

Cllrs Lorna Dupré and Mark Inskip

MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2022

Best wishes for 2022 to our parish councils and residents.

Garden Close Sutton appeal

We were delighted to hear just before Christmas that the appeal by Abbey Homes against the Council's refusal of its detailed planning application for Garden Close was dismissed by the Planning Inspector. His conclusions were as follows.

59. Whilst the proposed development is unlikely to have an adverse effect upon flood risk, this is outweighed by the adverse effects arising from the mixture of dwellings within the development; the adverse effects upon the character and appearance of the surrounding area; the lack of appropriate living conditions for all the future occupiers of the development; and the erosion of the living conditions of the occupiers of a neighbouring property.

60. The scheme would therefore conflict with the development plan taken as a whole. There are no material considerations, including the Framework, that indicate the decision should be made other than in accordance with the development plan. Therefore, for the preceding reasons, I conclude that the appeal should be dismissed.

Abbey Homes retains its outline permission for up to 53 dwellings on the site, but cannot progress this unless and until it submits an application for the detail which the District Council approves and which meets the requirements of the District Council's Local Plan and the Sutton Neighbourhood Plan.

Deli at 65 High Street Sutton

The District Council's Planning Committee has approved an application for a flue, tandoor oven, and other accoutrements of an Indian restaurant, at the former Deli at 65 High Street. However the owner has not yet applied for change of use.

Mepal Outdoor Centre demolished .

The Council demolished Mepal Outdoor Centre just before Christmas, to make way for its proposed crematorium on the site.

The Council's Planning Department requested an extension of time to 17 December for consideration of the crematorium application. This date has come

and gone. The application is currently subject to objections from the County Council in its roles as Waste & Minerals Planning Authority and as Local Lead Flood Authority.

Anchor Sutton planning application (21/01794/FUL)

A planning application has been received from the Anchor at Sutton Gault for change of use from Public House to flexible E[b] (Café), C1 (Guest House) and *Sui Generis* (Public House), associated alterations and infrastructure.

Local Plan review

As we have previously reported, East Cambridgeshire District Council is undertaking a narrowly focused Single Issue Review of its adopted Local Plan. This review is to partially replace one part of the Local Plan adopted in April 2015, regarding the housing requirement for the district in Policy GROWTH 1. The vast majority of the Plan should remain unaltered.

The review will not propose any new sites for housing development. The updated policy will have a housing requirement figure of 9,175 dwellings between 2011 and 2031, though this figure is likely to be adjusted slightly again before the Plan is submitted for examination, to reflect new data which will become available in 2022. The figure is calculated on a nationally specified basis, and there are enough dwellings already in the plan to meet the 9,175 requirement.

The review is now at its second round of consultation, and the closing date for comments is 23:59 on Monday 7 February. The consultation document is at <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-developmentframework/local-plan-review> .

Responses can be

- emailed to planningpolicy@eastcambs.gov.uk
 - posted to
Strategic Planning Team
East Cambridgeshire District Council
The Grange
Ely CB7 4EE
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Anti-social driving

Anti-social driving at Elean Business Park started again on Christmas Day evening and has continued over the festive break. We have approached the police yet again and are establishing a date for a meeting on site. We are also aware of anti-social driving on Hive Road down to Witcham Bridge Drove.

We would encourage anyone affected by these incidents to contact the police on 101. We appreciate that this may feel futile, but the police rely heavily on volumes of reports and it really does help, even if it doesn't always feel like it.

Meanwhile, we have received reports of late night anti-social driving involving all-wheel drive vehicles at Sutton Gault. This is not only a nuisance, but must also disturb the wildlife on the Washes. Lorna has reported this to the Environment Agency as well as the police.

East Cambridgeshire Community Fund Grant

The East Cambs Community Fund grant application window will be open between Monday 17 January and Monday 21 February.

Grants are intended to support the development of new or existing community services and initiatives that improve the quality of life for residents of East Cambridgeshire. Details including eligibility criteria are at <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/finance/east-cambridgeshire-community-fund>

If you have any questions or for more information please contact stephanie.jones@eastcambs.gov.uk or call Stephanie Jones on 01353 665555.

Meet your councillors

We will be holding our virtual surgery via Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30PM on

- Tuesday 11 January 2022
- Tuesday 8 February 2022

Please contact Mark at mark@markinskip.org.uk to book your timeslot.

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