



NEWNHAM UPDATE

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RESIDENTS URGE CAUTION ON CAM

Residents have raised serious concerns about a proposed designated bathing area at Sheep's Green. The requirements for an area to be designated include evidence that over 100 people a day use it during the summer which is currently not the case.

Such an increased usage is likely to have a harmful impact on habitats and biodiversity in this area next to Paradise Nature Reserve. However, Labour and Lib Dem councillors voted down a Green Party amendment to assess the environmental impact of the proposal.

Terry Macalister of Friends of the River Cam says, "Our local water ecosystem is suffering from over abstraction, sewage discharge and the impact of ever-increasing global temperatures. Turning one sensitive area of the river into a visitor centre is not the right solution."



What impact would many more swimmers here have on the local ecosystem?

NEAR MISS WITH 5G

Residents were shocked to discover that a planning slip almost led to several very tall 5G masts being installed in Newnham. The applications had been refused but the applicants had not been informed, which resulted in the applicant, 'Three' going ahead with the project. Fortunately, residents responded quickly and Three agreed not to install the masts.

UNDERPASS RE-OPENED

The Fen Causeway underpass was closed for weeks due to a new cattle grid that allowed cows to escape at Mill Lane. Councillor Jean Glasberg raised the issue with council officers and the local press and succeeded in prompting the County Council to address the problem and reopen the underpass.

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GREENWAYS UNDER LOCAL SCRUTINY



The recent County Council roadworks at the Grantchester Street and Barton Road junction have left many residents worried about the detail in the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Greenway proposals. These changes to the junction have not made it safer for people walking and cycling, or given priority to the needs of pedestrians when crossing.

Residents are now coming together to properly scrutinise the Haslingfield and Barton Greenways proposals. Both converge in Newnham on Barton Road. Councillor Jean Glasberg organised a meeting for residents in June about the roadworks and has now organised another between Greater Cambridge Partnership officers and residents in August.

Works expected at Grantchester Road / Barton Road junction (pictured). Visit www.greens4newnham.org.uk for updates.

PARADISE NEWS - QUEENS' TO APPEAL

Queens' College have announced they will appeal after plans to build three-storey high student accommodation on the border with Paradise Nature Reserve were refused. The Council turned down the plans on the grounds of excessive height, scale and massing, and potential harm to the environment.

Pam Gatrell of Friends of Paradise said, "It is very disappointing but we are fundraising and will continue to campaign to ensure the council's decision is upheld."

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City Councillor



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