

Councillors Present:

Arbury: Rhodri James, Alan Levy, Tim Ward
King's Hedges: Louise Downham
East Chesterton: Clare Blair, Jenny Bailey
West Chesterton: Diane Armstrong, Max Boyce, Ian Nimmo-Smith

County Councillors: Kevin Wilkins (West Chesterton), Rupert Moss-Eccardt (Arbury), Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth, Sian Reid(for the Transport item)

Before the meeting, representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council held a roadshow to meet members of the public and gather views on the Transport (TIF) Proposals

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08/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Councillors Holness and Pitt and County Councillors Hughes and Huppert. The Mayor, Councillor Bailey, arrived late because of an earlier engagement.

08/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

MINUTES

08/3

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November were signed as a correct record.

08/4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

07/60 (also 07/49 ,07/29) – St Kilda Avenue dropped kerb options - Cllr Downham had received a response from officers that day and would consult Cllrs Pitt and Upstone on the options.

Ongoing -
Emily
Bingley

07/60 – Cllr Nimmo-Smith had written to Anglia Water regarding Chesterton Fen and would report back when he had received a response.

Ongoing –
Cllr N-S

08/5 OPEN FORUM

County Council's long term transport proposals including a congestion charge for Cambridge:

County Councillor Roy Pegram, Cabinet Member for Transport introduced the County Council's consultation on its transport proposals for managing the growth in Cambridge and the sub-region. Paul Cook, Head of Transport Policy and Strategy presented on the new proposals for road user charging within Cambridge and measures to provide more sustainable transport.

Key transport challenges such as increase in morning peak trips, increased pollution and CO2 emissions, increase in journey times and increased accidents were noted

It was stated that the proposed strategy could achieve a reduction in morning traffic by 10%, a 16% reduction in CO2 emissions, overall reduction in journey time of 19%, a reduction in journey distances (within the City boundary) by 12% and an increase in the number of people coming *into* the City of 13%.

A County/City Joint Councillor Group on Transport had been established as part of the necessary on-going partnership working that would be essential to deliver the right improvements to the City's transport infrastructure. Mr Cook said that the County Council would want to understand the City Council's view of any discount congestion charge for Cambridge residents and whether the knock-on negative implications for traffic and CO2 reduction were acceptable; whether the City Council would wish for the charge to apply at the weekend, which would help with traffic reduction and emissions. There would be detailed discussions between the two Councils on the location of bus stops.

Members of the Committee and the public were then given the opportunity to ask questions of the County Councillor and officer and raise any further issues regarding transport.

Resident 1: What impact would the congestion charge have on car users who are family carers but not blue badge holders and/or need to transport a cared for person.

A – The County Council is looking at exemptions and would be consulting the voluntary and care sector.

Resident 2: How would you enforce the charge for foreign cars?

A – It would be possible to enforce the charge on vehicles registered in the EU.

Cllr Downham – What would happen to the cash raised by the charge? Cllr Reid said that the City Council would lobby the County Council to spend all revenue on sustainable transport (rather than roads). Cllr Downham asked about the bus companies' view of the County Council's proposals. Mr Cook said that the companies were keen on the segregated route proposals and in general were positive of the whole transport package.

Resident 3: Did the County proposals include a combined transport interchange at the Railway Station?

A- Yes and this is being considered as part of the development of around the Station Area.

City Council Ranger – would council workers be exempt from the charge?

A – No, paying the charge would be a matter for the employer.

Resident 5 – Could the County Council instead continue to increase car parking charges, improve information on car parking space availability. Is it not premature to develop a congestion charge until the impact of the Guided Bus is fully functional?

A – The transport proposals are needed as a package to achieve all the objectives. Without a proposal for congestion charging, the Government was unlikely to support and fund the whole scheme.

Resident 6 – Concerned that Addenbrookes appointment times would mean patients paying the charge.

