

Welcome to the Cambridgeshire Growth e-newsletter

Welcome to the 14th 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.

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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Growth sites planning appeal dismissed by Secretary of State

On 26th February 2010, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government dismissed the appeals relating to the planning applications for Clay Farm and Glebe Farm on Cambridge's Southern Fringe.

The landmark decision not only upholds Cambridge City Council's planning policy requiring 40% affordable housing, but also means that the developer will need to contribute towards the capital costs of a library. This decision sets an important precedent not just for the growth of Cambridge, but across the country.

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New town gets £1.5m jump start

The planned new town of Northstowe is to be a flagship eco-town backed by £1.5million of government funding.

Northstowe tops the bill in a national list of exemplar projects announced on 9th March 2010, by Housing and Planning Minister John Healey. The formal eco-town designation and extra funding rewards many years' hard work and provides the platform for taking Northstowe to the next level.

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Cambridgeshire housing needs helped by grant funding

Work could start at the landmark Trumpington Meadows development in Cambridge, due to an innovative agreement between the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and delivery partner Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association (bpha). The agreement will deliver 40 percent of the total homes for the site as affordable housing, funded by a grant of £9,898,640 from the HCA.

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New environmental education centre arrives at Paxton Pits

A new environmental education centre for Paxton Pits Nature Reserve is now in place thanks to funding from Natural England through Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund and HCA's Housing Growth Fund (delivered via Cambridgeshire Horizons), and is a project between Huntingdonshire District Council, the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough, the Friends of Paxton Pits and Cambridgeshire Horizons.

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Over the past five years, around 65% of the Cambridge sub-region's exception site housing has been provided in South Cambridgeshire, highlighting the vital role the district council (SCDC) plays in providing homes for people with a local connection.

Some 272 homes have been built on exception sites in South Cambridgeshire since 2005, out of a total of 421 in the Cambridge sub-region and 1,027 in the region.

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Trumpington Meadows Land Company Limited, a joint venture between Grosvenor and USS, has contracted with leading house builder Barratt to build the first phase of the 1,200 homes planned at Trumpington Meadows, adjacent to Trumpington Village.

Work on the infrastructure for the site, including road access and the country park, is due to start in the autumn with construction on the houses commencing in early 2011.

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Wicken Fen highly commended in Accessible Britain Awards

The team at the National Trust's Wicken Fen Nature Reserve, near Ely, are celebrating after being highly commended in the first ever Rough Guides Accessible Britain Awards. The Wicken Fen Vision is supported by Housing Growth Funding.

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Talk to the Hive

Local residents and businesses are being encouraged to make a bee-line to go online to see plans for a new multi-million pound education and enterprise park called The Hive. The Hive will be home to three projects: SmartLIFE Low Carbon, SmartLIFE Eco homes Innovation Park and Citylife's Good Business Centre.

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