

Spaldwick PC Meeting – September 24

Good Evening

Regarding your LHI bid for this year, I am delighted to inform you that Spaldwick has been provisionally successful, for Solar mobile Activated Signs. It should be noted that the provisional list goes for approval at the Highways & Transportation Committee Meeting on the 1st October.

Also, our LHO Karen Southwell has moved to become the new LHO for March, as a consequence we will be having a new LHO Sarah Budd, from 2nd September. I should meet her within the next week hopefully.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (Mayor) is asking for views on the future of Cambridgeshire Buses with the launch of its bus franchising consultation.

The 14 week consultation will be open until Wednesday 20 November 24 and will inform a decision on how to reform buses across the area.

The consultation webpage is <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-franchising-consultation/>

There are two versions of the questionnaire – a short version comprising 10 questions and a long version comprising 31 questions. You chose which questionnaire you wish to complete. Details of drop in events around the County will be listed on the website during the consultation.

The District Council has launched its Consultation for Community Input in the Local Plan. The Consultation will run from 18th September to 27th November.

The Local Plan is a Strategic document that outlines the vision and policy framework for sustainable development across the district. It plays a pivotal role in addressing key issues such as climate change, flooding, housing affordability, infrastructure and employment. The plan identifies key areas for development, specifying the nature of that development and establishing the policies by which planning applications will be assessed.

The goal of the Local Plan is to ensure that Huntingdonshire develops sustainably, meeting the needs of the current community without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

HDC is currently seeking feedback on several key documents that are essential to the plan making process. They are:-

Further Options and Issues Paper 2024 – This document outlines various options for addressing a series of important issues facing the district

Land Availability Assessments – An assessment of sites that were submitted to HDC under the Call for sites that could be suitable for development.

Sustainability Appraisals – An analysis of site proposals and options based on their economic, environmental and social impact.

Feedback must be submitted through the consultation portal, [Huntingdonshire District Council Consultation Home- Keystone](#) to be formally considered in the local plan process.

Drop in Events will be held at various locations across the district. The nearest location to us is being held on Tuesday 22nd October @ Kimbolton Scout Hut, Thrapston Road, PE28 0HW between 2pm and 8pm.

For more information on how to participate in the Local Plan Engagement 24 please visit – [Local Plan Lets Talk Huntingdonshire \(letstalkhuntingdonshire.net\)](http://LocalPlanLetsTalkHuntingdonshire.net) or contact local plan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

An appeal has been launched by Cambridgeshire County Council to recruit more school governors. There are currently around 50 vacancies that need to be filled in Cambridgeshire. Figures suggest there is a national shortage of School Governors.

The appeals purpose is to increase the number of School Governors from both inside and outside the education sector. The aim is to create a waiting list of applicants, so that as vacancies come up they can be filled easily.

To become part of a Governing Body and make a positive impact on children's learning and achievement get in touch

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-governors>

Lithium-ion Battery caused blazes are becoming increasingly common as we buy and throw away more electronic items.

Never put Lithium-ion batteries into your recycling or household waste bin as they can cause fires. Already there have been several fires in bin lorries this year caused by batteries not being disposed of correctly.

Take your batteries along to a Household Recycling Centre – many shops also have battery banks.

Make sure you are awake when using and charging devices or appliances with lithium-ion batteries.

When buying lithium-ion batteries make sure they have a CE or UKCA mark, which signifies it meets UK standards, buy from a reputable retailer and always use the manufacturer approved charger.

For more information go to the Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Website

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