

## **Report for Parish Councils – April 2019**

### **CAM Metro**

The high-profile CAM Metro project which aims to run largely off road using wheeled, tram style vehicles out to the furthest reaches of South Cambridgeshire and beyond (St Neots, Haverhill) has been costed at a staggering £4 billion. The really expensive part is the tunnelling under Cambridge City and the creation of an underground station somewhere under the historic city centre. Critical to this is a new Cambridge South Station to serve Addenbrookes and the Bio Medical campus both of which are growing at significant rates and which will have tens of thousands of new employees before too long. The CA agreed to spend up to £100,000 to do a feasibility study into whether there is currently capacity in the timetable to create an extra stop at Cambridge South with a view to putting a temporary station there while to finds the money - along with Government- to build a permanent station. This money is in addition to £5 million already spent on the Cambridge South Station project some of which came from businesses in that area.

### **Brexit - Settled Status**

A reminder to EU citizens that – thanks to Brexit – you need to apply for Settled Status. This has to be done online: this can be done via computer rather than smartphone, however required documentation must first be scanned via a Home Office app downloaded onto an Android device with specified features.

### **Mobile Phone Coverage Survey Work**

Cambridgeshire County Council commissioned Advanced Wireless Technologies Group Limited (AWTG) to carry out a survey of Mobile Phone Coverage Survey in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area. This work took place from 11 February 2019 to end March 2019 and has confirmed what we all suspected which is that coverage is much worse and much more patchy than all the official data has suggested. We are now being told that a plan is being put together to sort this out.

### **Syrian Refugees & South Cambs Homelessness**

SCDC has agreed to support the work of homing 3-5 Syrian families in the next 12 months This is controversial but we feel it is a small contribution which will not impact the very large work being done on homelessness. Please refer to the homelessness strategy we reviewed at the Scrutiny Committee.

<http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s110517/HOMELESSNESS%20STRATEGY%202018.pdf>

### **Huawei Planned Development**

The Chinese multi national Huawei has acquired the Spicers Site for c.£37m and intends to build a new R & D Centre there. Obvious upsides in terms of employment. Potential downsides in terms of traffic/infrastructure. We didn't yet have a discussion with them and I will keep you updated.

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## **Local Developments - Latest Status:**

### **Agri Tech**

On-going work with Planning to strengthen the appeal case against Agri Tech. I have also launched an on line petition ref the AgriTech appeal to go to the Secretary of State to support the Parish activities. SCDC has asked the Planning Committee on April 10<sup>th</sup> to endorse the continued refusal of AgriTech.

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s110909/Update%20Report%20AgriTech%20April%202019%20Final%20Left%20align.pdf>

### **Wellcome Genome Campus:**

WGC will make a presentation to Planning Committee Members on April 17<sup>th</sup> which Ive been invited to attend and outline objection from the Parishes. Then the WGC application will come to Planning in May to which parishes will be invited.

## **Local Planning Hearing Dates**

These are in the Attached Link:

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s110884/Appendix%203%20-%20Local%20Inquiry%20and%20Informal%20Hearing%20dates%20scheduled%202.pdf>

- **Local Inquiries**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Planning decision or Enforcement?</b>	<b>Date confirmed/ proposed</b>
<b>S/4099/17/OL</b>	<b>Mrs Emma Fletcher</b>	<b>Land to the east of the A1301, south of the A505 near Hinxton and west of the A1301, north of the A505 near Whittlesford (Agri-Tech)</b>	<b>Planning Decision</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> June, 18-21<sup>st</sup> June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (Total 12 days)</b>

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### **Local Headline Issues**

**Babraham: H1b** Site visit will take place April 9<sup>th</sup> followed by Planning Consideration April 10<sup>th</sup>. The link to the documentation is here:

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s110902/Committee%20report%20-%20H1b.pdf>

**Duxford:** Community Centre S106 Deed of Variation passed the Parish Council. Work to start in May 2019.

**Hinxton:** See above on Agri Tech/Genome Campus.

**Ickleton:** Im following up on Ickleton Lion and Brookhampton

**Pampisford:** mobile warden scheme to be discussed

Peter McDonald

April 5th 2019