

## Welcome to the 17th 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 details of an innovative new equity deal with Countryside Properties that has allowed work to commence on a development site on the southern fringe of Cambridge.

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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### Innovative equity deal signed

A groundbreaking equity investment has been put in place by Cambridgeshire Horizons working with the local authorities, and Countryside Properties, to bring forward the development of 2,550 new homes, new secondary and primary schools, green spaces, and associated community facilities, to the south of the City.

Work on the Clay Farm development site, situated on the land between Long Road and Shelford Road, is now already underway thanks to a unique equity investment deal.

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### Local Enterprise Partnership proposal submitted

Following the recent submission of the Greater Cambridge-Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) proposal to Government, Alex Plant (Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Horizons) has been asked to coordinate the development of the outline proposal, working in partnership with a range of colleagues from across the LEP area, and from across the public, private, education and third sectors.

Local businesses are encouraged to give their views on developing the proposal further by emailing [info@yourlocalenterprisepartnership.co.uk](mailto:info@yourlocalenterprisepartnership.co.uk).

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### Northstowe energy saving scheme gets the go-ahead

Funding has been granted to improve the environmental standards of existing homes at Rampton Drift. The project will utilise £320,000 of funding to look at the impact that environmentally friendly technologies have on the performance of existing residential buildings, as well as the importance of insulation.

Existing residential homes in Rampton Drift, near Longstanton, will be fitted with energy-saving and energy-generating features, as well as water saving devices. Residents will then be able to try them out to discover how they can change everyday life for the better and the effectiveness of these measures in a real-life setting can be monitored.

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### Planning permission granted for the Hive

Planning permission has been granted for the first phase of a new multi-million pound education and enterprise park known as The Hive, which is being part-funded by EEDA, the Skills Funding Agency and Housing Growth Funding from Cambridgeshire Horizons.

The first building to be started on site will be the SmartLIFE Low Carbon Centre which is a joint venture between Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridge Regional College, designed to support businesses looking to adapt to a low carbon economy. Construction is expected to start in early December 2010.

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A new bridge over Reach Lode was officially opened on Sunday 12th September 2010 to form part of a nine mile virtually traffic-free public access, known as Lodes Way. The route has been created by the National Trust to link Wicken Fen to Anglesey Abbey and Bottisham.

The bridge and associated access routes have been funded by a combination of grants from Natural England, Sustrans and Communities and Local Government's Housing Growth Fund, administered by Cambridgeshire Horizons.

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## urban extension

A consultation has been launched by Huntingdonshire District Council on a draft document setting out guidelines of a proposed expansion to the east of St Neots.

The land opposite Love's Farm, has the capacity to provide up to 5000 new dwellings, 40 per cent of which will be affordable dwellings, plus associated community facilities and services such as schools, shops, recreation areas and open space. It will also provide up to 25 hectares of new employment land.

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## New homes for Cambourne

Revised plans have been submitted to build a further 950 homes at Cambourne that aim to complete the new village, on which work first started in 1998.

The proposals are important as they will help to meet the district's housing needs, and the population increase will help make Cambourne more sustainable as a community and, in particular, assist the completion of the High Street.

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## Green Apple award for environmental best practice

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) has won a major environment award for creating a wildlife habitat within the future Trumpington Country Park. It is now on track to represent the UK in the European Business Awards for the environment.

SCDC Ecology Officer Rob Mungovan has been notified that the council is among the major winners in the Green Apple Environment Awards - one of the few accredited feeder schemes into the international campaign.

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