



# ELY • LITTLEPORT • SOHAM

## *Growth Delivery in East Cambridgeshire*

*These are exciting times for East Cambridgeshire. Two major pieces of community infrastructure, which have been in the pipeline for a while, the Ely Southern Bypass and the new District Leisure Centre, are now starting on site.*

*This newsletter also provides an update on the Local Plan, North Ely, Community Land Trusts (CLTs) and other projects in the district. If you would like to be included on the growth delivery contact database, please see the back page for details.*

### **Ely Cinema**

Cineworld is set to open its doors in May. Located at Ely Leisure Village by the A10 at Downham Road, the six-screen cinema will be situated alongside a McDonalds, Costa Coffee, Frankie & Benny's, Hungry Horse, Chosen Bun, Arbuckles and KFC.

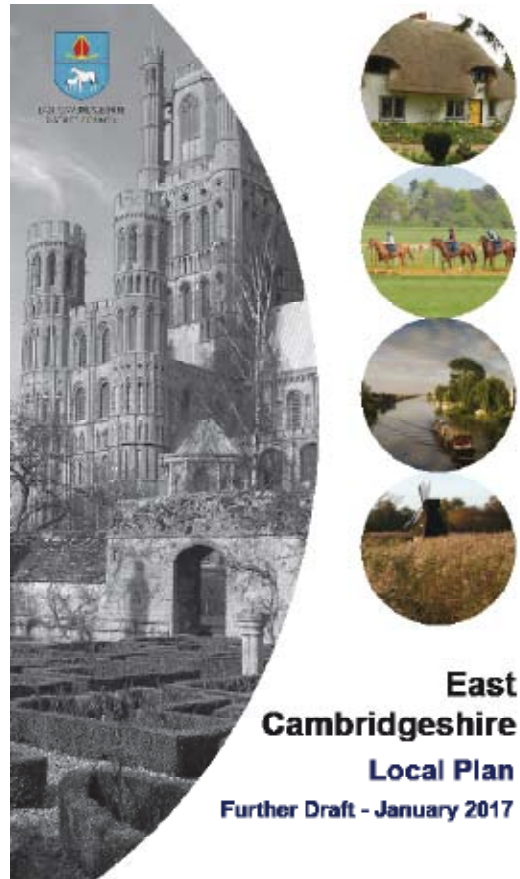


Artist's impression

## East Cambridgeshire Local Plan Public Consultation

Consultation has now ended on the Further Draft Local Plan, the second stage in the preparation of a new Local Plan for East Cambridgeshire. This is an important document as it will determine what East Cambridgeshire will look like in the future and how it will become an even better place to live, work and visit. The Further Draft Local Plan sets out the key issues facing East Cambridgeshire. It also includes specific allocations for new development.

Full details are available on our website at: <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/local-plan-review> where you can read the Further Draft Local Plan and view all supporting documents, including a sustainability appraisal document.



## District Leisure Centre

Work has begun on the new leisure centre for East Cambridgeshire, which is set to open to the public next year. The leisure centre, which is being built by contractor Pellikaan, will include an eight-lane 25m swimming pool, a learner pool with moveable floor, a 120-station gym floor, two activity studios and a four-court sports hall. Outside there will be a 3G artificial grass pitch.

The project has been funded by East Cambridgeshire District Council with the help of a £1.5m Lottery grant from Sport England. When the centre opens in 2018, it will be managed by GLL on behalf of East Cambridgeshire District Council.



## East Cambs at the forefront of CLT development

The Community Land Trust movement is continuing to gain traction nationwide; there are now over 225 CLTs in England and Wales. East Cambs remains a key driver in this growth and is developing a successful model which allows local people to take back control over their neighbourhoods and tackle the housing crisis head-on.



