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EDDINGTON

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Welcome to the summer Eddington Edition – a quarterly newsletter which keeps you up to date with the development’s progress, consultations, community events and more.

Since our spring edition, the project team has been listening to your feedback and working hard to finalise the updated masterplan which will be submitted to the local authorities for planning permission in the autumn.

In this summer edition, we’ll be looking back at the three consultations, community events including the recent school design competition and updating on upcoming events.

If you have any questions about Eddington – the development in North West Cambridge being led by the University of Cambridge – please get in touch at:
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EDDINGTON'S FUTURE PHASES: CONSULTATION OVERVIEW

Over the past year, we have hosted a variety of consultation events to hear feedback from the local community on the future phases of Eddington.

We want the future phases to be shaped by those who know it best, and it has been brilliant to meet and talk to so many of you about your experience in Eddington, and what you would like to see as it grows.



Grow Club launch



Consultation drop-in event



Art workshop

OUR FIRST ROUND OF CONSULTATION WAS HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2024, AND LAUNCHED THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES THAT WILL INFORM EVERY STAGE OF THE PLANNING PROCESS:



**INTEGRATE SUSTAINABLE
DESIGN PRINCIPLES**



**CREATE AN EXEMPLAR IN
COMMUNITY PLACEMAKING**



**SECURE THE UNIVERSITY'S
LONG-TERM FUTURE**



**SUPPORT THE WIDER
CAMBRIDGE ECOSYSTEM**

We sought to gather early feedback from local residents and stakeholders that could begin to inform our masterplan. It was fantastic to present our broad vision for the future phases and hear your thoughts on the future of Eddington, and your ideas about what would enhance and benefit the community. Our events spanned from drop-ins, to a community webinar, and even a coffee van at the weekly Storey's Field parkrun!

Kicking off with a stall at Eddington's Winter Warmer, our second round of consultation was held in November and December 2024. This round was a great opportunity to show how our plans had progressed, and the ways in which your feedback had helped. We were particularly interested at this stage in your thoughts on open space and sports and amenities provision within Eddington, and how you would like these to be built upon within the future

phases. We heard that you wanted the walking and running routes through Eddington extended, and that you valued the open spaces created in phase one, ideas that have made it into our masterplan.

Most recently, our third round of consultation was held in March and April this year. At this stage, we were excited to present local residents, stakeholders, and University staff and students with our updated masterplan, which had grown significantly in detail and design since the winter. We were able to show the plans for the new Health Centre, set to open in 2026, as well as details of the active travel routes planned for the future phases. Across five drop-ins and a community webinar, we heard about how you would like to see cycle routes extended and linked to the city centre, improved crossings within the future phases, and further accessible green spaces.

You also told us how much you value the community that exists within Eddington so as part of our third consultation we hosted the Grow Club launch in April. The event, hosted in collaboration with expert gardeners, saw members of the community sow, plant, and water planters on Eddington Avenue, which have grown and flourished thanks to the Eddington Grow Club.

Additionally, we have held detailed meetings and workshops on transport, amenities, and art which have enabled a deep dive into particular areas.







Over the course of over 20 public events, we have met over 1,500 of you to discuss what you would like to see as part of the future phases of Eddington. Thank you if you came along to a consultation event or submitted your valuable feedback – as we work towards submitting an application, your thoughts on the future phases are crucial and we appreciate every comment, question and idea that we have received. We plan to submit our application later this year, and will keep you informed of all developments in the process.

LOOK AHEAD: PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENTS

Following the consultations, our design team has been hard at work putting together the planning application, incorporating your thoughts and ideas. We are pleased to say that the future phases masterplan will be submitted in the autumn.

After this, we will be hosting a number of public information sessions for you to come and see the final plans that have been submitted and to give you the opportunity to ask us any questions you may have.

Details of the upcoming information events:

-  Thursday 4th September, 3 - 7pm, Storey's Field Centre
-  Monday 8th September, 11am - 2pm, West Hub
-  Tuesday 9th September, 6 - 7pm, online webinar
-  Wednesday 10th September, 11am - 2pm, West Hub
-  Thursday 11th September, 3 - 7pm, Storey's Field Centre
-  Saturday 13th September, 12 - 4pm, Eddington Carnival

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

INNOVATION AND GROWTH

Eddington continues to set the standard for sustainable innovation as it supports Cambridge's growth agenda. In June, Eddington became part of one of the first driverless bus trials, offering passengers free rides between the residential heart of the neighbourhood and the University's innovation district at Cambridge West.

