesday 5 August – Trumpington Recreation
- Ground • Tuesday 12 August – St Albans Recreation Ground
- Tuesday 19 August
- Coleridge Recreation Ground

All you need to bring is some comfortable clothing and shoes, water bottles and snacks, and maybe a picnic blanket for relaxing in the sun!

- [For full information and to book directly with participating providers visit:
- cambridge.gov.uk/summerevents
- Follow Get Moving Cam on Facebook

Anyone for tennis?

If you fancy a game of tennis this summer, don't forget we have 18 tennis courts around the city which you can now reserve in advance.

Our courts at Cherry Hinton Hall, Coleridge Recreation Ground, Lammas Land, Nightingale Rec, Trumpington Meadows and Trumpington Rec are all free. You can turn up and play at any time or to reserve your slot, book via ClubSpark:

clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambridgeParks Tennis but you do need to reserve the courts at Nightingale Rec in advance due to the gated access system there.

We're now operating a Pay to Play system for our tennis courts at Christ's

Pieces (four courts), Jesus Green (six courts including two grass courts). Peak hours are from 12.15pm-2.30pm and from 6.15pm onwards, when daylight hours allow and cost of £5 per court. Off- Peak courts cost just £2 and are available from 7am-12.15pm and 2.30pm-6.15pm. All court timings are restricted to 45 minutes per booking.

Booking at all courts gives you priority and is highly recommended, particularly during the summer months.

Wimbledon offer!

Cue the Wimbledon theme tune... Wimbledon fever is on its way, and we'll be celebrating with off-peak court prices all day



throughout the duration of the tournament. You can book your court via ClubSpark at Jesus Green or Christ's Pieces between Monday 30 June to Sunday 13 July for just £2 per court! Don't miss out on this fantastic offersecure your court now and enjoy tennis at its best via clubspark.lta.org.uk

Let's Waste Less!

A new campaign featuring local residents and council staff is showcasing best practice for doing your recycling at home and preventing waste.

When you are rinsing out a baked bean tin or breaking down cardboard boxes to fit in your blue bin, do you ever wonder whether your efforts are worthwhile or if anyone else in your community bothers? We don't tend to have conversations with friends or neighbours about the fact that we rinse our jam jars using washing up water, and we don't see what other people do or don't put in their bins, so it's easy to feel that we're acting alone.

We wanted to shine a light on some of these good recycling habits, and on those that reduce waste too, so we asked residents in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire to share what they do to waste less. As part of the campaign, residents volunteered to be featured on the side of nine of our new bin lorries to take their messages all around the district.

Our crews are also important ambassadors for recycling, so we were delighted that they also wanted to share their tips to help residents make the most of the service.

Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Environment at Cambridge City Council,



Cllr Rosy Moore said "We want to celebrate the collective actions that hundreds of thousands of residents make every day that help to reduce the amount of resources that end up in landfill. Whether it's avoiding waste by repairing or choosing pre-loved products, or by ensuring only clean and correct items are put in recycling bins, more and more of us are doing our bit. Let's waste less and let's do it together."

Some of the residents who took part are council Recycling Champions. These are volunteers who help communicate about recycling and reducing waste, for example by speaking to people at events. They get involved as much or as little as they like, and receive a regular newsletter. If you're interested you can find out more

about becoming a Recycling Champion at cambridge.gov.uk/become-arecycling-champion

Waste

We'd love as many residents as possible to get on board with the campaign. Tell us what you do at home or at work to waste less, or make a pledge to take further

action at cambridge.gov.uk/letswasteless and you'll be entered into a prize draw to win one of three £50 supermarket or local entertainment vouchers.

[i] For more information on waste and recycling visit:

cambridge.gov.uk/bins

Four quick recycling tips from our volunteers!

Hayley says: "It helps to flatten cardboard boxes and squash plastic bottles – you can fit in more recycling."



Katherine says: "No wish-cycling! Only the right things go in my recycling bin."



Rupert says: "I rinse anything I recycle as a consideration to anyone who has to sort through it."



Ida says: "We can all make a difference! I always rinse containers to keep recycling clean.





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Looking for some Family Fun? Visit the Museum of Cambridge!

There's always things to do for families at the Museum of Cambridge! Regular drop-in craft events and four permanent trails for children of all ages. Little Feet, Big Impressions storytelling and sensory sessions for under 5s.

