



# NEWSLETTER #16

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## pudding & Wine Evening

**7.00pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Good Shepherd Church Hall, Mansel Way**

This year's HPERA social evening and AGM will feature an interesting talk from **guest speaker Dr Colin Harris**. His topic will be **'CAM is coming . . . is it the answer?'**

As founder of *Cambridge-Connect* Colin is well-placed to give insights into the current and controversial debate involving our elected mayor (the Combined Authority), the Greater Cambridge Partnership and other transport interests. Not to be missed.

As usual we aim to get through the business of the AGM without much delay. The constitution, minutes of last year's AGM and this year's agenda can be found at [www.hpera.co.uk/about](http://www.hpera.co.uk/about)

This will be an opportunity to get re-acquainted with neighbours and for your committee to hear your thoughts on how the residents' association should direct its efforts in the coming year.

**Please bring along a pudding to share.** Soft drinks and wine will be available - a small donation to cover the cost would be appreciated

**Please complete and return the reply slip, or telephone or email us** so that we can get some idea of numbers attending.

## Committee Membership

We are always interested to receive nominations or expressions of interest from residents. Plse use the reply slip or contact us by email or telephone.

## City Centre Congestion

At long last (and years overdue) GCP City Deal have produced a document that is much more comprehensive than we have seen before in setting out options for a way forward to deal with traffic congestion in the city and to encourage modal shift. It can be read at <http://bit.ly/2GgHKOf>

We have always said that pushing ahead with radial road schemes does not make sense until plans for the city centre are settled (cart before the horse) – meantime we have to continue with the cart and get the best we can for Milton Rd – see next page.

## Data Protection (GDPR)

Although HPERA has a data protection policy we need to take account of the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force in May. To ensure compliance we will shortly be sending out a request asking for your informed consent to the data we hold in our mailing list.

## Traffic calming survey

Riki McDonald has provided us with a brief summary of responses to the survey carried out recently:

- o Total responses received: 124 (31.2% of households)
- o In favour of some form of calming: overall 64.5%
- o Speed humps, road narrowing, barriers etc: overall 70% to 80% against these ideas
- o In favour of vehicle activated signs: overall 46.7% (Leys Rd + Orchard Ave 65.3%)
- o In favour of threshold signs: overall 53.3%

Many comments and ideas on this and other subjects were received. They can be read in the full version of the report - available on request by email from Riki at [eam21@cam.ac.uk](mailto:eam21@cam.ac.uk) or in person at 9 Orchard Ave.

Yes, I/we would like to attend the AGM and Social Evening

Name(s)/address/tel nos .....

..... Email (if not on our mailing list) .....

I would be interested in standing for election or co-option to the committee

I would like to nominate ..... to stand for election to the committee

Please return this slip to one of the addresses shown overleaf or email your reply to [secretary@hpera.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hpera.co.uk) or telephone Michael Page on 01223-365985.

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## Milton Rd Project Status

### Basic principles agreed

- Avenue of trees and grass verges down Milton Road
- Existing trees mostly to be removed to allow proper foundations for new footpaths and cyclepaths
- New, semi-mature tree replacements to be planted in special root-protection pits
- No bus lanes between Arbury Rd Jnc and Highworth roundabout. Any other bus-lanes to be only on one side of the road or the other (i.e. max three lanes)
- No bans on vehicle turns into Gilbert Road, Arbury Rd and Kings Hedges Rd
- Roundabout to be retained allowing access to Highworth Ave (but re-designed with signal control)
- Union Lane to remain open
- Improved provision for pedestrians and cyclists separated from motor traffic

### Timeline and delays

- June 9<sup>th</sup> 2016, despite our protests, City Deal Exec Board instructed officers to proceed with detailed design work on their controversial 'Do-Something' option
- July 2016, trees and verges petition with over 4000 signatures was presented and debated in full session of the County Council
- August 9<sup>th</sup> 2016, we joined a Local Liaison Forum (LLF) committee on condition that participation was not an endorsement of the 'Do-Something' option
- Sept 2016, a series of six LLF workshops started. At workshop no.5 we revealed our own Milton Road Alliance 'Do-Optimum' concept design. This was eventually adopted by the LLF as a formal resolution to be presented to the Exec Board meeting in March

- The March Board meeting was then cancelled but officers were instructed to carry out traffic modelling based on our 'Do-Optimum' design - Do-Something was abandoned
- July 26<sup>th</sup> the Board accepted a hybrid 'Final Concept' design from officers as the basis for further LLF workshops in the Autumn prior to final design sign-off at their Board meeting in March 2018
- Jan 2018 a revised schedule published postponing the Milton Road design decision to a Board meeting in July - the Histon Road project was brought forward to the March Board meeting in its place

### Unresolved issues

- Length of bus-lanes
- Bus-stops – locations and cycling, walking priority
- Pedestrian and cycle crossing locations
- Possibility of shared-use cycle/walking path 3m wide
- Cycling/walking/vehicle priority at side-road crossings
- No roadside parking on Milton Road – mitigation measures needed for cars and loading/unloading for deliveries and building works
- Agreement of shops to participate in improving parking and landscaping outside their premises

### Key dates

- Early June - public presentation of the detailed design prior to examination at the GCP Assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> June and **final approval at GCP Exec Board on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**
- HPERA will circulate details of these and other events nearer the time

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REPLY SLIP AND RETURN TO ONE OF THESE ADDRESSES

26 Highfield Ave, 65 Hurst Park Ave, 32 Orchard Ave, 44 Leys Ave,  
13 Leys Rd, 14 Highworth Ave, 22 Mulberry Close

OR SEND YOUR RESPONSE TO US VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE

Email: [secretary@hpera.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hpera.co.uk) Tel: Michael Page on 01223-365985