

**Joint Development Control Committee
Cambridge Fringes**21 January 2009
10.00am to 16.30pm**Present:****Cambridge City Council:** Cllrs Baker (Chair), Blair, Blencowe, Reid, Smart**South Cambridgeshire District Council:** Cllrs Bard, Kindersley, Nightingale, Orgee, Smith**Cambridgeshire County Council:** Cllrs Harrison, Kenney, McCraith**Also Present:** Cllrs Kent (County), Heazel (SCDC) and Lockwood (SCDC)**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCILS****09/JDC/1 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2008 were confirmed as a correct record.

09JDC/2 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dryden (City) and De Lacey (SCDC)

09/JDC/3 Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct personal interests were declared as follows:

Councillor	Item	Nature of Interest
Orgee	4	Governor of Granta School
Kent	4	(As ward Councillor)

09/JDC/4 Update on Provision and Maintenance of Public Access to Community Facilities Co-located with Trumpington Meadows Primary School and Relationship to Section 106 Agreement

The Trumpington Meadows S106 process was reaching its final stages and it was hoped to complete the Section 106 Agreement within the next month. Officers were therefore trying to resolve key outstanding issues, one of which was the question of how to secure public access to the community facilities co-located with the Trumpington Meadows Primary School.

The Joint Development Control Committees (JDCC) of 20 February 2008 and 11 June 2008 had resolved that this should be secured through the Section 106 Agreement. Officers were satisfied that the S106 was an appropriate mechanism to secure the obligation.

The issue was therefore being reported back to the JDCC for consideration of the suggested resolution.

Councillors Kent (County Council), Lockwood (SCDC) and Heazel attended the meeting and spoke to the committee as indicated below.

Cllr Kent spoke as County Councillor and as a representative from the Fawcett Federation Group, the promoter of the new Trumpington Meadows Primary School. Cllr Lockwood spoke to seek assurance from the County Council officers that early years provision would be provided at the proposed primary school. Cllr Liz Heazel spoke supporting Cllr Kent's views.

The Committee discussed the following points:

- Commitment to provide community facilities at the proposed school.
- Revenue funding in the long-term.
- The role of the Joint Development Control Committee (JDCC) in securing facilities.
- The requirement of a Community Development Plan to aid the detail required in the Access Agreement.
- Issues outside the remit of the JDCC should be taken to the Joint Strategic Growth Implementation Committee (JSGIC) for further discussion and evolution of a strategic protocol between the three local authorities/other key stakeholders in the process to in relation to public access to community facilities co-located with schools. This should include setting out:
 - a) the relationships within the protocol (including school promoter),
 - b) respective responsibilities of the districts/Councils/Parish Council (if appropriate) and school promoter and
 - c) a minimum standard of community access to be defined.

Further discussion led to the following issues being raised:

- The importance of having community integration with the proposed school; it was vital that the co-located community facilities were provided, financed and maintained.
- The authorities involved needed to consider the precedent that the Trumpington Meadows Primary School would have for the secondary school and co-located community facilities proposed on Clay Farm.
- Although the developers for Trumpington Meadows were providing capital for the community facilities and revenue funding for the first three

years in line with planning requirements, any subsequently identified need for revenue funding for the co-located community facilities after expiry/expenditure of the developer contributions was therefore between the three authorities and not one that involved the developer.

- The role of the JDCC was to consider Development Control issues and other community facilities: related or future financial decisions were outside this Committee's remit.
- The County Council Cabinet's decision on the proposed primary school included taking forward the community access provision. However it did not include specific reference to securing use in evenings, weekends and holidays.
- The responsibility for on-going funding arrangements referred to in the report to committee at paragraphs 3.5.3 and 3.5.5,
- The need for a business plan/community development plan to include assessment of implications for the future long-term revenue costs of the community facilities.
- The lack of detail available on the proposed use of the community facilities i.e. hours of use and access arrangements, which were not specified at this stage.
- The need for a definition of the term "community access".

Agreed

1 a) that

i) the Section 106 agreement is an appropriate mechanism for securing the principle of access by the public to the community facilities co-located at Trumpington Meadows Primary School and that;

ii) the S106 agreement will require that, in due course, before the school opens the three local authorities, in consultation with Haslingfield Parish Council, agree the detail of such access including provisions for reasonable public access to the co-located community facilities during evenings, weekends and school holidays;

b) the relevant education and community services functions within the three authorities will be responsible for agreeing the detail of the Access Agreement.

2) A joint report from key service (education and community services) officers within the three authorities be prepared for JSGIC setting out a strategic protocol between the three local authorities/other key stakeholders in the process for securing public access to community facilities co-located with schools. This should include details of:

- a) the relationships within the protocol (including school promoter),
- b) respective responsibilities of the districts/Councils/Parish Council (if appropriate) and school promoter and

c) a minimum standard of community access to be defined.

09/JDC/5 Update on Development Control Forum Process

The purpose of the officer's report was to update the Committee (JDCC) on recent changes agreed to the City Council's Development Control Forum (DCF) process, as operated by the Council's Planning Committee.

Members of the JDCC were asked to review the changes agreed by the City Council's Planning Committee and consider whether they wished to adopt these changes in relation to the operation of the JDCC's DCF process at the present time, for consistency, or to retain the existing agreed arrangements and carry out a review at a later stage, when more DCFs had been held.

Agreed

To note the changes agreed to the City Council's Planning Committee Development Control Forum process.

Not to make any changes to the JDCC Development Control Forum process at the present time, and review the process at a later date.

09/JDC/6 Proposed 2009/2010 Meeting Dates

Agreed that the dates for meetings of the Joint Development Control Committee and the Development Control Forums of the Joint Development Control Committee be scheduled as follows, subject to cancellation if the meetings aren't required:

Joint Development Control Committees		JDCC Development Control Forums (if petition received)	
2009	2010	2009	2010
Wed 25 Feb Wed 18 March Wed 15 April Tue 12 May Wed 8 July Tue 4 August Thur 3 September Thur 1 October Tue 3 November Thur 3 December	Tue 26 January Wed 24 Feb Wed 24 March Wed 21 April Wed 19 May	Wed 20 May Wed 17 June Tue 14 July Wed 12 August Tue 8 September Thu 8 October Wed 11 November Wed 9 December	Tue 5 January Tue 2 February Tue 2 March Wed 31 March Wed 28 April Wed 26 May

Chair