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Latest exciting plans for improving the historic civic quarter

We've recently published our latest plans for the proposed upgrade to Cambridge's city centre Market Square, the Corn Exchange and the Guildhall – collectively known as the Civic Quarter - and have been asking people to provide feedback ahead of a planning application being submitted later this year. You may still have time to take part in our online survey at engage.cambridge.gov.uk which is open until 22 June.

Cambridge Market: The proposals continue to prioritise a thriving seven-day market, which will have new permanent stalls alongside demountable stalls to allow flexibility on the Market Square, adapting to demand from traders.



There will be new covered seating areas to provide shade or rain shelter, with the size of the proposed canopy having reduced in line with feedback about anti-social behaviour, and better lighting also being proposed to improve safety.

An underground bin storage area will reduce clutter, and the proposals also show space for small-scale cultural events and community activities, such as open-air screenings and themed markets.

In response to previous feedback, the existing fountain at the centre of the market

square will be retained and restored, and the wider square and surrounding areas will see increased biodiversity.

Corn Exchange: The arts and music venue will be improved with energy-saving measures (including insulation and solar panels), accessibility in all areas, and better sound quality and new audio visual systems for events to ensure performances and events meet higher standards for audiences and performers.



Introducing more concessions and bar areas will enable guicker service and more food and drink options. Meanwhile event capacity will increase to accommodate more attendees, allowing for larger events and wider variety.

The Guildhall: The historic Grade II listed civic landmark building will have its future assured and will be re-designed to operate at net zero carbon, reducing energy use and installing air source heat pumps and solar panels.



The ground floor will feature a new customer service centre for people visiting the council, a welcoming public café, along with a Changing Places toilet open to the public.

There will be work spaces and meeting rooms for council staff, as well as work space for commercial tenants, and publicly bookable rooms for meetings or events, spanning the other floors.

Council Chamber: While considering the Chamber's heritage status, the latest proposals would see the fixed furniture removed (while retained for use in other parts of the Guildhall) in order for the Chamber to become accessible, usable for different types of events including community events, and able to adapt to changing requirements such as increasing number of councillors following local government reorganisation.



The large and small halls will have sensitive modern interventions to deliver high quality multifunctional spaces. And in line with feedback received during the summer, the proposal to provide space for a hotel in part of the Guildhall has been removed.

- i For more information:
- cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-civic-quarter

Local schoolchildren help planners with major projects

As part of our work to hear a diverse range of ideas and feedback from residents on significant projects, like the Civic Quarter redevelopment and the Cambridge Neighbourhoods Design Code (see page 14), our Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service regularly holds special sessions with local young people.

Earlier this year our Youth Engagement Service led a series of design workshops about the Civic Quarter project, with more than 150 students and 30 parents from two

primary schools and one secondary school. Meanwhile over in north Cambridge, the team held sessions with three schools in Arbury and King's Hedges wards.

Children took part in walkabouts, design competitions and other activities providing the Planning team with some great insights into what young people think is important to them about the built environment. Their ideas will now feed into future work helping to shape the historic centre and the north of the city.



i For more information:

□ greatercambridgeplanning.org.uk

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New wetland habitat created at Logan's Meadow

Logan's Meadow could soon be home for even more species of wildlife following the completion of work there to create a large new wetlands habitat.

The council and the Friend's of Logan Meadow have been working with local residents and river restoration specialists to create new wetland habitats including open water, reedbeds, ditches and wet woodland. Once the new habitats have had a chance to grow and become

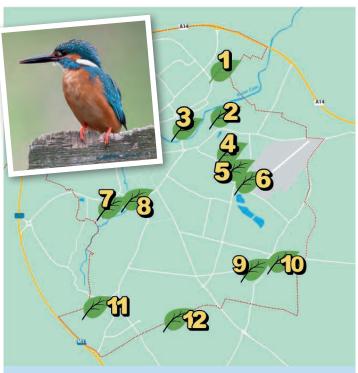


established, they will provide ideal new locations for species including water voles, reed warblers, grass snakes, banded demoiselle butterflies, as well as breeding fish and amphibians.

The local nature reserve (LNR), which is located alongside the River Cam in East Chesterton, just opposite the Museum of Technology, is open to visitors seven days a week. It is one of the council's core sites for nature within the city along with our 12 other reserves which form part of the wider Cambridge Nature Network, which links habitats in and around Cambridge to boost biodiversity.

The work at Logan's Meadow LNR has largely been funded by the Green Recovery Fund, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and Combined Authority along with S106 contributions to offset development in the city.

