



**Welcome from your Liberal Democrat councillors and community champions in Queen Edith's Ward and division.**

We are sending this Blog out approximately monthly to help keep you informed of what we've been up to and events within Queen Edith's.

Please feel free to forward this message on to anyone who would be interested.

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[www.cambridgelibdems.org.uk/in-your-area/queen-ediths](http://www.cambridgelibdems.org.uk/in-your-area/queen-ediths)

Please do let us know what you think as we always welcome feedback.

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**Best wishes**

**Queen Edith's Ward Councillors**

Alex Beckett - County Councillor Queen Edith's Division

Immy Blackburn-Horgan – City Councillor

Daniel Lee - City Councillor

Karen Young - City Councillor

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### 1/ Residents to Name 3 New Streets

Exciting opportunity was offered to residents to suggest street names for the new Netherhall Farm housing on Babraham and Worts Causeway.. QECF and other local orgs helped put the word out and approximately 100 names were suggested from Beauvallee Road through to Wulves Circle. These have all been passed back to the County Council and they will forward to the developers This Land who will decide the final 3 street names.



### 2/ Perse school news sports centre

Alison Shakespeare Bursar The Perse School

"There is a lot of interest and excitement about the new sports facility. We are geared up for community use and that will hopefully scale up and grow".



QE Cllrs Immy and Karen have viewed this exciting new facility in our local area and feel sure the community will benefit from accessing the variety of facilities available.

### 3/ Nightingale Community Pavilion

Details of opening hours, facilities and booking costs use the attached form

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/nightingale-pavilion-community-room>

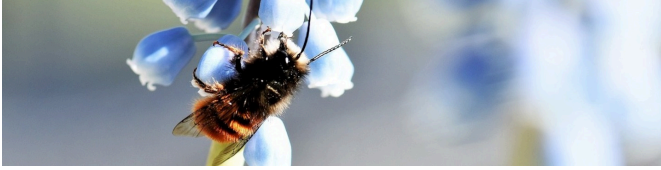
For community use talk to QECF who Cllrs are supporting with Cambridge City Council in accessing this local resource



#### 4/ Cambridge City Council Surveys

Bee Banks survey closes 6 November

<https://engage.cambridge.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/bee-banks-in-cambridge>



Polling Station reviews closes 18 November

<https://engage.cambridge.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/review-of-polling-stations-and-polling-districts>



5/ **Emergency response workshop:** Join Cllr Russ McPherson on Thursday 14 November for a one-hour workshop to learn essential life-saving skills, including CPR and defibrillator use. Drop in anytime between 10am and 2pm outside the Council Chamber in the Guildhall.



#### 6/ Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital

The Department of Health and Social Care is reviewing the previous government's New Hospital Programme, which they described as "undeliverable and unfunded" - putting the proposed Cambridge Cancer Hospital at risk.

Liberal Democrat MP Ms Heylings met with Health Secretary Wes Streeting to explain the importance of the cancer hospital, which will be situated at Cambridge Biomedical Campus if approved. A follow up meeting is being held in November with DfH&SC, CUH and MP Pippa Haylins.



## 7/ Cambridge Biomedical Campus Travel and Transport Strategy

The Transport Strategy sets out the CBC's role and responsibility for minimising motorised traffic whilst developing, facilitating and promoting more sustainable and healthy travel choices to Campus for staff, patients, business representatives and visitors, who have to access the site from a wide and dispersed area.

