

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Harston & Comberton Ward

Comprising Barton, Coton, Comberton, Grantchester, Harlton,
Harston, Haslingfield, Hauxton, and South Trumpington

District Councillors' Monthly Report – June 2026

District Councillor contact details

If you have any questions or concerns relating to SCDC services, please contact us using the details below. These are housing need, housing repairs for council tenants, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health issues etc.

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District Council Elections

Following the recent District Council elections, your new team of ward councillors is made up of Ariel Cahn, Laurence Damary-Homan and Lisa Redrup. We're aware of our responsibility to represent the area and are continuing to work hard to provide help and support. Please get in touch if you need our help. We also have specific roles in the Council: Ariel is on Planning Committee and the Climate and Environment Committee; Laurence is Cabinet member for Environment; and Lisa is Cabinet member for Healthy Communities.

The administration at the District Council has remained Liberal Democrat, with an increased majority. To see the full election results please visit: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/our-district-election-results-2026>. The priorities of the administration are outlined in the Council's Corporate Action Plan which is available at: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/our-corporate-plan>

Cost-of-living information

Visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/> for: advice and support with money; help with food costs; money and debt advice; help with energy and water bills; help with phone bill costs; employment support through Work Well; and information on foodbanks and food hubs.

Community Hubs

Community Hubs offer residents somewhere to socialise, take part in new activities and to receive information on cost-of-living support and how to stay healthy and well.

Local Community Hubs include:

- Grantchester Communal Hall, Tabrum Close, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NW
Opens: Friday, 10am – 12pm
- Toft Community Hub – Toft People's Hall, 1 School Lane, Toft, Cambridge, CB23 2RJ
Opens: Monday, 10am – 12pm.

Find out more at: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-and-people/community-hubs>

EWR Consultation closes 9th June 2026 – Have your say

The current EWR consultation closes on Tuesday 9th June 2026, so please make sure you submit your views before the deadline. This is expected to be the final route-wide consultation before the Development Consent Order is submitted in 2027.

This consultation includes some changes to the proposals, including changes to the proposed construction zones and also includes information on which roads EWR would use for construction traffic. It is important to submit your views on these aspects, as they are likely to have a large impact on how we travel between the villages in the ward during construction, which is likely to take many years. For example, 3 out of 4 of the roads in/out of Haslingfield are proposed to be primary construction traffic routes.

More information regarding the consultation, can be found on the EWR website at: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation/consultation2026>.

Laurence is keen to meet with Parishes to discuss your views on the consultation, and written statements or copies of Parish Council responses are very welcome. Your views will shape our responses to the consultation and, more importantly, inform our future discussions and negotiations with EWR on behalf of the areas we represent.

SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grants scheme now open

The latest round of the Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme is now open for applications. This is a great opportunity to bring forward projects that benefit both the environment and our communities.

Grants of between £2,000 and £19,500 are available, with a total pot of £152,000. The funding will be used to support projects that reduce carbon emissions, boost nature recovery, or foster greater community engagement on climate change and nature. It is available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities, and parish councils.

This year's scheme has been updated to reflect feedback from communities and the Council's [Climate and Nature Strategy](#). Eligibility has been widened to include projects on school sites and applications from parent and teacher associations, where there is a clear benefit to the wider community. Sports and recreational groups, such as bowls clubs, are also eligible if their projects support community wellbeing, mental health or stronger local connections.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Improving community buildings (e.g. insulation, heat pumps, solar panels, LED lighting)
- Supporting low-carbon travel (e.g. electric vehicles, cycling infrastructure)
- Community-led initiatives to reduce waste, support nature, or encourage sustainable lifestyles

To find out more about the grant, including project examples and case studies, please visit [Zero Carbon Communities Grant - South Cambs District Council](#).

136 new council homes delivered in the last financial year

South Cambridgeshire District Council increased its supply of council homes by 136 between April 2025 and March 2026. This is the largest annual increase ever achieved, surpassing the previous year's record of 91 homes. This is beyond what is achieved in many other areas but is vital due to high house prices and rents..

The new Council homes were delivered across Cottenham, Cambourne, Over, Barrington, Northstowe and Fulbourn and included 106 Affordable Rent homes and 30 Shared Ownership homes. This brings the Council's overall housing stock numbers to 5,875 at the end of March 2026.

To express an interest in any Council home in South Cambridgeshire, you need to be registered with [Home-Link](#). For enquiries about the shared ownership properties, you can contact William H Brown by email at SCDC@williamhbrown.co.uk.

Reforms to Judicial Review for Infrastructure

On the 20th May, HM Treasury has published [a paper setting out proposals on further reforms to judicial review of major infrastructure](#). The government now intends to go further in ensuring that legal challenge is focused, proportionate and does not create unnecessary delay to the delivery of nationally important infrastructure. This paper sets out two proposed reforms to the current process for consenting major infrastructure – subject to detailed design and the passage of underpinning legislation – which would allow for proportionate protection from judicial review: a parliamentary authorisation mechanism; and a challenge window mechanism

Development Corporation

The Government has now published its response to the MHCLG's consultation on the proposals for establishing a Development Corporation in Greater Cambridge. The response can be found here [Greater Cambridge Development Corporation: Analysis of consultation responses and next steps - GOV.UK](#)

The District Council's initial response can be found here [South Cambs District Council: Council warns that government's urban development corporation risks sidelining local communities](#)

We will continue to update parishes on the emerging information about the Development Corporation and the future impacts it will have on our area.

Food waste collection

The roll out of food waste collection continues across Greater Cambridge. Some parishes will have already had food waste collections, but June brings the food waste collection service to all parishes within the ward.

Further information and contact links can be found on the council's website here [Weekly food waste collections - Greater Cambridge Shared Waste](#)