You can access the reserve from the end of Logan's Way, or enter from the Riverside footbridge and Scholar's Way. For more about our local nature reserves and the council's biodiversity strategy visit cambridge.gov.uk/ nature-reserves and cambridge.gov.uk/biodiversity



Visit a local nature reserve!

Our local nature reserves help protect some of the city's best habitats and geographical features, and let you enjoy nature on your doorstep.

- Bramblefields: Laxton Way CB4 1FL
- Stourbridge Common: Oyster Row CB5 8NS
- Logan's Meadow: Logan's Way CB4 1BL
- Coldham's Common: Coldham's Lane CB1 3JB
- Barnwell West: Barnwell Road CB5 8RE
- Barnwell East: Uphall Road CB1 3HX
- Paradise: Lammas Land CB3 9JJ
- Sheep's Green and Coe Fen: Fen Causeway CB2 7AD
- West Pit: Limekiln Road CB1 8NQ
- 10 East Pit and Limekiln Close: Limekiln Road CB1 8NQ
- 11 Byron's Pool: Grantchester Road CB2 9LH
- 12 Nine Wells: Off Granhams Road, CB22 5LQ

Visit cambridge.gov.uk/nature-reserves for full information.

Be a butterfly buddy this summer!

As mentioned in the last issue of Cambridge Matters, the council recently pledged to work with the Butterfly Conservation charity to make the city more butterfly and moth friendly.

This summer we're carrying out habitat surveys at all our local nature reserves and using the findings to review how we can make them even better for butterflies and moths, which can also be beneficial for other species like birds and bats.

We've also been creating new meadows (including this one pictured beside Parkside Pools), flower rich bee banks and leaving long grass areas, which support many of our butterfly and moth species, on our more formal parks.





If you'd like to do your bit to help butterflies, and track their numbers, why not take part in this year's Big Butterfly Count? From 18 July to 10 August people are asked to spend just 15 minutes in one spot – could be a garden, allotment or one of our open spaces – and record which species you see. For more information about how to take part and how to help butterflies where you live visit

bigbutterflycount.butterflyconservation.org



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Work on building over 420 new homes gets under way

Cambridge Investment Partnership (CIP), the partnership between Cambridge City Council and award-winning housebuilder The Hill Group, has broken ground on four new developments, where a total of 423 new homes will be built across the city.

This forms an exciting new part of our ongoing work to improving accommodation standards for people living in existing council homes and building additional council homes and much needed private homes around the city to help make living in Cambridge more affordable for more people. This includes larger family homes as well as homes for local workers.

Of these, 253 will be council homes, 48 of which will be available at social rents (around 40-45% of market rent), 100 will be available at 60% of market rents, and 105 will be available at 80% of market rents – supporting local workers who would struggle to afford to pay full market rents due to Cambridge's housing affordability crisis.

The remaining 171 homes will be muchneeded market sale homes, with any profit from the sale of these homes being reinvested into building more new council homes and community facilities.

East Barnwell

A groundbreaking event at East Barnwell in Abbey ward marked the start of construction of 120 council homes alongside new facilities including a community centre, library, pre-school and commercial units over two phases. The development will replace 18 outdated flats with a total of 48 social rented homes, and 72 homes available at



Fanshawe Road

Work has also started at Fanshawe Road in Coleridge, where 84 new homes are being built to replace 30 ageing properties. 45 will be council homes, designed to meet Passivhaus-equivalent performance standards, and 39 will be market sale homes.

At both developments, and at others like on Ekin Road in Abbey ward, the council has supported residents living in the ageing properties to find suitable new homes. This includes practical support such as helping tenants to find a new council home – often in newly built CIP homes - as well as the council providing compensation and covering moving costs.

• Construction is also starting at the former ATS Murketts site on Histon **Newbury Farm**

Road, where we will be building 70 new homes, including 28 council homes, and 42 for sale. The third and final phase of Newbury Farm, between **Babraham Road and Worts' Causeway** in the Queen Edith's area of the city, will deliver 150 homes, again a mixture of council homes and homes for sale.

Support for renters and landlords

If you live in private rented accommodation or are a landlord, then the council can support you with any concerns or questions you might have about renting.

Residents in private rented accommodation

If you have concerns about private rented accommodation in the city you can raise this with the council and even make a complaint. This could be about the safety, suitability

or management of the property and includes properties that might not be licensed when they should be.