**2017 - Projected number of those visiting the CUH/CU/CBC site for 2031 have been reached in 2024**

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s110161/Biomedical%20Campus%20Transport%20Needs%20Review%20Part%204.pdf>

**2018/19 Plan (aiming for a 15 year projection)**

[https://cambridge-biomedical.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/CBC-Transport-Strategy-2018\\_23\\_10\\_18\\_Screen\\_Only\\_Version\\_Low\\_Resolution.pdf](https://cambridge-biomedical.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/CBC-Transport-Strategy-2018_23_10_18_Screen_Only_Version_Low_Resolution.pdf)

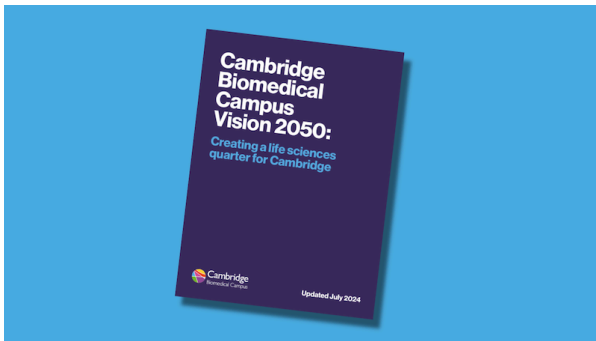
**2018 Transport Needs Review**

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s110159/Biomedical%20Campus%20Transport%20Needs%20Review%20Part%202.pdf>

**2022 Review of above**

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/asset-library/Sustainable-Transport/Public-Transport/Cambridge-South-East-Transport/Documents-2023/CBC-Transport-Needs-Review-Study-Refresh-v5.0.pdf>

CBC Ltd will be publishing a new Transport Strategy in late 2024, the object for which CBC Ltd is established is to represent and promote the interests of its Members as owners and occupiers of the CBC site.



## 8/ Cambridge Biomedical Campus Including CU/CUH Planning Update Meeting Held 23rd October 2024

Purpose: To provide local residents with updates on the emerging projects and schemes in and around the Biomedical Campus.



The event was split into several sections, where there was updates from:

- The CBC Landowners Forum who will be presenting on their longer term development and expansion aspirations (summarised version of the event on the 15 October)
- JMS on behalf of Network Rail on the new Cambridge South Station
- The Greater Cambridge Partnership on the Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) and Greenway projects
- Greater Cambridge Shared Planning on current proposals recently permitted or coming forward on the campus as well as an update on the Local Plan and guidance document (SPD) we are preparing

Attendees: Open public meeting where parish councils and resident associations have been invited directly. Members were welcome to attend and the event was hosted by planning officers from GCSP. Cllr Katie Thornburrow will Chair.

**The Greater Cambridge Planning will respond in writing shortly to all attendees and for them and the public there will be links to the slides and recording.**

**A contact was given at the meeting to raise questions or to address issues anyone has:**

[planning@greatercambridgeplanning.org](mailto:planning@greatercambridgeplanning.org)

### 9/ Wildlife Corridor that leads to biodiversity

Local residents are working hard with Cambridge City Council and have the support of their local Neighbourhood Watch to make the Cambridge City Council Biodiversity Strategy come alive on their street. Creating a safer street where a Wildlife Corridor can thrive. Hills Road slip road have been clearing areas of overgrowth, planting seeds, plants and saplings all working together to support all the different living things, from bacteria and the smallest insect to the largest local wildlife through to trees.



### 10/ Have Your Say - Cambridge City Council Consultation on Budget Priorities

Cambridge City Council on 23 October launched its [public budget consultation](#) and is asking which services people think should be prioritised when the council sets its budget for April 2025 to March 2026.

The council currently spends £97.2 million per year to deliver a broad range of services in Cambridge. The council's operating costs are paid for mainly from the income the council generates from fees and charges, Council Tax and Business Rates, commercial property rent, and Government grants.

In September, the council [recommitted to saving £6 million annually by April 2026](#), outlining that £2.5 million could be saved by making changes to the council's organisational structure, and £3.5 million by making changes to council services, such as implementing or increasing charges for some services. <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/news/2024/10/23/have-your-say-consultation-on-budget-priorities-for-next-financial-year>



Tim Bick (LD) has already raised concerns regarding any cuts and just 3 highlighted included toilets, CCTV and sports and health facilities.

**COMMUNITY CHAMPION OCTOBER** - Jennie Coordinator Nightingale Community Garden motivating and supporting the group of volunteers

