



St Neots “Masterplan” Could See Major Local Changes

Recent announcements mean that there may be a lot of changes around St Neots in the next few years. Building work at the Love’s Farm Eastern Expansion and Wintringham Park will soon start as outline planning applications have been submitted for both.

St Neots has also been offered the opportunity to develop a Masterplan that, if it goes ahead, will aim to unlock growth, regenerate the town centre, improve transport links and provide local jobs.



Up to £5.8 million would be available to help St Neots renew and become an economic centre in its own right, and not just a dormitory town. Ideas include a rapid mass transit system linking St Neots to Cambridge and encouraging more businesses to locate to or grow in St Neots.

What do you think ? Let us know at : stneotslibdems@btinternet.com

Little Paxton Riversfield Development

Last month the St Neots Independent Group, issued a leaflet criticising the role of Carol McMahon and the Liberal Democrats in opposing the Riversfield development.



To clarify the situation. While the campaign to oppose this development was superbly led by Little Paxton Parish Council, Carol and the Lib Dems did the following:

- Carol collected signatures against the development
- Carol spoke at length at the planning meeting on behalf of local residents
- The Lib Dems put out regular leaflets to every home about the development progress
- Carol presented the petitions to the Council

Mrs C McMahon 2 Petitions 19 Hawkesford Way

Comment submitted date: Fri 13 Oct 2017

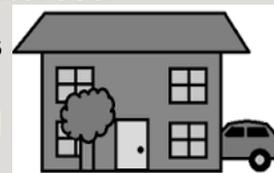
For Carol’s role in this effort to be trivialised is disappointing.



CAMBRIDGE / OXFORD ARC

The “Cambridge/Oxford Arc” continues to attract significant interest.

There is a major focus on the planned East-West railway and the Expressway.



Both of which are needed to link all the housing & businesses on the arc.

A recent report from the **National Infrastructure Commission** highlights the need to take **swift and determined action** to accelerate both projects and help overcome the local housing shortage.

The report goes on to suggest that expansion may be needed near Sandy with a new garden town/city west of Cambridge. In total there is talk of an additional 150,000 homes being built between Bedford and Cambridge.



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CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL PLAN FUNDING RAID ON SICK AND DISABLED

Cambridgeshire County Council is so short of funds (could they follow Carillion?) that they are now searching for new ways to raise money from the sick and disabled, by taking more of their benefits from them.



The Council recently ran a consultation on this idea, which will mean that most income and benefits will be taken into account when deciding how much people have to contribute towards care and support services.

So, for example, people who receive extra help because they are disabled will have to give most of the money to the council and not use it to pay for their own needs.

The Liberal Democrats do not believe that this is fair or reasonable way to try to balance the books

Merger Of St Neots & Eaton Socon GP Practices With Lakeside Healthcare

Cedar House Surgery and Eaton Socon Health Centre have merged with the Lakeside Healthcare super practice. **The single largest GP partnership in the NHS, Lakeside Healthcare runs GP surgeries mainly in Kettering, Corby and the surrounding area.**

Although this will save money and cut costs, **will it benefit patients? Will there be more doctors to meet the needs of the growing population in St Neots?** Or will it lead to the privatisation of the NHS with large corporations **taking over the running of NHS services as a solution to chronic underfunding?**

Let us know your view - stneotslibdems@btinternet.com

Location of a new St Neots foot and cycle bridge is agreed

Following a residents' consultation, the recommendation of Option 2 has now



been agreed. This option links Regatta Meadow to Priory Lane and **will be located to the north of the Town Bridge.** It will create a direct link from Crosshall Road to the Priory Centre and main shopping area.

While your Lib Dem team would have preferred option 1 (which is closer to Little Paxton), we are pleased this has been agreed and look forward to it opening in 2021.

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ROUNDHOUSE SCHOOL CAPACITY CAMPAIGN

The school capacity campaign has succeeded and will result in more places in temporally buildings being provided.

However the school application process has not been clear. If your children start school this year make sure you keep up with the latest news.

We believe that the application process has been badly managed by the Council and needs to be improved. If you would like assistance with the application the please email James Catmur at jrcatmur@gmail.com



SUCCESS

ACCESS TO RAILWAY LINE HAS BEEN CLOSED!

GOOD
NEWS



Following complaints from James Catmur and the Love's Farm Community Association, the access to the railway line at the northern end of Hogsden Leys, has now been closed by Network Rail.

Hopefully we will no longer see trespassers near the railway line. We have also requested that rubbish which is dumped near the railway line, gets removed.

If you see any more trespassers then please email James Catmur at jrcatmur@gmail.com and we will let the British Transport Police and Network Rail know.

LOVE'S FARM PARKING SCHEME UPDATE

The decision about a parking scheme on Love's Farm is progressing.

Initial feedback is that there are mixed views about the options available and it is likely that the final solution will not suit everyone.

A formal consultation will start soon with the aim of implementing the scheme during the spring or early summer.

Based on the results from Priory Park we expect it will achieve a reduction in the amount of commuter parking.



ELECTIONS IN MAY 2018

In May, Love's Farm will elect two district and also four town councillors.

Would you be willing to stand in the election and get Love's Farm Liberal Democrats on the district and town councils?

If you are interested please email James Catmur at jrcatmur@gmail.com and we can talk to you about how you can help.