Your landlord must keep your accommodation in good repair. This includes facilities such as plumbing, heating and water systems, and the building exterior. The council can help you enforce your right to repairs and has legal powers to deal with complaints – for example, falling plaster, defective wiring, or damp. If you believe you are

being unlawfully evicted the council can also help you.

Advice for landlords

The council works with landlords, and other agencies to achieve safe, decent and affordable housing for all private rented sector tenants.

The council can also offer quidance for landlords to help make sure that you are compliant with the regulations and legislation.



- Additional support, advice and guidance for both landlords and private renters can be found at: cambridge.gov.uk/private-
- rented-accommodation residential.eh@cambridge.gov.uk

Cool off at our pools and splashpads this summer

If you're looking for a fun, family-friendly activity this summer - or simply feel in need of a place to cool off (depending on what the British summer has in store for us) - there are a number of delightful spots in Cambridge parks and open spaces where people of all ages can swim, paddle or splash around to their hearts' content during the summer months.

One of the city's iconic summer locations is the Jesus Green Lido, situated on the edge of Jesus Green, beside the River Cam. The historic Lido is one of the longest outdoor pools in Britain at 91 metres, and is over 100 years old. It offers residents and visitors a unique, tree-lined setting in which to swim, sunbathe and relax. The pool is surrounded by grass and patio areas, has its own café and sauna, and is open seven days a week during the summer months from 7am-7pm.



As well as Jesus Green Lido, the council runs several paddling pools and splashpad water play areas, which are now open until September.

- The **Abbey splashpad** is situated behind the Abbey Leisure Complex near Coldham's Common and has exciting water features for children to enjoy, including tipping buckets, water cannons, and spray jets.
- The **Coleridge splashpad** is at Coleridge Recreation Ground, Davey Road. This splashpad has a tractor themed play area with interactive panels, crawling tube and loads of other fun water features. There is also a two-foot deep paddling pool to enjoy.
- The King's Hedges splashpad is on the 'Pulley' play area at King's Hedges recreation ground – and has an outer space theme with exciting water features.
- Cherry Hinton water play area Two paddling pools situated in the play area at Cherry Hinton Hall off Cherry Hinton Road.
- Lammas Land pool A large, free-to-use shallow pool for paddling and swimming beside the play area on Lammas Land off Barton Road/Fen Causeway.



Sheep's Green learner pool – beside the River Cam off Fen Causeway near Lammas Land, this small swimming pool is ideal for learners and is free to use with changing facilities and attendant.

[i] For more information visit: cambridge.gov.uk/swimming

Our splashpads are maintained by GLL. We suggest you call 01223 446100 before your visit to ensure they are operational.

FREE! Music in the Parks

One of the city's favourite summer traditions makes a welcome return in June when Music in the Parks begins, celebrating the season in musical style in some of Cambridge's beautiful green open spaces.



The council's series of six free concerts offers a mix of music on selected Sunday afternoons from 3pm-5pm between June and September. From the infectious ska rhythms of Cambridge's mighty Big 10, performing their now traditional Jesus Green date; to funk, soul and blues; uplifting multi-voiced close harmony choral creations; the joyous sound of jazz and swing; the warm strains of traditional brass on a summery breeze plus, a special folk music themed concert at Cherry Hinton Hall.

Delicious refreshments will be available to buy from NapolEat Pizza, Aperol van and Cambridge favourite, Jack's Gelato. Thanks go to Cambridge BID for their generous support.

[i] For more information about Music in the Parks visit: camcityevents.co.uk

The full line-up

- Sunday 29 June Out of the Shadows Choir and Some Voices Choir (Nightingale Recreation Ground)
- Sunday 20 July Big 10 plus Mirada (Jesus Green)
- Sunday 3 August The Boxwood Chessmen plus Elizabeth and Jameson (Cherry Hinton Hall – Folk In The City)
- Sunday 10 August Soham Comrades Band (Arbury Town Park)
- Sunday 31 August Upbeat Big Band (Coleridge Recreation Ground)
- Sunday 7 September Special Groove (Trumpington Recreation Ground)



Summer of folk hits the right notes

As you may know, Cambridge Folk Festival is taking a breather this summer, and is having a year off so we can take stock and make sure it comes back sustainably and reaching wider audiences in 2026.

