



Letter from the Committee

Dear Neighbours,

Time has flown by since our inaugural meeting on 6th January at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Your response and the support given to the interim committee has been nothing short of amazing. Just five weeks later we were able to deliver our collective response on the Milton Road proposals to the City Deal officers and the decision-makers on the Executive Board.

Special thanks must go to John Beasley who created the first drafts of this 43-page epic and carried out the calculations of excess vehicle emissions expected from the creation of rat-runs. Thanks are also due to many others who contributed by carrying out research, standing out in the cold doing traffic surveys, poring over documents on the internet, attending numerous meetings with councillors and officials, assisting with editing and polishing the final document and delivering the Newsletters. Not least we are grateful for the many letters and ideas we received from residents which helped us to shape the report.

We now have to wait until the first week of June for the City Deal officers to analyse the feedback and give their recommendations following the Milton Road consultations – so watch this space.

In the meantime we can use the opportunity to establish a formal constitution for the Residents' Association and hold an election for committee members and officers. Accordingly we are planning to hold an AGM in April when we will be asking for your approval to

adopt the constitution, and then your interim committee will be standing down. However I'm pleased to report that they have all agreed to offer themselves for re-election. I think they have done a terrific job and it has been a pleasure for me to work with them. There will be opportunities for others to join the committee and we ask anyone who is interested to tick the box in the tear-off slip below.

The constitution can be viewed and downloaded at www.hpera.co.uk and paper copies are available at 26 Highfield Ave, 65 Hurst Park Ave, 32 Orchard Ave, 44 Leys Ave, 13 Leys Rd, 14 Highworth Ave and 22 Mulberry Close.

I look forward to seeing you on Sun 24th April. With best wishes,

Michael Page, Acting-Chair

AGM followed by a Pudding & Wine evening

**7.00pm at Good Shepherd Church Hall,
Mansel Way on Sunday 24th April**

Please complete the tear-off strip below

- *Relax and enjoy a (really short) AGM*
- *Bring along a pudding to share and meet your neighbours*
- *Bring along ideas for community events, clubs or activities that we could start or help to promote through the Residents' Association*
- *Wine and soft drinks will be available*

Yes, I/we would like to attend the AGM and Social Evening

Name(s)/address/tel nos

Email addresses (to join our mailing list)

I would be interested in standing for election to the committee

Please return this slip to one of the addresses shown overleaf or email your reply to secretary@hpera.co.uk or telephone Mary Pountain on 01223-311055 or Michael Page on 01223-365985.

So, What's Next?

Well, we can't relax too much.

There are more City Deal consultations coming out for other parts of Cambridge and, although they are not directly connected with our locality they could impact on the way we travel in the future.

The latest one is the **Western Orbital link** to enable buses to have priority lanes between junctions 11, 12 and 13 on the M11, or a new busway corridor to the east or west of the M11. This would be combined with new Park and Ride sites at one or more of those junctions.

As this is outside our area and remit for HPERA we do not plan to make a collective submission to the consultation, but those who are interested can find details at www.gccitydeal.co.uk/western-orbital and anyone can make an individual response. A number of drop-in exhibitions will be available but they are mostly centred around the villages to the south and west of the city. The nearest one for us will be at Lucy Cavendish College, Lady Margaret Road on Tuesday 8th March at 5.00-8.00pm.

Tuesday 8th March is also the deadline for consultation on the **Milton Road Library Development**. If you wish to view the plans and complete the survey form for the development of the library and the 10 1-bedroom flats, you can see them at Milton Road Library or online at http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory_record/37669/milton_road_library_cambridge

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The Future of HPERA

Here are some thoughts about how the Association and its website might serve the community in the future.

Organising various activities such as:

- bring and share evenings
- get-togethers at local venues
- volunteering opportunities
- reading groups
- yoga sessions
- tool sharing
- street parties

Providing newsfeeds on the website if you are running school fetes/ gigs/ coffee mornings, etc

Advertising jobs (for a small fee) on the website

Please let us know your own ideas, and also how we might raise funds in future for the costs of website hosting and printing etc. We have received some generous donations so far and we would prefer to continue along the voluntary route rather than having to collect subscriptions as a condition of membership.

Key Public Meetings

- **Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly**

Thurs 2nd June at 2pm, S.Cambs Hall, Cambourne
This meeting will receive the analysis and recommendations of Officers for the **Milton Road** proposal. The Joint Assembly will then in turn decide their recommendations to put before the next Executive Board meeting.

- **Cambridge City Deal Executive Board**

Thurs 16th June at 2pm, S.Cambs Hall, Cambourne
This meeting will receive the recommendations of the Joint Assembly and **will decide what option is to be taken forward for the Milton Road proposals(!)**

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