



NEWNHAM UPDATE

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BIRD SANCTUARY AT RISK

Adam's Road Bird Sanctuary is now also under threat from plans to develop on its boundary. The proximity of the building to the sanctuary is likely to have a harmful impact on its wildlife and biodiversity and is strongly opposed. Newnham's Green candidate, Hugh Clough, said, "The City Council has published policies to protect green spaces and nature reserves. It must ensure these are enforced."

THE CHOICE IS QUEENS'

Local residents have shared their dismay that a High Court judge has refused an application to challenge the Inspector's decision on Owlstone Croft. The decision means that Queens' College can go ahead with their plans despite strong local opposition.

Councillor Jean Glasberg, an organiser of the local campaign, said of the decision, "It is very disappointing that environmental issues and the views of the community have so little weight in the planning and legal process.

We know that these proposals are wrong, and have made every reasonable effort to challenge them to prevent the harm that will be caused to the nature reserve, our school and neighbourhood. Queens' College has a choice - we hope that they will now work with the community and reconsider their plans."

PLANNING SYSTEM IS FAILING RESIDENTS

In public questions to the Council and Planning Scrutiny Committees, Hugh Clough, Newnham's Green Party councillor candidate, highlighted how this case demonstrates the glaring inadequacies of the planning system, saying, "This represents a **complete and catastrophic** failure of the planning system at all stages, a system that is intended to protect our communities, schools and environmentally unique Nature Reserves." He asked that there will now be an open and independent review carried out by the council so lessons can be learnt and other green spaces protected in future.



Councillor Jean Glasberg and City Council candidate, Hugh Clough, are concerned about the lack of priority given to the environment and local views in the planning process.

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YOUNG GREENS CALL FOR GAZA CEASEFIRE

On February 15th, Cambridge Young Greens called for an immediate ceasefire and requested a clear statement from the Cambridge City Council on the on-going violence in the Gaza Strip where tens of thousands of children have been killed, displaced or orphaned by the actions of the Israeli military in response to the October 7th Hamas attack.

Chair of the Cambridge Young Greens, Joshua Morris-Blake also asked that the Council should let people know how they can give support, noting that, "When Russia began its invasion of Ukraine, the local authority created multiple web pages to let people know what they could do to help the people affected. Why aren't the people currently suffering in the Middle East being given the same treatment?"



Cambridge Young Greens, pictured here with Deputy Leader of the Green Party, Zack Polanski, asked the City Council to support an immediate ceasefire

SIGN PETITION ON THE CE BILL



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mgEPetitionListDisplay.aspx](https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/mgEPetitionListDisplay.aspx)

We are calling on the Cambridge City Council to join over 360 councils across the UK, including Cambridgeshire County Council, to support the Climate and Ecological bill.

Scan the QR code for more details and to sign the petition.

FIXING NEWNHAM STREETS

Following concerns raised by residents about blocked drains and gullies Councillor Jean Glasberg has worked with Council officers to organise a 'deep clean' of streets in Newnham.

Potholes have also been a major concern for residents and Cambridge Greens have called on the County Council to act. It's good news that they have now voted to give priority to pothole repairs that impact pedestrians and cyclists.

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Jean Glasberg
City Councillor



Hugh Clough
City Council candidate



Kevin Varty
Co-ordinator



Sarah Nicmanis
MP Candidate

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