Instead, this summer we're celebrating all things folk and roots music-related with a series of gigs, free concerts and special events called Folk In The City. One of the outstanding events is a weekend of free entertainment at Cherry Hinton Hall:

• Saturday 2 August – An open air concert from 1pm-8pm bringing together a mix of local and national artists, shining a spotlight on folk's rich traditions and vibrant future. The event will also include a children's concert and family activities including an evening ceilidh.

 Sunday 3 August – a very special Music in the Parks concert will round off the weekend, offering a relaxed afternoon of live folk performances from 3pm to 5pm).

There will be two headline Folk in the City gigs at the Corn Exchange from Jake Bugg on Wednesday 23 July and Suzanne Vega in October – presented in association with Cambridge Folk Festival. The programme will spotlight a series of exciting folk and roots-inspired concerts this year from partners Cambridge Junction and Green Mind Promotions including concerts by Lady Maisery, Lisa Knapp and Gerry Diver, Ye Vagabonds, Ziggy Alberts and Flook.

Folk Summer School

Following its successful launch in 2024, Cambridgeshire Music



will continue its specialist youth music Folk Summer School in July 2025. The workshops will be focused on aspects of folk music; from playing in an ensemble, to building a career in the folk music scene and is open to all types of instrumentalists. The programme offers young musicians the opportunity to develop their skills under the guidance of experienced tutors.

Participants will also have the chance to perform as part of the special showcase event at Cherry Hinton Hall on Saturday 2 August. Details on how to purchase tickets and apply can be found at cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk

[i] For more information about Folk In The City visit: cambridgefolkfestival.co.uk

Out of the **Ordinary** is back!

The Out of The Ordinary arts festival returns to the streets of Cambridge this August bank holiday (23-24 August) for a weekend of the bizarre, the exciting, the spectacular - and the downright out of the ordinary!



Cambridge BID, the festival will once again feature a cavalcade of street artists and performers entertaining the crowds (for free) in and around Cambridge city centre with a variety of unusual and amazing performers, colour and fun.

As well as taking over the city centre's streets, there will once again be plenty going on at Christ's Pieces near the bus station, where people can relax, eat and drink and watch some fantastic live performances. There will be a music stage, dance stage, wellbeing/sports area, food and drink as well as a big finale performance on Sunday.

Local dance schools, musicians, artists and performers will also be taking part across the weekend to provide some added Cambridge flair.

The Mayor's Day Out

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the annual Mayor's Day Out to the seaside has proved a memorable and popular occasion for the city's older residents since 1985.

This year's coach trip for any Cambridge resident aged 55-plus is to the classic seaside town of Great Yarmouth on Wednesday 13 August.

Residents can book a spot alongside the Mayor of Cambridge for a fun trip to the popular resort which boasts numerous cafés, restaurants, shops and typical attractions like the pier, a sandy beach and even donkey rides.

And all this will only set you back £10 - including return coach travel, with several convenient pick-up and drop-off points throughout the city and some live entertainment beside the seaside (beside the sea...)

If you're 55+ and living in Cambridge or you know someone who is, then don't miss



out on booking for what is always a relaxing day of sunshine, fun and sea air!

• Mayor's Day Out is supported by Jesus College, Hill, Thalia, BB+C Architects, RH Partnership, NP Architects. To book tickets visit camcityevents.co.uk, phone 01223 357851, or buy (cash only) at Meadows, Clay Farm or Brown's Field community centres. Closing date 4 July.

Looking to the future in the north of Cambridge

Do you live in, work in or visit the Arbury and King's Hedges wards of the city - or the area of East Chesterton near Nuffield Road and Chesterton Primary School?

If so, we'd like to hear your views this summer about things like the housing estates there, parks and green spaces, community facilities, shops and streets. This is for a project called the North Cambridge Framework for Change – which will eventually help us to form a long-term plan to guide investment in the area over the coming years.

Last year we worked with local people to agree five principles for what would constitute good development in the north of Cambridge, namely:

- Making space for nature
- Prioritising walking and cycling
- Creating thriving public spaces
- Enhancing the character of the area
- Increasing sustainability

The new framework will build on these principles and will go further, identifying specific areas for investment and helping to guide how changes happen in relation to four

- Older council housing estates understanding what needs fixing or replacing, where homes should be built or improved, and what the council should
- Parks and green spaces finding out how people use them, and how to make them better for everyone
- Arbury Court and the surrounding community facilities – exploring opportunities to improve the area for
- Streets and travel looking at how people move around, and how to make that easier and safer.

