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MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

A new Public Spaces Protection Order is now in place across the district. Enforced from 24 August 2026, the Order has been introduced by East Cambridgeshire District Council in partnership with Cambridgeshire Police.

Designed to address complaints about dangerous and disruptive driving behaviour in public areas, the Order will give police and authorised officers additional powers. Anti-social behaviour including but not limited to excessive speeding, revving engines, racing, wheel spins, sounding horns unnecessarily, and gatherings that cause harassment, alarm or distress to local communities will be tackled on public roads and spaces across the district.

Anyone breaching the Order could face enforcement action, including receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice and being directed to leave an area. Members of the public are encouraged to report anti-social driving to the police at **https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/** or by calling 101.

More information on the Public Spaces Protection Order is available at **https://eastcambs.gov.uk/services/community-safety-and-wellbeing/crime-and-community-safety/anti-social-driving-public**

CREMATORIUM OPENS

The crematorium near Block Fen roundabout is set to open this month, having cost over £13 million—a huge increase on the original projection of around £7 million. The funding has come from developer contributions, which were meant to improve local communities rather than turn restricted capital funds into what the council administration hopes will be income to subsidise council tax.

Mark and Lorna have consistently opposed the scheme on the grounds that it is unlikely to achieve its financial projections, given how close it is to its nearest commercial competitor just twelve minutes away at March, and the rise of competition from the ‘direct cremations’ industry.

As the crematorium opens, a planning application has been submitted to the county council for a second biodigester, to the rear of the crematorium site. If granted, this will leave the crematorium surrounded by the A142 to the east, the existing biodigester to the north, the proposed new biodigester to the west, and the access to the new biodigester to the south.

YOUTH FUSION

The Youth Fusion event at Sutton Recreation Ground on Wednesday 19 August was well attended and positively received. Thanks and congratulations to all involved. Lorna Dupré, Charlotte Cane MP, and Mark Inskip all attended.

LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

AWAITING CONSIDERATION OR DECISION

Applications in the Sutton ward awaiting consideration or determination include

Mepal

- **Three Pickerels, Mepal**: single storey function room within garden area to replace temporary marquee (25/01303/FUL)
- **Arthur Rickwood, Chatteris Road, Mepal**: extension to warehouse, repositioning of septic tank, associated works and landscaping (26/00481/FUL)
- **12 Sutton Road**: single-storey porch (26/00514/FUL)

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- **Units 5 And 6 Elean Business Park**: change of use from storage and distribution to general industrial use (26/00642/FUM)
- **Land adjacent 43 Mepal Road**: signs and flagpoles for housing sales centre (26/00755/ADN)
- **95 High Street**: demolish existing bungalow and replace with new detached two-story self-build dwelling (26/00797/FUL)
- **126 High Street**: conversion of outbuildings to habitable space and demolition of conservatory and existing outbuilding; external alterations (26/00076/FUL)
- **124 The Row**: single and two-storey rear extensions and partial demolition of existing garage (26/00825/FUL)
- **3 The Row**: change of use of part of adjoining orchard to garden (25/01235/FUL)

DECIDED

Applications in the Sutton ward which have recently been decided include (all permitted)

- **Meadlands Farm, Sutton Gault**: replacement dwelling (25/01258/FUL)
- **17 The America**: ground mounted solar panel installation (26/00668/FUL)
- **90 Bellairs**: first floor extension and single storey extension (26/00627/FUL)
- **103 High Street**: insulation and render to external walls (26/00707/FUL)

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- Wednesday 2 September: Planning Committee
- Wednesday 9 September: Licensing Committee
- Monday 14 September: Operational Services Committee
- Thursday 24 September: Finance & Assets Committee

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

We will be at Joy Bistro, 65 High Street, Sutton on Monday 7 September and Monday 5 October at 6:30-7:30PM. Between surgeries, residents can continue to contact us by email, Facebook, or phone.

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(Mepal, Sutton, Wentworth, and Witcham)