

# NEWSLETTER #15

## End of Year Updates

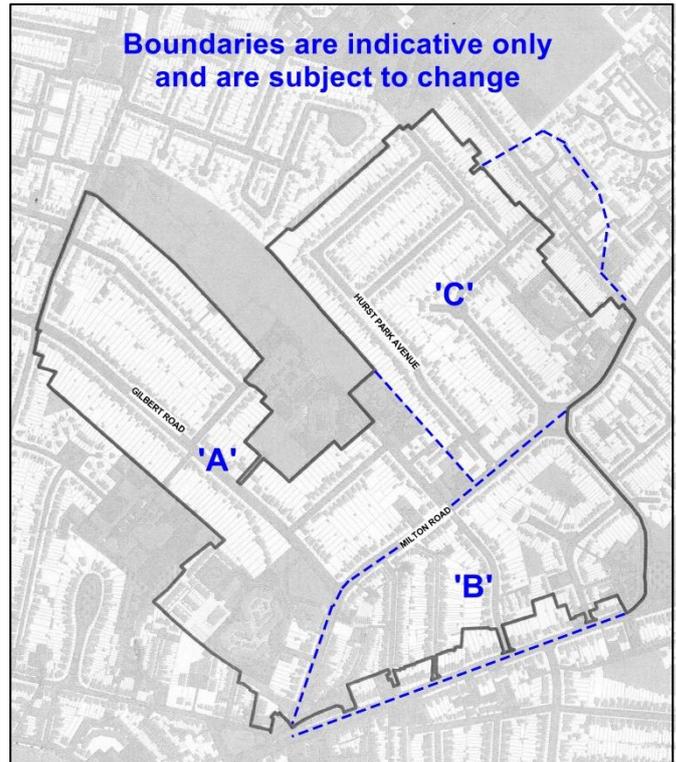
### Parking Zones

Following meetings with residents organised in October by County Councillor Ian Manning, he and other councillors met with officers and decided that the 'Elizabeth' zone should be split into three smaller areas.

**The map shown opposite is not official, but it does represent our understanding of what might be the final outcome. The labelling 'A', 'B' and 'C' is our own and only for the purposes of this newsletter.**

It seems likely that area 'A' will proceed to a formal consultation some time in the New Year. Area 'B' might possibly follow suit but there are still some uncertainties. Our area 'C' will be put on hold until after the other two have been decided and/or implemented. That could be a year or more away.

In the meantime we should monitor the situation and see if the removal of the £1 Park & Ride fee has any discernible effect.



Note that our zone will possibly include a section of Arbury Road and its side streets. See Cllr Manning's news blog: <http://bit.ly/2BV18ib>

### Milton Road Project

It's now two years since the first consultation document from the City Deal (GC Partnership) dropped through our letter-boxes.

Since then we have managed to fight off the worst excesses of the first proposals and gained Board approval for the ideas behind our own 'Do-Optimum' plan. However, as the consultants and officers turn their attention to the finer details of the design we need to remain vigilant.

Some of us have been invited to participate in detailed design sessions and we find that we are constantly having to defend some of the basic principles we all fought for, including separation of pedestrians and cyclists from buses and motor traffic.

The outcomes of these workshops will be made public at a Local Liaison Forum meeting in the New Year – the date is yet to be announced.



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## Community Carol Singing

Get in the mood for Christmas!



with a spot of seasonal singing for everyone led by the brilliant Helen Robbins.

Join us at the corner of Hurst Park Avenue and Highfield Avenue for mulled wine and a mince pie or two, and half-an-hour of carols and Christmas songs. All welcome!

**Do you play an instrument and could you join a scratch band to support the singing?**

If so, please call Nicky (28 Highfield) on 07976-433649 or Ruth (20 HPA) on 07739-331299.

We'll be collecting for local charity StreetChild United on the night if you feel inclined to donate.

**Thursday 21 December at 5.00pm.**

## Speedwatch Update

Riki McDonald and her team held their second Speedwatch campaign in Orchard Ave in mid-October in the morning and evening rush hours, as before. They found that the evening watch is probably not worthwhile in future. Numbers found speeding were as follows:

	East-West		West-East	
	number		number	
<b>Fri 13/10</b>				
7.30-9.00am	<b>15</b>	22.7%	-	-
4.30-6.00pm	-	-	<b>2</b>	8.7%
<b>Mon 16/10</b>				
7.45-9.00am	<b>15</b>	18.8%	-	-
7.45-8.00am	<b>6</b>	40.0%	-	-

In Speedwatch-monitored areas the police expect 20% of drivers to be speeding. The details of those who were recorded driving over the 20 mph limit have been passed to the police and they will send out warning letters.

**Bicycles** - as the Hurst Park Estate roads are recommended cycle routes the number of bicycles was also noted (none of them were speeding!)

On Friday morning **28** bicycles passed westbound, particularly between 8.15 and 9.00am. In the afternoon **9** bicycles passed eastbound. On Monday morning **32** bicycles passed westbound. Overall about one-third of the total traffic was cyclists including a large number of children during the school-run period. As more bicycles will be routed through the estate when the Arbury Road cycleway is completed, this should be taken into account if traffic-calming and/or residents' parking is to be considered.

### Conclusions

1. Speeding remains a problem, partly because of the use of the estate as a rat-run between Arbury and Milton Roads. This might possibly increase if parking controls are introduced elsewhere.
2. The sight of the Speedwatch equipment, signs and volunteers was definitely a deterrent - drivers mostly slowed down immediately.

**Question** - as speeding continues to be a problem, and the Speedwatch deterrent is only temporary, should some form of traffic calming be considered on the estate, especially with the high proportion of cyclists? What do other residents think? Answers please to:

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## Diary Dates

- Thurs 14 Dec, North Area Committee - 6.30pm North Cambridge Academy
- Thurs 21 Dec, Carol Singing - 5.00pm corner of Highfield/Hurst Park Avenues
- Sat 13 Jan, Keeping Cambridge Special - 10.00am Centre for Mathematical Sciences see: <http://bit.ly/2j0Coij>
- Tues 16 Jan, County Highways Comm - 10.00am Kreis Viersen Rm, Shire Hall
- Thurs 18 Jan, GCP(City Deal) Assembly - 2.00pm Kreis Viersen Rm, Shire Hall
- Tues 30 Jan, Camb Joint Area Comm - 4.30pm Kreis Viersen Rm, Shire Hall
- Thurs 8 Feb, GCP(City Deal) Exec Board - 4.00pm South Cambs Hall, Cambourne
- Wed 28 Feb, GCP(City Deal) Assembly - 2.00pm South Cambs Hall, Cambourne