A – County Cllr Pegram had been assured by the Hospital that the appointment system would take into account the implications for a congestion charge and was working on the five affected CB postcode areas. Cllr Ward stated that the Hospital had taken a similar flexible view when free bus travel after 9.30am had been introduced for over 60s, but patients had to ask (rather than it being assumed by the Hospital).

Resident 7 – What about the impact on the residents with low incomes?

A – Research showed that most people on combined income less than £15k did not own a car. These people were more likely to benefit from improvements to the public transport system.

Resident 8 – The County need to adopt innovative transport solutions e.g a gyratory for Newmarket Road

A – The County Council would be looking at all options to deliver improvements to network. For Newmarket Road, a bus lane down the middle of the Road could be an option. It was acknowledged that something needed to be done to improve Newmarket Road.

Cllr Levy said the bus network needed to develop around the periphery as currently it was restrictive by its radial nature and people wanted to travel around without going into the centre.

A- Mr Cook welcomed the comment and would look at this when developing the NW Cambridge area transport system.

Resident 9 – When would these proposals come in?

A – If the decision were taken to introduce the strategy, it would be fully in place by 2021.

Resident 10 – Nothing in plans to improve Fen Road bridge?

A – The County cannot use its limited resources for highway improvements on this bridge (it is estimated to cost at least £2.5 million) which is not part of the main network and doesn't contribute to congestion. However, Income from a congestion charge could be used for such capital projects were such a charge to be introduced.

Resident 11 – With cameras dotted around the city to monitor and enforce a charge, are there privacy issues?

A – The County Council is looking into this as protecting privacy was a requirement of developing a congestion charge.

(Resident 12 asked in writing and wanting to be recorded for County officers to note – Why charge for leaving the city? When I travel down Huntingdon Road (from Victoria Road) there is little traffic going out, congestion is all on the way into city.)

The Chair thanked Mr Cook and County Cllr Pegram for attending and reminded the public that comments and questions could be submitted until 29 February to the County Council at:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/congestion

Open Forum – other questions

Risks of flooding on the NIAB site if it was concreted over when developed?

Cllr Nimmo-Smith responded that this was being examined during the discussions currently underway on the North West Cambridge Area Action Plan (the planning policy framework for this area). He thought that it would be useful to arrange for a fuller debate with local residents about the planned growth in this area and the implications.

A member of the public asked Police Sergeant Wragg for information about Stop and Search procedures referring to previous issue he had raised. He wanted to know – how long is a record kept on that database. Does the record explain why someone has been stopped?

Sgt. Wragg referred to the ‘all stops’ police procedure and that it was a national policy, the procedures have been running for approximately three years. The hard copy of the record was kept for 10 years and reasons for the stop are recorded on the form. The details on the database complied with Data Protection and Freedom of Information requirements. In response to Cllr Downham, it was confirmed that if stopped under this procedure ‘all stops’ you did not have to give your name and address.

08/6 NORTH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Sgt Wragg went through the report which had been circulated with the agenda. The document had been produced prior to all the data for end of December had been collected and the committee was advised that the anti-social behaviour in East Chesterton had reduced enough to remove it from the recommended areas of focus for the coming 16 week period.

Cllr Blair and a member of the public raised concerns that there had not been enough PCSO coverage in East Chesterton in the last month or so. Sgt Wragg advised the Committee that the East Chesterton dedicated support had been

down to one officer for two weeks, but support was provided from elsewhere as the team was now large enough to manage fluctuations in staffing.

Cllr Downham asked about the 16 incidents of fly tipping and how had they been dealt with? The council officers would provide the information as it was not data that the police held. She would have added a target of continued action on fly tipping.

Alastair
Roberts

Cllr Downham also wanted to know more about the action taken on abandoned vehicles as it was difficult to know how successful the measures were with the limited information in the report (and that it was the Council and not the police which was the lead agency).

Cllr Downham referred to needles found in Histon Rd Cemetery, Cllr Levy who was on the Friends of Histon Road Cemetery said that there had been some recent short-term anti-social behaviour issues, hence the high figures, but the Friends had a three year plan to design out the areas where the drug taking etc. took place.

