Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Council
South Cambridgeshire District Council

Southern Fringe Member Reference Group

Wednesday 22nd June 2005

Present:

Cllr Helen Kember	(South Cambs)
Cllr Charlie Nightingale	(South Cambs) (Chair)
Cllr Liz Heazell	(South Cambs)
Cllr Patrick Orme	(South Cambs)
Cllr Anne Kent	(County)
Cllr Alan Baker	(City)
Cllr Sheila Churchill	(City)
Cllr Edrich Adigun-Harris	(City)
John Onslow	(Cambridgeshire Horizons)
Roger Cutting	(Addenbrookes)

Officers Present:

Stuart Patience	(County)	SP
John Clough	(County)	JC
Joseph Whelan	(County)	JW
Lesley Dickinson	(South Cambs)	LD
Frances Fry	(South Cambs)	FF
Brian Human	(City)	BH
Glen Richardson	(City)	GR

Apologies:

- Cllr Jenny Bailey (City)
- Cllr Phillipa Slatter (City)
- Keith Miles (South Cambs)

1.0 Notes of meeting May, 2005

1.1 Minor spelling errors highlighted otherwise agreed as a correct record.

2.0 Items for discussion

2.1 Members appointed Cllr Charlie Nightingale as chair of the meeting. Discussion regarding make up of the group in terms of member attendance and how appointment was determined. BH confirmed that there is a lack of clarity and that this will need to be checked with each authority.

3.0 Transport Issues Update - Overview of on going work/issues in relation to Transport in Cambridge Southern Fringe

3.1 JC handed out paper (attached) and presented overview. In addition JC confirmed that in relation to the Shelford to Addenbrooke's Cycleway comments were awaited from the Environment Agency. Approval is expected in July.

4.0 Members Questions following Transport Overview

4.1 Cllr Heazell questioned the number of cars likely to be queing at the Hauxton Road junction with the Addenbrookes Access Road. JC stated that a judgement would need to be made but it could be in the region of 20-25 vehicles if there were several access lanes. Need to be a trade off and would want to avoid a queue back onto the M11.

4.2 Cllr Heazell reiterated concern of queing back onto M11. JC stated that there is no specific information at the moment but would want to avoid queing onto M11.

4.3 Cllr Kent shared this concern and asked what is road main purpose, what traffic will it carry will there be the HWRC or not and how many cars will be using it. Not enough data to establish if dual carriageway is necessary and are wide verges and ring road the right design? In relation to the cycleway it was believed by Cllr Kent that the funding was in place already.

4.4 JC stated that this has not been looked at but may be done before planning application is submitted.

4.5 Cllr Kent concerned that if these issues are not resolved the "default" position will go ahead.

4.6 JC stated that trip generation is based on assumption of parking at hospital this will need to be resolved prior to planning application.

4.7 Cllr Nightingale asked if this is the only access to back of Addenbrookes and if there is no through traffic. JC confirmed that there it is not intended to be used for through traffic.

4.8 Cllr Heazell stated that figures need to be bottomed out and that the number of cars should include double trips in the am and pm in addition to a network of footpaths from housing into city and countryside.

4.9 JC stated that access road is taking away 2/3rds of existing traffic from SW corner of Cambridge and will relieve Trumpington Road.

4.10 Cllr Baker questioned where cars will go once they get to Addenbrookes. No point of access road if there is no parking. JC stated that as part of 2020 development proposal parking will be one of the issues that developers will have to address. GR stated that this will be discussed with Hospital as part of ADF.

4.11 Cllr Kent asked about timescales and GR committed to a parking demand strategy in ADF by September. Cllr Kember encouraged park and ride to be used with a route to go down to hospital. BH stated that there is an access

strategy for hospital which has been successful. This will be adopted on 2020 site. ADF will include a clear statement on this.

4.12 Cllr Nightingale suggested that a representative from Addenbrookes be invited to join group. Cllr Kent stated that others were not on group and that they could make a presentation.

4.13 Cllr Heazell suggested that members could agree that things are uncomfortable to the south and need a strategy to assist. It should be a requirement that the traffic situation has to improve not just an aspiration.

4.14 BH stated that major developments will produce traffic. Strategy can't undertake that everything will be better at this stage. Nature of problems need to be resolved.

4.15 GR suggested that a report is done to facilitate and to get to the point of traffic demand/supply levels for Addenbrookes for a future committee and that this be done in conjunction with developers and their consultants.
GR ACTION

4.16 Cllr Kent stated that County don't seem to be taking on board concerns raised by City and SCDC. JC stated that this is still a work in progress and is not yet finished.

4.17 John Onslow highlighted Nothstowe model of project board approach in tackling these issues. Cllr Baker asked who the project board reports to. John Onslow stated that it reports to the main board of Horizons which is made up of the various local authorities.

4.18 Cllr Baker asked for progress on Hills Road pedestrian bridge. JC confirmed that there were 5 options, public consultation in September 2005. John Onslow confirmed that there were three bids in for these improvements.

5.0 Draft Strategy for Cambridge Southern Fringe Area Development Framework - Overview of on going work/issues/options

5.1 GR gave a presentation on progress of issues on a draft strategy for the City led ADF. Focus of presentation was community facilities, open spaces and schools. Report to be presented to 5 July Scrutiny Committee.

6.0 Members Questions following Presentation

6.1 Cllr Nightingale asked about the management of the green space whether grass would be rough cut or mown. GR stated that it would be common style, similar potentially to the model at Coldhams Common, and a mixture of grass lengths some passive and active areas variety of management styles.

6.2 Cllr Kent questioned why Netherhall and Sawston schools were not included when undertaking further consultation exercise. In addition Fawcett School was left off map; what and when consultation with local residents:- and many centres or one centre. Solution could include several places for community facilities; Cllr Kent expressed concerns about existing playing fields/green space is disappearing and is keen to have green space within development.

6.3 GR confirmed that could do more consultation with schools this could be set up by Shape Cambridge GR to discuss with Shape further. GR admitted it was an error to miss off Fawcett School expansion from the map. Consultation exercise in Sept/Oct on draft ADF. Centres don't have to be co located but does make sense to co locate them in sustainability terms.

6.4 Cllr Kent stated that existing facilities are not identified.

6.5 Cllr Heazell questioned if the children will go to Haxton Primary School and suggested that existing Church Hall and other reference points be added on maps for future consultation. Will there be any community rooms provision at Primary Schools. GR stated that there could be community room provision in schools. Cllr Kent confirmed that it was policy to have community room at schools.

7.0 Date of next meeting

7.1 It was agreed that the date of next meeting would be agreed following confirmation of key dates from City.