If you receive your copy of Cambridge Matters before 18 June, you will still have time to take part in our online survey at

cambridge.gov.uk/NCF

After this first period of consultation and engagement is finished, our team will develop a draft Framework for Change for North Cambridge and will be seeking your views on it in the autumn.



Cambridge South station on track

The new railway station in the south of the city, near Addenbrooke's Hospital, the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Trumpington, is due to open to the public by next year.

Cambridge South station will feature four platforms and a main building with a retail and catering outlets, access for pedestrians and cyclists from both sides of the railway and more than 1,000 cycle parking spaces.



Water treatment plant set to move

Earlier this year the government approved the proposal to move Anglian Water's Waste Water Treatment Plant from Cowley Road in Cambridge to a new site near Horningsea, Fen Ditton and Stow Cum Quy, next to the A14.

Now that the move has been approved, the council and its partners will be able to move forward with plans to redevelop the former site in north east Cambridge, in order to create the new city neighbourhood of

Hartree, featuring thousands of much-needed and sustainable new homes (including new council homes), plus community facilities, parkland and spaces for thousands of jobs.

In the coming months officers from the shared planning service of Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council will continue working with planning applicants for the area on the next steps for the redevelopment of the site.



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To help achieve this, all of Cambridgeshire's local councils are developing a Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) – a roadmap for reducing carbon emissions

while ensuring a secure, affordable energy supply. The LAEP will identify the most effective solutions for different areas, considering local challenges and opportunities.

This is where you come in. If you are involved in a business or community group, we need your input to help shape Cambridgeshire's energy future, and we want to hear your plans for developing renewable energy, reducing your energy demand or switching to low-carbon transport or heating. Your insights

can help influence investment in cleaner, smarter energy solutions that benefit everyone.

By getting involved, you can help create a strategy that supports jobs, reduces costs, and contributes to a greener county.

Visit cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ LAEP to learn more and complete our short survey before 14 Share July. Your voice matters in

building a cleaner, greener Cambridgeshire.

Cambridge still A-listed for climate action

For the second year running Cambridge has been named an 'A' List City by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP).

Since 2016 we have been reporting all the actions we take to reduce carbon emissions and prepare for climate change, including with partner organisations, to the CDP.

Cambridge is one of only 112 cities around to be

recognised in this way by CDP, for taking bold leadership on environmental action and transparency.

Our Climate Change Strategy sets out how we're working towards Cambridge being net zero carbon by 2030 and for the council to reduce our own emissions to net zero by 2030.

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Help prevent fires – use e-bike and e-scooter batteries with caution!

Several serious house fires and bin lorry fires in Cambridgeshire have been caused this year alone by lithium-ion batteries which are used to charge things like electric bikes and electric

scooters in people's homes.

These types of battery can explode and lead to a rapidly developing fire so you should always use them with extreme caution and follow guidance.

Charging

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions, only use the manufacturer approved charger, and buy an official replacement charger if yours becomes damaged.
- Charge batteries while you are awake, and do not leave them to charge while you are not at home.
- Unplug your charger when it's finished charging.
- Do not overcharge your battery check the manufacturer's instructions for charge times.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms.
- Charge or store your e-bike or e-scooter in a safe place such as an unoccupied room.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms in the same room and a door that you can keep closed.
- Do not cover chargers or battery packs when charging as this could lead to overheating or even a fire.
- Do not charge batteries or store your e-bike or e-scooter near combustible or flammable materials.
- Do not overload socket outlets or use inappropriate extension leads (use un-coiled extensions and ensure the lead is suitably rated for what you are plugging into it).

If there is an e-bike, e-scooter or lithium-ion battery fire, do not attempt to extinguish the fire. Get out, stay out, and call 999.

Storage

• Do not store or charge e-bikes and e-scooters on escape routes inside your home, or in communal areas of a multi-occupied building. If there's a fire, it can affect people's ability to escape.



- Store e-bikes and e-scooters and their batteries in a cool place. Avoid storing them in excessively hot or cold areas.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the storage and maintenance of lithium-ion batteries if they are not going to be used for extended periods of time.

[i] For more safety advice visit: acambsfire.gov.uk

- Buy e-bikes, e-scooters and chargers and batteries from reputable retailers.
- Many fires involve counterfeit electrical goods. Items which don't meet British or European standards pose a huge fire risk and while genuine chargers (or battery packs) may cost more, it's not worth putting your life at risk and potentially destroying your home by buying a fake charger to save a few pounds.
- Register your product with the manufacturer to validate any warranties - batteries are usually included in warranties. Registering makes it easier for manufacturers to contact you in the event of safety or recall information.
- Check any products you have bought are not subject to a product recall. You can do this by checking Electrical Safety First's website or the government website.

