

COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW PARKING ENFORCEMENT CONTRACTOR

The County Council has appointed NSL as the new parking enforcement contractor, replacing Legion from 1 April 2010. NSL is the UK's largest provider of on-street parking services and employs almost 3,000 civil enforcement officers, parking attendants and traffic attendants across the UK.

The appointment coincides with the County Council taking over the running of parking enforcement from the City Council, who had been doing the job since 2004.

Under the new contract, the number of parking wardens on the streets of Cambridge will remain the same, with the potential for parking enforcement operations to be extended to other parts of the County. The parking wardens previously employed by the City Council were invited to apply to transfer to the new scheme.

The aim is to reduce congestion in the city, encourage safe parking and ensure compliance with parking rules by better enforcing on-street parking regulations and restrictions.

The County Council expects to make significant savings by taking enforcement in-house, while seeking to minimise traffic congestion and hold-ups caused by inconsiderate or illegal parking on the narrow streets of Cambridge.

CPRA would add that parking partly on the pavement can cause an obstruction for people with pushchairs or in wheelchairs, so please take special care over this.

Parking permits are now available from Cambridgeshire Parking Services on the third floor of Cambridge Central Library, 7 Lion Yard, Cambridge, tel 01223 727 920. The offices are open 9.00-17.00 Monday-Thursday, and 9.00-16.30 on Fridays.

NEW SPEED LIMIT IN CENTRAL CAMBRIDGE

A new 20 mph zone in Central Cambridge was introduced in late April 2010.

The police are intending to make more surveys of traffic speed now the scheme has been approved, but seem reluctant to accept that the main offenders may be buses and taxis. CPRA will be urging the police to implement the scheme effectively since they now have the authority and equipment to do the job.

If you witness speeding in your area do let Parkside Police know by phoning 03454 564 564.

POLICING AND DISPERSAL ORDERS

The dispersal order on Christ's Pieces has again been renewed. It is a great help in reducing drunkenness in the area. The police have asked residents to notify them if drinking groups gather illegally, particularly in less visible places, by phoning them on 03454 564 564 or the City Council ASBO team on 01223 457 950.

RESIDENTS' PARKING SPACES IN THE KITE AREA

A number of residents have voiced concerns recently about the difficulty of finding a parking space, especially in the evenings after 6.00 pm and at weekends. Do you have a problem with parking? If so what do you think should be done about it?

- restrict the number of visitors permits per household?
- make more residents' bays available?

If you can identify a potential parking space in your street, or if you wish to express your views or make suggestions, please write to the Secretary at 2 Emmanuel Road or come along to our meeting on 14 June 2010 where some of our City councillors will be available to listen and answer questions.

