

## **NEWS FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS CLARE DELDERFIELD AND BRIAN MILNES**

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### **Greater Cambridge Local Plan**

On September 1st South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council published the First Proposals/Preferred Options for the new *Greater Cambridge Local Plan*. This is the policy that defines how many new homes (and commercial premises) will be built in the area, between now and 2040.

In Sawston there are no additional sites being proposed. The remaining site from the previous Plan on the south of Babraham Road, currently under consultation, was allocated in 2018 after a long delay.

Between Cambridge City, where there is provision for 14,000 homes to be built between 2011 and 2031 and for South Cambs where there are 19,500 allocations for the same period, that means there are 33,500 dwellings already in the pipeline. Because there wasn't enough supply under the previous administration, nearly additional 4,000 homes were allowed, meaning the current local plans for both councils is already for 37,198 homes.

The number of additional new houses being proposed for the new local plan period 2020-2041 using the "Objectively Assessed Need" and allowing a small 10% buffer is 11,596. Only 384 homes are allocated in rural sites. The rest are around Cambridge City and in the new town developments such as Cambourne, Northstowe and Waterbeach.

There will be a further public consultation starting in November

### **Afghan Refugees**

South Cambridgeshire District Council is building on the work it has been doing since 2018 when we agreed to house 4 families a year from Syria and the surrounding areas by offering homes to 3 families escaping the terror in Afghanistan.

The council will be using houses available through its private rental housing company and will be working with the County Council and with specialist charities to make sure that these people have the access they need to support, education and health services they need

## **Growth Fund**

The *New Growth Fund*, using Government funding, is designed to support South Cambridgeshire based businesses' growth and expansion plans. These could be start-ups looking to scale and grow quickly or established companies which can clearly demonstrate ambitious growth plans.

Businesses from any sector can apply, including sole traders and partnerships, for one-off grants of £1,000 to £50,000. The scheme will end when all funds have been allocated.

## **New washable nappy discount scheme**

Nappy and sanitary waste makes up nearly 10% of what we send to landfill from the black bins, and households with children in disposable nappies will know that they fill up their black bin very quickly.

To encourage parents to switch to washable nappies, even for just one nappy change a day, the Recycling in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (RECAP) partnership has teamed up with suppliers to offer a 10 to 15% discount off the cost of washable nappies, washable wipes, and reusable period products. The scheme is available via the South Cambs website.

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