

Report of County Councillor Matthew Morgan to Little Wilbraham and Six-Mile-Bottom in the Fulbourn Division, June 2026

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Little Wilbraham and Six-Mile-Bottom Specific and Related:

Combined Authority Bus Survey

They have launched a survey on their bus route changes. This includes the removal of the T2 bus service (Newmarket Park and Ride to Madingley Park and Ride) and the T3 service (Granchester to Fulbourn). Open until 28th of July. Worth responding to, especially trying to make the T2 a route worth saving (For example linking to Cambridge North Station).

<https://orlo.uk/FMGOf>

Marshall's Airport Sale

Sale to Homes England (Likely vested in the Development Corporation) via the national housing bank for around £200 million. Current plan for around 10,000 homes. Likely cost: billions. Timeframe: Marshall's to vacate in mid-2029.

Darwin Nurseries Closure in 2028

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS have informed the County Council that they are not intending to re-tender for the learning disability service provided at Darwin Nurseries. I am personally very upset that this has happened and I know that many residents are big fan of the shop and the work it provides. I am arranging a meeting with officers to understand more about the rationale for the closure and make sure that alternatives are provided for the individuals that were helped by it. I will also try to see what CPFT's longer term plans are for the site, and whether they might consider continuing a shop there.

County Council Wide:

Development Corporation - Consultation Response from Government

Response to consultation at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/establishing-a-development-corporation-in-greater-cambridge/outcome/greater-cambridge-development-corporation-analysis-of-consultation-responses-and-next-steps>

I have yet to read, digest, and AI-interrogate it, but it is available at:

>250 homes, 5,000 square metres of commercial space, or more than 1 hectare of major infrastructure projects.

Renegotiated Highways Contract with M group

We have extended and somewhat renegotiated our main highways repair contract with M group. The changes include asking for photographic evidence of work delivered and a penalty for shoddy work, rather than just asking for a further repair with no consequences. It is insane that these were not included in the contract negotiated under the previous administration and I am happy this is now in the contract. The extension runs to 2030.

I must say that my/our initial preference was retendering, which would most likely lead to getting rid of M group. However we were very strongly guided by officers, who in their turn were following UK government advice not to agree to long contracts that would tie the hands of new Unitary governments. We were advised that a short or uncertain retendering would be commercially unattractive and therefore not represent good use of money for taxpayers.

Summary and my reflection on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Event Monday 8th June.

Busses

CPCA said they were about to announce a bus survey, which is discussed above.

Next tweaks for the bus services planned for September 2026.

They are still aiming for 2028 for bus franchising. Bus franchising allows much more control by the CPCA than previous commercial first approaches. It makes it easier to run loss making but socially beneficial services. Easier to design coherent timetables and services.

I directly lobbied the mayor and head of public transport to directly engage more with Parish Councils in the process of bus consultations (engagement has been completely lacking so far).

Wider Transport

From an earlier discussion with the Project Manager of Cambridge Eastern Access (Newmarket Road and Park and Ride Scheme improvements) the CPCA's Local Transport Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is planned for release in November in 2026. This should then allow for further design for the upgrades to Newmarket Road to finally, finally, progress!

Planning

They are aiming for 2029 to complete a spatial framework [Larger scale plan for what type of land uses and transport corridors they see as important]. In some ways this is similar to Greater Cambridge's Planning Services Local Plan, and will help inform future local plans, but is less granular, and higher level. In my opinion It makes more sense to be administered in a larger polity than Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. For example an East Anglian spatial plan. Luckily it is meant to connect into spatial frameworks for elsewhere. We shall see!

-> P.S. According to CPCA 2029 is apparently an impressive timeline compared to other local authorities!

Tourism

A Local Visitor Economy Partnership is a UK government envisioned scheme that allows coordination between multiple district council's tourism boards, businesses and other local groups involved in tourism. Launching in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in late 2026/27.

Business

I lobbied the Mayor and Combined Authority on the creation of a key persons strategy for the area to help make sure that entrepreneurial and cultural talent is attracted and crucially, retained within the area.

They do already have trade fairs and international presence at the moment.

Useful links for the County Council

Grant Funding

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/funding-opportunities-in-cambridgeshire

Outlines many of the local and national grants available

Maps for the County Council

<https://maps.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/> is an Ordnance Survey map with optional overlays of most pertinent County Council information.

Detailed Land Ownership

For queries on whether the County Council owns a certain piece of land or where the boundary lies exactly, you may contact: searches@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Information on Planned and Emergency Road Closures

<https://one.network/> is an excellent resource with all planned closures and hopefully all emergency closures. You can recommend it to parishioners.

Information on Capital Maintenance Projects

[Capital maintenance programme | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Gives lists and expected dates for larger capital maintenance schemes.

Reporting Tools for Highways Maintenance Issues

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/> can be used to report all highway or footpath maintenance problems. Feel free to discuss these faults with me as well if you want them escalated. You can recommend it to parishioners.