District Councillor report to Parish Council July 2023

Homes for Ukraine guest welcome payment temporary suspension of payment cards

Councillors have been notified of the following issue regarding payments to Ukrainian refugees. If you know of anyone that is affected by this, please do get them to contact the District Council and it will aim to put in alternate measures:

Under the Homes for Ukraine scheme guests receive a welcome payment on arrival in the UK. This is to provide financial support until the guest either starts work or starts to receive benefits. Since the start of the scheme the Council have used pre-paid cards provided by Their Perfect Gift to make payment to guests.

The Council has been informed by Their Perfect Gift that the bank that supports their Mastercard's has had their licence taken away and they have had to change their Mastercard

issuer. This means that cards cannot currently be used or activated. We have been told that this may be for a period of around 3 weeks. Once Their Perfect Gift have had been approved by their new issuer, we have been assured that guests will be able to access any balance on cards.

Until the situation has been resolved we will be working with hosts and guests to make alternative arrangements for payment. If you have any queries from hosts or guest, please direct them to Ukrainepayments@scambs.gov.uk so we can help them as quickly as possible.

GCP form Fulbourn Greenway consultation

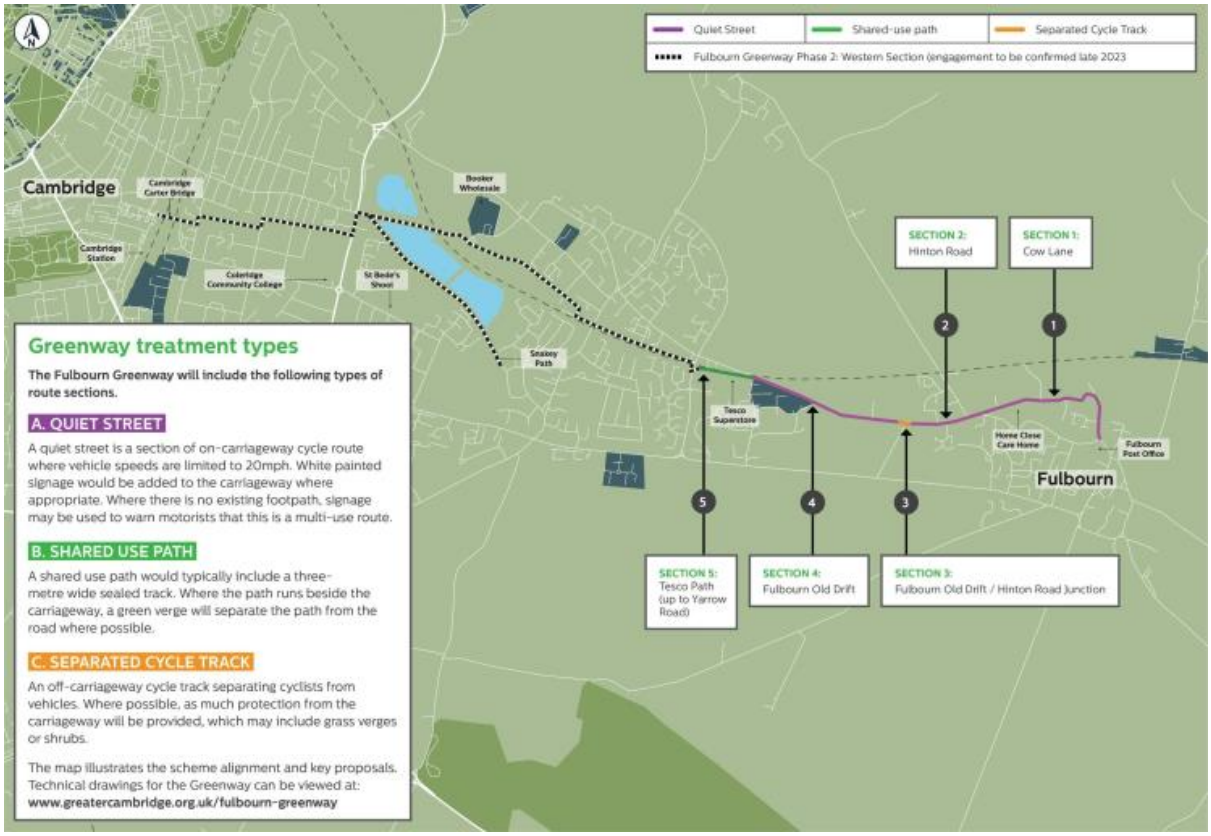
Finally, after years of delay, the Greater Cambridge Partnership has come forward with a consultation on what they are calling, phase one of the project to link Fulbourn to Cambridge city via a cycle greenway:

The Greater Cambridge Partnership would like to hear your views on Fulbourn Greenway Phase 1: Eastern Section, which links Fulbourn Village to the Yarrow Road.

The proposals include traffic calming, 20mph speed limits and junction improvements. We would also widen the multi-user path behind the hospital cemetery and superstore, where possible.

We continue to work with Network Rail on proposals for Phase 2: Western Section, which would link the route from Yarrow Road through to Cambridge Railway Station via the Carter Bridge.

The Fulbourn Greenway is one of 12 Greater Cambridge Greenways, which will improve existing paths and streets for people walking, cycling and, where appropriate, horse-riding.



https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/gcp-fulbourn-greenway-phase-1

4-day working week

South Cambridgeshire District Council has extended the 3-month trial of the 4-day working week to a year. I have been over the pros and cons of this in previous reports. I personally remain against the 4-day working week proposals. These proposals have also led to the Local Government Minister Lee Rowley expressing his concerns and formally requesting for the experiment to be ended.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report; if you have any questions or want to discuss
any of the issues raised email me on graham.cone@councillor.online or ring 07595 361 285 (please leave a voicemail if I am unavailable) *Councillor Graham Cone*