

Welcome to the 18th edition of the Growth in Cambridgeshire e-newsletter

This is our last edition of 2010, and we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 the emerging Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership.

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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Local Enterprise Partnership gets green light

On 28th October 2010 the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership bid was given the green light to proceed by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), one of just a handful of bids approved in the first round.

Work is now progressing to recruit a Chair for the Shadow Board and to help define the potential priorities for the Enterprise Partnership. You can get involved by joining our LinkedIn Group "Your Local Enterprise Partnership" or by visiting our website.

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Green house project welcomes first visitors

Green houses in St Ives and St Neots are now officially open for visitors. Huntingdonshire District Council teamed up with the Building Research Establishment (BRE) as part of their 'Rethinking Refurbishment' campaign to demonstrate how typical family homes can be refurbished affordably while being kinder to the environment and reducing their energy bills.

The houses opened their doors to residents, home owners, businesses and traders from 6 November, and a series of open days have been planned where visitors will receive practical and inspiring ideas on how to make their own homes warmer, brighter and cheaper to run whilst reducing their impact on the environment.

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Addenbrooke's Access Road opens

A new £25 million road which will link major new developments and the internationally recognised Addenbrooke's Hospital directly to Trumpington / M11 opened on 27th October. The Addenbrooke's Access Road, which has been funded by Cambridgeshire Horizons' innovative Rolling Fund, supported through the Housing Growth Fund, and prudential borrowing from Cambridgeshire County Council, will provide a vital link to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) which is home to Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals, as well as research and teaching partners.

It will also help with the expansion of CBC into an international centre for patient care, biomedical research and healthcare education and will unlock land for major housing developments in the area around Clay Farm and Glebe Farm.

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Planning permission granted for new homes at Cambourne

On Monday 6th December, South Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Committee granted outline planning permission for an additional 950 homes at the village of Cambourne.

The scheme will create 285 affordable homes, a new primary school - with construction starting next year, plans to contribute towards a secondary school, a new astro-turf pitch and extensions to the health and community centres.

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Parkside Fire Station

Work to redevelop Parkside Fire Station will start next year after Cambridge City Council approved the planning application.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has teamed up with developers Grosvenor to fund the redevelopment of the station, which will have 99 apartments above – some with three bedrooms. A total of 39 of the apartments will be affordable homes.

While work is taking place, firefighters will move to their temporary base at Coldhams Lane – owned by the Territorial Army. This will take place in Spring next year.

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Council scoops Landscape Institute awards

Innovative schemes that encourage developers building new homes in Cambridge to recycle rainwater and create ponds and wetlands have won Cambridge City Council two prestigious awards.

The Landscape Institute competition judges said the cutting edge landscaping ideas set the standard and created a "model for others to follow".

The guide won top spot in the institute's landscape policy category and also won the president's award for best landscape architecture scheme of the year.

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Working together to manage growth

Cambridgeshire planners have agreed to continue to work together to manage much needed growth and protect communities from unplanned development.

The new agreement has been made in the light of the Government's decision to ditch regional housing plans (the Regional Spatial Strategy) and leave decisions in the hands of local councils.

It is the latest example of successful joint-working on planning issues between all the councils in Cambridgeshire - Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.

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New bus exchange given the green light

Plans for a new bus interchange at Cambridge Rail Station have been approved. The new, high quality interchange will provide a vital public transport hub for the city and surrounding villages.

The plans were approved by Cambridgeshire County Council's Planning Committee on 14th October and include nine new bus shelters, two of which will be for guided buses. The plans also include real time bus information and new innovative public information stands. Work will start on the ground by the end of the year, and expected to be finished in Spring 2011.

The project will cost £1.5 million, with funding received from Cambridgeshire Horizons.

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