

## **Trumpington Residents' Association: South Trumpington Parish Meeting update, 17 October 2023**

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### **TRA members' meetings**

The next TRA members' meeting will be at 8 pm on 29 November 2023, in the Jubilee Room, Trumpington Village Hall, when we will have a talk by Dr Mike Moore, Chair of CUH NHS Foundation Trust. See the News page on the web site for information about membership and meetings, <http://trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org/>.

### **Trumpington Pavilion**

The TRA has been concerned for some time about our continued management of Trumpington Pavilion, which we took on from the City Council in October 2009. We have formally given notice to the City Council that we will surrender the lease with effect from 31 March 2024. The Council is working with us on plans for the continued operation of the Pavilion from April 2024 and we are aiming for a smooth handover.

### **Trumpington Food Hub**

We continue to operate the Food Hub in Trumpington Pavilion from 12 noon to 1:30 pm on Fridays. Smita Botre has taken over as the Coordinator and will be very pleased to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering and with offers of food supplies, email: [foodhub@trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org](mailto:foodhub@trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org). The Food Hub will continue to March 2024 and we would greatly appreciate additional financial donations.

### **Transport**

#### Trumpington's Cycling and Walking Network

The Meeting may be aware of the threatened closure of the existing path from Hauxton Road opposite Addenbrooke's Road westwards to the new shared use path from the planned Travel Hub on the other side of the M11. The Association has been attempting to prevent this, as well as promoting the need to improve Trumpington's wider cycling and walking network. The Association has identified four priorities and recommended them to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) and the County Council:

- Retain and improve the existing path to the paths alongside Hauxton Road and Addenbrooke's Road
- Install clear signage of safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians to cross the Trumpington Meadows development and Trumpington Park & Ride to get to the Guided Busway shared use path and the path alongside Hauxton Road
- Prevent paths in the northern part of Trumpington Meadows Country Park being used by cyclists wishing to get to the city centre or Long Road, possibly via the unsafe Grantchester Road

- Plan and fund safe walking and cycling routes into the City centre via Hauxton Road, Trumpington High Street and Trumpington Road – which also link safely via Long Road with the Sawston Greenway route into central Cambridge via Hills Road

A site visit with County Council officers took place on 21st August with the Manager of the Active Travel Team as well as the Group Manager. This allowed us to cover the ground for all our priorities. The clear message was given that contrary to a previous statement the Melbourn Greenway did not end at a point on the A10, its de facto “terminus” being on entry to the Trumpington Meadows development which requires early attention - and that the existing path to Hauxton Road needs to be saved and improved, or if that is not possible, the new country park path metalled for part of its length to replace the existing path up to Hauxton Road (the unmetalled country park path is now almost complete). Our preference being to save and improve the existing path which is more direct.

The visit also highlighted the issues for cyclists and walkers at the unsafe Waitrose junction – described as “an accident waiting to happen” - and along Trumpington High Street. The possibility of a more radical option was also raised for the Melbourn Greenway to take a “cross country” route requiring landowner consent to meet the safety standard the Greenways generally aspire to. This was followed up afterwards with a copy of the original Melbourn Greenway consultation document which clearly aspired to the Greenway being, amongst other things, an active travel access to the city centre via Hauxton Road/Trumpington High Street/Trumpington Road and via the Guided Busway shared use path – not ending on the A10. The opportunity was also taken to underline the need to improve the paths on Long Road to join up with the Sawston Greenway and give safe access to Hills Road towards Cambridge Station, the CB1 development and the city centre.

A related site visit took place on 10th August with the local Senior Ranger of the Wildlife Trust responsible for Trumpington Meadows Country Park which concentrated on the threatened path and the risk to the Country Park of it becoming a cyclist “by-pass” towards the city centre if the access issue across the Trumpington Meadows development is not addressed satisfactorily.

As a result, there is now more understanding amongst the various interests of the immediate and medium-term issues – and of our priorities. Funding is the main obstacle, which the creation of the new Active Travel Team may help to mitigate. De facto, as of now, the Melbourn Greenway ends unclearly at the edge of the Trumpington Meadows development and the new landowner, British Land, is yet to make clear whether the threatened path will stay or go.