

District Council Report.

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SCDC Business Plan

The Council's revised Business Plan was considered and approved by Council. Please check the SCDC web site at <https://tinyurl.com/3y58cecx> . The Business Plan restates the pillars of the Council's business: a green, modern and caring Council which helps local businesses to grow and provides housing that is affordable for everyone.

Aircraft Noise

A meeting was held in Little Gransden Village Hall on 23rd February to discuss their research to date of aircraft noise and what needs to be done. The researchers were all Little Gransden residents who have set up RELAS (Reject Luton Airport Stacking): please email info@relas.uk for more information or check <https://www.facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6>.

Local MPs have spoken to the Aviation Minister but need to do more to push for a consultation or abandonment of the new AD6 routes which has aircraft flying over our villages.

The smartphone app, FlightRadar24 will identify the offending aircraft.

In the meantime, residents should continue to email concerns directly to noise.enquiries@LTN.aero or submit them online at <https://www.london-luton.co.uk/corporate/community/noise/making-a-noise-complaint>.

Accidents on the A1307

There have been a number of accidents where the Avenue from Madingley meets the A1307, the road from Dry Drayton to Cambridge. There have been two accidents in a single week. Be aware when you pass the junction that some cars are not stopping at the end of the Avenue. The Police and County Highways have been informed about recent incidents but for the moment please take care.

Drink & Drug Driving

The Police have asked us to publicise the confidential hotline to report suspected drink or drug drivers. Last month more than 80 drivers were arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence as part of a force crackdown. The hotline: 0800 032 0845 is available 24/7. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999.

Photo ID for Elections

The Government has changed the rules so that everyone who votes needs to have photo ID or to have a postal vote. We are concerned about young people who will be voting, some for the first time not having a current photo card. There are no elections in South Cambs in May but they are happening in the City and East Cambs. South Cambs will see how the scheme has worked in these areas to learn how to target our voters who might miss out.

Businesses

Times are tough for businesses right now. The cost of doing business, fuel prices, supply chain issues and staffing shortages have all hit hard. If your business is struggling and you feel you'd benefit from a chat or a visit from one of our High Street Support Officers drop an email to OpenForBusiness@scambs.gov.uk. They won't have all the answers but can offer as much advice and support as possible. They are here to help businesses navigate these uncertain times.

They are committed to supporting local businesses and work with colleagues across the Council to ensure queries are acknowledged and dealt with as efficiently as possible.

Their service is completely free to use. Their newsletter is free too. Let us know if you would like us to send you a copy. It has news of grants and free training programmes to help you grow your business.