*CLT homes during the build phase at Manor Farm, Stretham*

### Key Achievements

- First CLT tenants move in at Manor Farm, Stretham
- Thrift CLT for Soham secures planning permission for 13 homes
- Haddenham, Fordham and Swaffham Bulbeck CLTs hold highly successful community engagement events
- Swaffham Prior continues to rent out CLT homes to local people on local wages

### How can I get involved?

If there is already a Community Land Trust in your area – join as a member for just £1! The CLT will keep you up-to-date with their activity and you will have the chance to get your voice heard. If there isn't a CLT in your area yet and you are keen to help set one up – get in touch with us! Contact Debbie Wildridge at [debbie@clteast.org](mailto:debbie@clteast.org) or Emily Mulvaney at [emily@clteast.org](mailto:emily@clteast.org) for all the advice you need.

[www.eastcambs.gov.uk/housing/community-land-trusts](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/housing/community-land-trusts)

## Japanese Sake Brewery and Visitor Centre at Fordham Abbey



In March 2015 a Japanese Dojima Sake Brewery bought approx. 75 acres at the Fordham Abbey Estate, including the House, Dovecote, and parkland, with a view to setting up the first Sake Brewery in the UK.

Planning permission to build the Sake brewery and visitor centre on the Fordham Abbey Estate was granted by East Cambridgeshire District Council on 3 August 2016. The work to build the brewery began in October 2016 and is expected to take 9 months to complete.

### What is Sake?

Sake is a Japanese rice wine made by fermenting rice that has been polished to remove the bran. Unlike wine, in which alcohol (ethanol) is produced by fermenting sugar that is naturally present in grapes, sake is produced by a brewing process more like that of beer, where the starch is converted into sugars before being converted to alcohol.

## Littleport Schools

Work is ongoing on the construction of the new education campus comprising secondary, primary (including a pre-school) and special educational needs (SEN) schools, sports facilities including playing fields and the erection of a new leisure centre that will be shared between the school and community. The schools and new leisure centre are due to open September 2017.

## Soham Railway Station

Network Rail has completed the report evaluating the different options for delivering a station at Soham. The conclusion of this is the recommendation that they design a 2 platform station, but do so in a way that allows for phased delivery, so if the required track doubling work is delayed a 1 platform station could still be delivered.

Network Rail is looking at the costs and procurement route of this work and will present this along with a timetable from the next GRIP stage by April 2017.

## New car parks for railway commuters

East Cambridgeshire District Council is to deliver 2 new car parks providing much needed additional parking spaces for commuters using Littleport and Ely railway stations.

The new car park in Ely will be located on waste ground near the old bowling alley on The Dock, Ely and will comprise 128 car parking spaces, including 8 disabled parking spaces and 2 parking spaces with electrical charging points. The proposal also includes a new 1.8m wide pedestrian footpath link between the existing Angel Drove public car park and the proposed new public car park.

The existing car park at Littleport station will be extended by removing two parking spaces to allow access to an additional 80 parking spaces. 16 additional cycle parking spaces will also be provided.

If you would like to keep in touch with future growth delivery work in both Ely and the surrounding district:

- Ask to be included on the Growth Delivery contact database to receive the newsletter updates.
- Look out for updates on the District Council's website under the Growth Delivery/Masterplan and Local Development Framework sections  
[www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)
- Send in your thoughts and ideas

Email – [customerservices@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@eastcambs.gov.uk)  
Write to East Cambridgeshire District Council,  
The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs CB7 4EE  
Telephone – 01353 665555

## Ely Southern Bypass

Work has started on the Ely Southern Bypass. The 1.7km road will include two new bridges over the river and railway lines. The new route will bypass the railway crossing and the accident prone low bridge underpass by providing a new link between Stuntney Causeway and Angel Drove to the south of the city.

The new £36 million road is expected to be completed by Spring 2018.



## North Ely

Hopkins Homes have submitted a Reserved Matters application for Phase 1 of the Endurance Estates site. This will deliver 199 homes plus garages, roads, footpaths/cycleways and open spaces. For more details please see the application on Public Access. The planning reference is 16/01794/RMM