Damage and disposal

- Batteries can be damaged if you drop them or if you crash your e-bike or e-scooter. Where the battery is damaged, it can overheat and catch fire without warning. Check your battery regularly for any signs of damage and if you suspect it is damaged it should be replaced and should not be used or charged.
- If you need to dispose of a damaged or end of life battery, don't dispose of it in your household waste or normal recycling. These batteries, when punctured or crushed can cause fires in bin lorries, recycling and waste centres.
- Your e-bike or e-scooter manufacturer may offer a recycling service. Alternatively check the council's website for suitable battery recycling arrangements in your area.

Pest control service available for your home

Did you know that we can provide a professional service for any Cambridge residents if your home is currently infested with rats, mice or cockroaches?

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New Mayor of Cambridge takes up chains of office

Every year at the council's annual meeting one of the city councillors is chosen to become Mayor of Cambridge for the following 12 months. This year Cllr Dinah Pounds (pictured) was elected by her fellow councillors to be Mayor, which is a traditional, ceremonial role.

Each year The Mayor of Cambridge chairs all full council meetings, and represents the city at hundreds of events, while also raising money for their chosen charities. The Mayor's charities for 2025-26 are the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust's Neurotrauma Programme and Cambridge Living Streets. Cllr Richard Swift was elected to be Deputy Mayor for the civic year.



Mayoral and county council elections

On 1 May local people voted in elections for a new mayor for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Paul Bristow (Conservative) was elected to be Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for the next four years.

Elections were also held on the same day for all 61 divisions of Cambridgeshire County Council, including 12 divisions in Cambridge city

itself. Following the elections the overall make-up of the county council is as follows:

- Liberal Democrats 31 seats
- Conservative 10 seats
- Reform UK 10 seats
- Labour 5 seats
- Green 3 seats
- Independent 2 seats
- i For the full list of councillors making up Cambridgeshire County Council visit:
- cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ council



Changes to decisionmaking at the city council

This year, we've made important changes to how decisions are made at Cambridge City Council to make the process clearer and more accessible for residents.

We now have a new Cabinet. made up of the new council leader Cllr Cameron Holloway, and nine other members with responsibilities for different council services.

There will now be Cabinet meetings almost every month, so you'll have more chances to see how major decisions affecting the city are made and to get involved. We've streamlined our scrutiny committees from four to two, allowing them to focus more deeply on key issues and provide better support for good decision-making.

We've updated the rules for



Full Council meetings too. Public questions are still welcome, but meetings will now have a time limit of three hours (with an optional 30-minute extension) to make it easier for everyone to attend and participate.

[i] For more information on meeting dates and how you can take part in council meetings, visit: cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ council

City council by-elections

In May there were two by-elections to choose new city councillors for East Chesterton and West Chesterton wards following the resignation of former councillors.

Bob Illingworth





(Liberal Democrat), was elected in East Chesterton and Jamie Dalzell (Liberal Democrat) was elected in West Chesterton.

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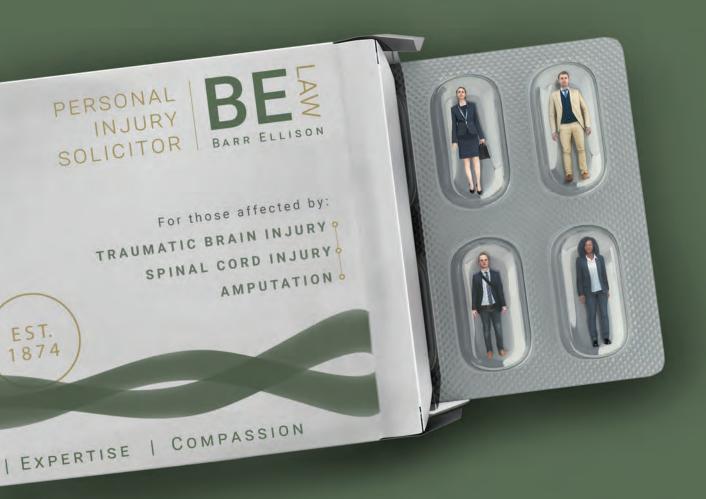


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