



# NEWNHAM UPDATE

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The cost of the City Council's proposals for a 'civic quarter' involving a revamp of the Guildhall, the Corn Exchange and the market square has increased from 20 million to around 87 million. It is not supported by the Green Party and Green city councillor Naomi Bennett warned that the projected cost is far too high at a time when the council is attempting to close an £11m budget gap.

Market traders are concerned about the removal of permanent stalls and the impact that the disruption will have on the viability of the market and have started a petition.



## CITY CENTRE PLANS

## SOUTH NEWNHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following two rounds of local consultation the Neighbourhood Plan for South Newnham will finally go to the vote in a referendum on Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>.

This is the first Neighbourhood Plan to be created in Cambridge and it will cover Newnham Croft, Barton Road and surrounds, Grantchester Road and surrounds and Gough Way.

The aim is to protect and enhance the local environment and community assets including green spaces, housing, and shops and it is a great achievement for the Forum, a group of local residents who have worked on it for over six years now with help from planners.

If it is supported by local people in the referendum the Neighbourhood Plan will be used by Cambridge City Council when determining planning applications in this area. Please vote on the 16<sup>th</sup>:

<https://www.newnhamforum.co.uk>

## SOLAR LIGHTS REPLACED

Councillor Jean Glasberg is delighted to report that after a two-year campaign the solar lights across Lammas Land, the Driftway, Sheeps Green and Coe Fen have finally been replaced.



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# NEXT STEP FOR THE CAMBOURNE BUSWAY



Trees at Coton Orchard have been refused protection orders (TPOs) as the busway means it is 'not expedient'.

The GCP has now submitted a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) to the Secretary of State for Transport for authorisation to construct the Cambourne busway (C2C).

The Green Party is in favour of improved public transport but we have consistently opposed this particular scheme because the proposed route cuts through Green Belt land, including the West Fields and the ancient orchard at Coton. It will cost a minimum of £220 million, cuts just 3 minutes off a 30-minute journey, and the route ends on Grange Road which does not connect with workplace destinations. Run-off could cause harm to Bin Brook.

In addition, East West Rail now has the go-ahead and provides an alternative.

Cambridge Past present and Future (CPPF) proposed a cheaper alternative that is not environmentally damaging, but Labour and Lib Dem councillors refused to consider it at the County Council meeting in March 2023 when they gave the go-ahead to C2C. Please give your views on the TWAo to [transportinfrastructure@dft.gov.uk](mailto:transportinfrastructure@dft.gov.uk). See QR code for details.

The deadline for comments is 8 January 2025 and a Public Inquiry will be held next year.



## OWLSTONE CROFT UPDATE

When Queens' College won its Appeal to develop at Owlstone Croft the Inspector set 35 conditions that must be met to mitigate the impact.

These cover key areas of concern to residents, including traffic, ecology,

drainage and pollution and it is important that they are given full scrutiny.

Newnham Cllrs Jean and Hugh have objected to the College application to discharge Condition 3 as it gives only one phase for the stages of the

construction instead of details of all the sub-phases as required.

They have also written in support of the points made by Newnham Croft School on Condition 8 which relates to dust and air pollution and is intended to protect the children, neighbours and ecology in Paradise Nature Reserve from harm during construction.

## JOIN OUR GROWING GREEN TEAM IN NEWNHAM



Jean Glasberg  
City Councillor



Hugh Clough  
City Councillor



Kevin Varty  
Local Co-ordinator



Peter Rees  
County Candidate nominee

### IF NOT YOU, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

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