



**Working together
for a better
South Cambridgeshire:
Sustainable Community
Strategy 2008 - 2011**

Foreword

This is the South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership's second strategy. Although much has been achieved over the past three-years there is still more that local organisations and businesses want to do to make the district an even better place to live, work and visit. The major growth that is planned for the area is exciting as well as challenging and will require partners to work together to ensure that these new areas are as safe, clean and green as the existing communities that make up this beautiful district.

Cllr Ray Manning

Chairman of the South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership
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Our vision for 2025

Our aim is that South Cambridgeshire will continue to be a place where people want to live, now and in the future; a place where the needs of existing and future generations are met and where communities are:

- Active, inclusive and safe,
- Well-run,
- Environmentally sensitive,
- Well-designed and built,
- Well connected,
- Thriving,
- Well-served, and
- Fair for everyone.

Objective 1: Active, healthy and inclusive communities

Our priorities

- Supporting young people to make a positive contribution by developing services for young people who do not traditionally access services and opportunities.
- Increasing the range of extended services provided by local schools and supporting the delivery of Children's Centres.
- Tackling health inequalities by ensuring that health needs are met, particularly in relation to the health of Travellers and new migrant populations.
- Promoting independence for older people and reducing falls in older people.
- Preventing obesity through promoting healthy eating, physical activity and mental health and wellbeing.
- Improving the sexual health of the population with a focus on young people.
- Meeting housing need through the provision of new affordable housing and adaptations to existing housing in established communities.
- Engaging with the local community, including children and young people and other hard-to-reach groups, parish councils, voluntary organisations and neighbourhood forums to improve services.
- Working with local people to promote community cohesion and address the needs of the most vulnerable in the community.
- Promoting sustainability for the benefit for the local and global environment.

We will provide Dial-a-Ride with the resources to buy a new minibus for use in the district.

We will work with Cambridge to set up a Handy Person Service to carry out minor household jobs for older people.

We will train professionals to raise awareness and offer support to address obesity and promote a healthy weight.

We will help local communities to develop parish plans.

We will engage with Gypsy and Traveller families and provide training for the community to support each other in health issues.

We will set up a small grants community chest for local organisations that are helping us to achieve our goals.

Objective 2: Safe and clean communities

Our priorities

- Improving road safety and reducing the rate of road injuries and deaths.
- Reducing levels of crime and anti-social behaviour including hidden crimes such as domestic violence.
- Ensuring children and young people are safe from harm.
- Reducing harm caused by alcohol and other substance misuse.
- Reducing the fear of crime.
- Protecting and enhancing the environment and cleanliness of our communities.
- Promoting smoke free environments and reducing the number of people who smoke.

We will work to reduce underage sales of tobacco and alcohol.

We will assist the Council to continue the successful street cleansing programme to keep the district clean.

We will engage with Neighbourhood Panels to increase community safety and well being.

We will support projects to reduce the rate of road injuries and deaths in the district.

Objective 3: Building successful new communities

Our priorities

- Working with partners to deliver more affordable housing for local people, including the first-time buyer market.
- Supporting the delivery of low carbon growth and promoting low carbon lifestyles.
- Ensuring the early provision of leisure, community facilities and social infrastructure in the major growth areas.
- Ensuring good health and mental wellbeing through the delivery of joint service provision and community development.
- Ensuring the provision of user-friendly open spaces and agreeing management options for a sustainable future.
- Facilitating the development of a vibrant town centre and business park that is economically viable in Northstowe.

We will support the Connections Bus Project to purchase an additional bus to use in Cambridge and South Cambs, including the districts new communities.

We will work with Cambridgeshire Horizons to ensure new communities – not just new homes – are built to meet pressing local demands.

We will comment on planning applications for the major new communities.

Objective 4: A sustainable infrastructure and environment

Our priorities

- Preserving and enhancing the countryside for the benefit of people and wildlife.
- Increasing the amount of accessible green space around the settlements of South Cambridgeshire.
- Seeking to minimise climate change through promoting a low energy future and minimising waste.
- Improving the provision for walking and cycling in and between villages including new settlements and Cambridge City.
- Supporting schemes to improve rural transport, travel planning and access to services.
- Supporting the start-up and development of new businesses and social enterprises.
- Supporting development and learning amongst the workforce, including hard-to-reach groups, including Travellers and economic migrants.

We will provide Care Network with the resources to develop more community car schemes and other good neighbour schemes.

We will resource two parish-level projects to show how steps can be taken towards achieving a sustainable low-carbon energy future in South Cambridgeshire.

We will help to expand the district's cycle network to provide safe and convenient routes between villages and into Cambridge.

We will, jointly with Cambridge, fund a small learning bus with access to information technology for use by adults in areas of disadvantage, including rural areas.

Who is signed up to the strategy?

The strategy has been endorsed by the South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership, which brings together at a local level the different parts of the public sector as well as the private, business, community and voluntary sectors so that different initiatives and services support each other and work together.

Further information

The full strategy outlines the partnership's long-term vision for a sustainable South Cambridgeshire as well as its three-year objectives and priorities. It highlights some of what is already happening in the area and demonstrates the partnership's commitment and aspirations for the future. I hope that you are enthused by the strategy and our vision and join us to work in partnership to enhance and preserve the quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.

The full strategy document is available at
www.scambs.gov.uk/lsp

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