Resolved –

To agree the recommendations for the next 16 weeks:

Dwelling burglary across the neighbourhood
Robberies in King's Hedges and Arbury
ASB in Molewood and Hazelwood area to continue and to include environmental health issues such as fly tipping.

08/7

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

The Director of Community Services presented the Partnerships proposed priorities for the three years from April. The priorities were being debated by each of the Partners and the Council had chosen to publicise them through the Area

Committees. The Partnership had over the last three years made a major impact on the previous priority areas and this was encouraging for Cambridge.

Cllr James asked about the progress being made on domestic violence and was advised that the way in which data was collected still needed to be improved as the situation was better than the figures suggested, but it should still remain a priority for the City.

A member of the public asked about the priority given to alcohol led disorder, for example in relation to domestic violence. The Director of Community Services advised that there were a range of national initiatives being used locally to tackle alcohol related disorder.

08/8 DATES OF MEETINGS

To agree the dates as follows:
19/6, 14/8, 9/10, and 11/12
2009 – 22/1, 19/3

08/9 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Full details of the decisions, conditions of permissions and reasons for refusal may be inspected in the Environment and Planning Department, including those, which the committee delegated to the Head of Development Control to draw up. These minutes should be read in conjunction with the reports on applications to the committee, where the conditions to the approved applications or reasons for refusal are set out in full and with the Amendment Sheet issued at the meeting. Any amendments to the recommendations are shown.

1

Site	61 Green End Road, East Chesterton
Proposal	Residential conversion to 4 no1 bedroom flats
Recommendation	Approve with conditions
Application No	07/1128/FUL
Applicant	Mrs Onuorah, 46 Thornton Road CB3 0NG
Decision	Approved (by 7 votes to 0) subject to conditions as in the officer report

2

Site Butterfly Day Nursery, 27A Elizabeth Way, West Chesterton

Proposal Change of use from flat on first floor to baby unit to accommodate 12 babies and staff room.

Recommendation Approve

Application No 07/1031/FUL

Applicant Mrs Chevli, 27A Elizabeth Way

Public Mrs Chevli

Speakers

Decision Approved (7-0) subject to the conditions in the officer report without Condition 2.

During the debate members of the Committee expressed support for the removal of the proposed condition 2 as they were not persuaded that a temporary permission would be required for this site.. The Committee agreed **to remove condition 2** by 6 votes to 0.

3

Site 60 Green End Road, East Chesterton

Proposal Redevelopment to form 3no two bed flats and 1no one bed flat.

Recommendation Approve with conditions

Application No 07/1090/FUL

Applicant Mr Price, 18 Water House, Water Lane, Cambridge

Public None (a member of the public had attended but left before the application was heard. The Planning Officer read out the person's objections to the Committee)

Speakers

Decision Approved (5-1) subject to the conditions in the officer report.

4

Site Land adj 48 Enniskillen Road East Chesterton

Proposal Erection of a detached house and off road parking (outline application).

Recommendation Approve with conditions

Application No 07/1208/OUT

Applicant Mrs J Hooton Pastures Farm, Hammersley Lane, Bucks HP10

Public None

Speakers

Decision **Approved** (by 7 votes -0) subject to the conditions in the officer report.

5

Site

207 Green End Road, East Chesterton

Proposal

Two storey and single storey side extension and addition of first floor to create flat above shop.

Recommendation

Refuse

Application No

07/1409/FUL

Applicant

Mrs Guo, 207 Green End Road

Public

Mrs Guo

Speakers

Decision

Approve (by 6 votes to 0) against the officer recommendation.

Reasons for approval and conditions delegated to officers. Authority without time limit granted to officers to complete Section 106 Agreement.

The Committee did not consider that the application would have a harmful impact on the townscape and was not contrary to Policies 3/4 context, 3/7 successful places and 3/14 extending buildings.

The meeting finished at 10.50pm

Chair