

Welcome to the 16th edition of the Growth in Cambridgeshire e-newsletter

In this edition we will be updating you on a wide variety of projects that Cambridgeshire Horizons and our partners are currently working on across the County, including the launch of the eco-friendly homes in Huntingdon.

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.

Kind regards

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NIAB planning permission approved

On 14th July 2010 outline planning permission was granted for 1593 new homes on the NIAB development, located in north west Cambridge, by the Joint Development Control Committee (subject to finalising a legal agreement with the developers).

In addition to the new homes (40% of which will be affordable), a primary school and children's centre, and community facilities, such as a library and health centre, will be built.

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Eco-friendly homes launched in Huntingdon

The ground-breaking Greenhart Grove eco-homes development in Huntingdon was officially launched on 13th July 2010 by Councillor Ian Bates, Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council, in partnership with Circle Anglia Housing Group and Hill Partnerships.

Greenhart Grove consists of 29 high quality low carbon homes, incorporating some of the most environmentally advanced technologies available, and was funded by Cambridgeshire Horizons and the Homes & Communities Agency. The development has been constructed to the Code for Sustainable Homes Level 5 specification, an environmental impact rating system, which is step five of six on the road to zero carbon development.

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North west Cambridge Community Forum

A new community forum has been launched to cover the development of north west Cambridge, including the University, NIAB and Orchard Park development sites.

The Forum first met on 20th July, following an initial drop-in event on 19th June, to discuss transport related issues. The next drop in event will be held at Orchard Park Community Centre from 7pm until 9pm on 22nd September and will focus on retail provision consultation and the Orchard Park SPD. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Orchard Park Community Centre opens

On Saturday 31st July local residents joined together to attend the official opening of the Orchard Park Community Centre, which launched a weekend of fun celebrations in the new community.

The development of the Community Centre was funded by contributions from the developers of Orchard Park, with additional funding from Cambridgeshire Horizons to ensure the building could be opened to the community sooner rather than later.

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on growth

On 11th June 2010 over 250 delegates travelled to the Maltings in Ely to attend the Cambridgeshire Horizons Annual Conference. Delegates heard from a range of speakers, including Chairman of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) Robert Napier, and Chair of the Quality Panel and renowned architect, Robin Nicholson.

If you are interested in finding out more you can watch a video of the highlights of the conference and read the speeches by clicking on read more below.

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moves forward

Plans to build a new community fire station at Cambourne have been given the go-ahead. The station will be located on land to the south of Back Lane in Cambourne and is expected to be completed in June 2011.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service was allocated the land as part of a Section 106 agreement between Cambridgeshire County Council and MCA Developments in 1994. It was given the site free of charge and also received a total of £558,000 towards building the cost of a new fire station. The total cost of the build is envisaged to be £1.1 million.

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Spantastic Riverside Bridge in Cambridge

The landmark £3 million foot and cycle bridge at Riverside, Cambridge, has scooped two top awards this summer - the prestigious Arthur G Hayden Medal, from the International Bridge Conference (IBC) and highly commended for the Regional Planning Achievement Awards, East of England run by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

The Riverside Bridge was part funded by Housing Growth Funding.

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Local Enterprise Partnerships: Business views wanted

Local businesses are being asked to share their views about the future of economic development and growth as plans for new Local Enterprise Partnerships begin to take shape.

The review is being led by the Chief Executives of Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Council, and East Cambridgeshire District Council. It's important that businesses get their views in to help influence this important proposal. Find out more by clicking read more below. All feedback needs to be received by 13th August.

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