

## Welcome to the Cambridgeshire Growth E-newsletter

Welcome to the 12th edition of the Growth in Cambridgeshire e-newsletter.

In this edition we will be updating you on a wide variety of projects that both Cambridgeshire Horizons and our partners are working on across the County.

We'd be keen to hear your thoughts on our e-newsletter, so if you have any feedback please email me at [laura.halstead@cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk](mailto:laura.halstead@cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk)

Kind regards

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### North West Cambridge AAP

Development on Cambridge University's site at North West Cambridge is set to deliver world-leading standards in carbon and water reduction after independent planning inspectors ruled that the Area Action Plan prepared jointly by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council was 'sound' (subject to a number of changes being made).

The plan releases land from the Cambridge Green Belt between Huntingdon Road and Madingley Road in order to meet the long term development needs of Cambridge University and envisions a high quality development providing approximately 3,000 new homes, 50% of which will be for university key workers. Community facilities, accommodation for 2,000 students and employment and academic facilities have also been accepted.

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### Horizons celebrates 5th anniversary

Cambridgeshire Horizons, the not-for-profit organisation driving forward the delivery of sustainable new communities in the county, is five years old this month.

The team has grown from four to 19 people (13 full time equivalent roles) over the years, and, with our partners, have managed to bring in over £100 million worth of funding to the county to support growth related projects including the Addenbrooke's Access Road, improvements to the Great Fen, new cyclepaths, eco-homes in March, and most recently an innovative financing deal with Grosvenor and USS to deliver 1,200 new homes and associated community facilities at Trumpington Meadows (see below).

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### Trumpington Meadows moves ahead

A major development of 1,200 homes, community facilities, a primary school and a 60-hectare country park is a step closer after outline planning permission was granted by the Joint Development Control Committee.

The Trumpington Meadows site has been able to move forward, despite the economic downturn, thanks to a landmark deal struck between Cambridgeshire Horizons, the local authorities, Cambridgeshire Partnerships Ltd and the developers/ owners of the site, Grosvenor Developments and the Universities Superannuation Scheme.

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### CreativeXchange wins award

The CreativeXchange in St Neots has won a prestigious national award at the British Construction Industry gala at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London. The building was selected from 170 entrants of which only 17 were winning entries.

Huntingdonshire District Council commissioned the CreativeXchange building in 2006 to deliver new jobs, skills and business growth in St Neots.

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## Royal visit to Grafham Water Centre

The Princess Royal made a visit to Grafham Water Centre on 24th September to officially open the Centre's refurbished and extended buildings. The £2.5m refurbishment of the Centre, which was part funded by Housing Growth Fund money, includes new residential accommodation for children on short activity trips, extensive remodelling of the existing buildings to provide conference and seminar facilities, new dining room and new reception area.

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## Work completed on River Cam project

Both wildlife and residents of the planned Trumpington Meadows development will benefit from £100,000 of improvements to restore a 1.5km stretch of the River Cam running through the site. The Cambridge Fringes Joint Development Control Committee approved a planning application from South Cambridgeshire District Council to restore and improve the river, and the work has now been completed in advance of starting the new development.

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## Timetables launched for Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

Bus operators have now registered Guided Busway services ready for the route from St Ives to Cambridge to open by the end of November.

This means passengers will be able to travel between St Ives and the Science Park in Cambridge in just 20 minutes avoiding the frequent long queues on the congested A14.

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## Cambridge Biomedical Campus approved

Cambridge City Council has issued outline planning permission for the Cambridgeshire Biomedical Campus, located to the south of the city.

The new Campus will double the size of the Addenbrooke's Hospital site, making space for new clinical facilities and medical research and development.

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