



PRESS RELEASE

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The Recreation Ground,
New Road, Impington



Histon Parish Council

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Launch of Joint Consultation on Proposed Single Parish Council for Both Villages

Impington Parish Council and Histon Parish Council are pleased to announce at their 117th Annual Parish Meetings, being held jointly for the first time, the launch of a public Consultation period for residents to express their opinion on a proposed single Parish Council for the community of both villages.

The Consultation will run until the 19th September 2011 with Extraordinary Parish Meetings in October 2011 to formally vote on the proposal.

It is hoped a new Council could be in place for May 2012 in the event of a positive result. It is believed that the newly formed *Histon and Impington Parish Council* would simplify administration and reduce duplication of effort, dealing with issues only once and offering value for money on a spend of over £400k in the 2010-11 financial year.

Jean Hunter, Chief Executive Officer of South Cambridgeshire District Council has said "With Councils at District and County level reconsidering their services to the community, and with the coalition government proposing devolving more powers to local communities, I am delighted that two Parish Councils have taken the initiative to consider how they can improve the effectiveness and value for money for their residents".

Impington and Histon – Two Villages, One Community

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Notes for Editors: Impington and Histon are twin villages with an estimated population of 8420 combined (2009). They lie on the B1049 immediately north-west of Cambridge and the A14 with a small part of Impington to the south of the A14.

The two Villages are intertwined as a single community; all schools are shared with most in Histon except Impington Village College; Histon Football Club and the shared Recreation Ground are located in Impington; the Burial Ground is in Histon but managed by Impington Parish Council. The stop for the new 'Guided Busway' that passes directly through the two villages is named *Histon and Impington*.

Villagers know which village they live in but often don't know where the boundary runs, which in many some places puts neighbours opposite each other in a different Parish.

Impington Parish Council is chaired by Cllr Denis Payne; Histon Parish Council is chaired by Cllr Max Parish. Parish Councils are the most local form of Government and are distinct from Church Parishes.