The fifteen-seat Connector bus operates Monday to Friday, completing four 18-minute loop services during the morning and afternoon. Operated by Whippet, the service links Eddington with Madingley Park & Ride and the Cambridge West Innovation District. It uses advanced sensor technology to navigate roads safely, with a trained safety driver on board at all times.

This service is part of a wider pilot led by the Greater Cambridge Partnership to explore the future of automated public transport. A second route, serving the Biomedical Campus, is set to launch later this year.

Eddington's leadership in innovation was further recognised at the 2025 CIHT Awards, where the development was highly commended in the 'Creating Better Places' category. With nearly 80% of residents commuting sustainably, Eddington continues to demonstrate how thoughtful, forward-thinking design creates healthier, more connected communities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: SCHOOL DESIGN EXHIBITION

We were delighted to host a community event with the University of Cambridge Primary School's Year 3 and 4 pupils, where they imagined their own designs for the play areas in the future phases of Eddington which were then shared in a public exhibition at the Storey's Field Centre.

Specifically, the children were introduced to three areas of the future phases masterplan: the shared gardens, the extended Brook Leys and the play area in the North West of the future phases. They were then asked to come up with a design for one of those spaces on an A4 sheet of paper and they could draw, paint or model whatever they liked in those spaces.

We were thrilled to see so many wonderful designs from the pupils and to share them with the wider Eddington community. We have collected these ideas and we will keep them in mind as we progress with the future phases.



School Design Exhibition

"It's inspiring to see how imaginatively the children have envisioned the future of Eddington. Their ideas show not only creativity, but a strong sense of community, sustainability and innovation. These designs remind us that the future belongs to them and their vision shows us what's possible when we dream big."

Harriet Lang, Phase Leader for KS1



RESIDENT PROFILES

In this series, we interview Eddington residents, learning more about their experiences of living in Eddington and how it supports their work at the University of Cambridge.



LIVIA DELPIANO

I'm a postdoctoral fellow at the Gurdon Institute at the University of Cambridge and I am part of a multidisciplinary consortium investigating the molecular mechanisms underlying lung function impairment. My research focuses on identifying how genetic variants, especially those in non-coding regulatory regions, contribute to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

WHY DID YOU MOVE TO EDDINGTON?

I got my job here in Cambridge in 2023, moving from Newcastle where I did my PhD. I quickly learnt that the housing market in Cambridge is like hell, expensive and very hard to find somewhere.

I wasn't expecting that at all, so it was great when I found out that the University could help me with my accommodation. I immediately signed up to Eddington and three months later I secured a flat.

WHAT'S MADE YOU STAY IN EDDINGTON?

The rent is great, and Eddington is very well connected. My colleagues also live here and it's good to have people you know around, especially when I came here all by myself and didn't know anyone.

The neighbourhood is also very green, and I like the sustainable features including rainwater collection.

YOU MENTIONED SUSTAINABLE FEATURES, WHICH ONES ARE YOUR FAVOURITE?

I love how warm the flat is, keeping energy use down and saving money on bills. There are also very few things that can't be recycled which is one of the reasons why I stay in Eddington.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE GREEN SPACES IN EDDINGTON?

I do the parkrun around the cricket fields, which I love, and in front of my flat there's a green area, which makes me feel calm and relaxed. I often walk around the lake and have had picnics there before. I actually love it a lot. The more green spaces the better.

WHERE'S YOUR FAVOURITE SPOT IN EDDINGTON?

I'm Italian so I love the pizza place on the square,

having that nearby is great. The cycle shop is also very good, and the Dr Bike sessions are very helpful. If something happens, I don't have to push my bike to the city centre!

HOW DOES LIVING IN EDDINGTON SUPPORT YOUR WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY?

I met one of my neighbours in the bike shed and we started chatting about our work and I attended one of the events she organised. It was a very interesting workshop, related to my field, that I would never have attended otherwise.

This isn't something that would have happened if I were renting a place in the city centre. I know about the work of my neighbours, and people know what I do too. It's really lovely. Very different to when I was living in Newcastle and my neighbours worked across the city and didn't engage.

YOU MENTIONED MEETING NEW PEOPLE, HAS EDDINGTON MADE THAT EASIER FOR YOU?

I like the work the University is doing in Eddington to develop the community, and I think it's growing. When I moved, I was an individual and now feel part of the community.

Moving from Italy, to Newcastle, to Cambridge, I've had to meet new people a lot and Eddington makes that a bit easier.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE FUTURE PHASES IN EDDINGTON?

It's very impressive and nice to see the changes in Eddington since I moved in. I think plans for more housing are great and I would like to see the green spaces around Eddington continue to be preserved.

NEW OPENING



"We are delighted to welcome R3FORM to Eddington Square. The fitness studio adds another dimension to the community provision and we wish the R3FORM team every success as they open for membership at Eddington."



Matt Johnson,
Head of Development for
North West Cambridge at the
University of Cambridge

Our latest outlet in Eddington, the reformer pilates studio R3FORM, opens this August.

At the core of R3FORM is a signature reformer-based method that fuses traditional Pilates with HIIT, yoga, and functional strength training.

Every session is led by next-level instructors that have been trained in-house to deliver the kind of precision, energy, and vibe that is unique to R3FORM. Within the studio, expect clean lines, calming tones, natural light, and premium finishes.

Co-founders Howard and Christie Braband have built R3FORM which has been shaped by their 25 years' experience in the fitness industry. The pair have created and led over 100 health clubs and spas across the UK and internationally, earning titles like Club of the Year and Spa of the Year along the way. But with R3FORM, they've torn up the rulebook.

"We didn't want to create just another studio," says Howard Braband. "We wanted to build a brand that fuses years of experience with the kind of energy, movement and mindset today's fitness community is craving. There is no ego at R3FORM – just good vibes, great people and workouts that get under your skin in the best way. In a busy world, treat R3FORM as your home away from home, a place to escape, recharge and take care of yourself: mind, body and soul."

EDDINGTON CARNIVAL

The very first Eddington Carnival is coming to life on 13–14 September 2025 and we would love for you to get involved!

Part of the university's Open Cambridge event, this vibrant celebration of community and culture will feature exciting activities, live entertainment, unique stalls, delicious food and drink, and much more.

We will also be holding a public information session at this event on Saturday 13th September. This will be held on the Eddington Cricket Pitch between 12-4pm.

Keep an eye out for more announcements on the Eddington website, and if you have any questions, get in touch at: eddingtongarnival@gmail.com



WHAT'S NEXT

As Eddington grows and develops so does the number of events available to the community. Over the next few months we are hosting regular sessions available to all Eddington residents and the wider community. See below for more detail.



ZUMBA

Held every Wednesday

Next event: Wednesday 30th July
6:15pm - 7:00pm

Location: Storey's Field Centre

Join a fun, engaging and challenging Zumba class every week with Steph Baudino. **Book online here.**



PARK YOGA

Held every Sunday.

Next event: Sunday 3rd August
9:30am - 10:30am

Location: Eddington Cricket Pitch

Free weekly community yoga session with Jane Cuthbert, our local expert yoga instructor.



DR BIKE

Next event: Saturday 16th August

Location: Eddington Market Square

Book your free 20-minute 'Safety Check & Adjust' slot and simply bring your bike along.



PERSEIDS METEOR SHOWER

Next event: Sunday 24th August
3:15am - 4:30am

Location: Eddington Square

Gather in the early morning to watch the peak of the Perseids Meteor Shower and bring a blanket!

Please **sign up** to the mailing list in case of cancellation.



HEALTHY NUDGE

Next event: Thursday 11th September
Time subject to booking

Location: Eddington Square

Health insight sessions organised by UoC Sports Service and Healthy Nudge, creating training and lifestyle plans.

To book in for your health check visit:
www.healthynudge.co.uk/bookings



PAINT AND SIP

Next event: Thursday 18th September
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: Turing Locke

Monthly painting and socialising group. At previous Paint Clubs, we have painted starlit lakes, tropical toucans and even a llama! **Book online here.**

HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you enjoy the Eddington Edition?

What have you liked reading?

What would you like to hear more about?

Do you have any suggestions for content in a future edition?

Do you know any local heroes or great businesses you think we should showcase?

CONTACT US

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