

ACTIONS FROM CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION – 4 Nov 2021

Questions/Actions

Cllr Katie Thornburrow

From Peter Blythe : I have asked Cllr Thornburrow. Please can we have a list of ALL the sites submitted in the local plan. Not just the ones taken forward. It is time consuming to scroll through all the maps to find these sites. It is clear that developers have spent a lot of money on some of their plans such as for example the leafy Victorian villas on Station road which are seen as an opportunity area. Given the concerns about the flying Pig many residents would like to know about ALL the other areas are perceived as 'opportunity' areas and ongoing discussions with the planners given the time frames of local plans and later submission.

From Katie Thornburrow : Wendy Blyth - I will get these lists to you and ask that they are available to all.

From Peter Blythe : Katie can we also have a list of the green sites submitted too as this will interest residents especially as the planners have told us previously that ELMs is funded by development and/or offsetting. And these other funds may be for example the central Cambridge Nature fund (OxCamArc fund)

Enforcement

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From Peter Blythe : I am hoping that there will be a discussion of how enforcement relates to green spaces and tree felling. Nearly an hour's q & a discussion about enforcement at a recent Natural Cambs meeting was edited out of the official record of the meeting circulated afterwards. Rules and regulation is an issue that concerns the whole country at the moment. What record does the council have of enforcement taken?

From Peter Blythe : Regarding the breach of conditions at 291 Hills Road the neighbours do not even know what plan the developers are working to! If there is subsidence later who do they take to court?

From Edward Leigh : How is enforcement funded? Any estimate of how much illegal development is not enforced because of lack of funding?

From Peter Blythe : But where is the record of enforcement ? How many times have you prosecuted?

From CllrMarkAshton(Cambr : Do we have enough enforcement officers to deal with the problems we face with retrospective applications that are being used as a way to bypass the formal planning process

From CllrMarkAshton(Cambr : How did the developers with the hotel on the old coopers site manage to demolish that terraced house without asking permission

From Peter Blythe : It maybe but the point is there has been so little enforcement on this site that the neighbours have no idea what plan the developers have been working to. What of the trees ? What long term plan is involved for the trees on the site that have been impacted when the developers sell the flats? who is responsible? The question has not been answered

From Peter Blythe : Can you give us the info about nos of prosecutions and data re enforcement please?

From Peter Blythe : But this has been raised before and we were promised the info,

From Karen : Discharge into a ditch bordering a building site was reported to Planning Enforcement and the Environment Agency. The latter viewed it as a serious problem. Planning Control said that protecting watercourses was a recommendation rather than a condition, despite the planning permission listing it as a condition. The EA has referred us back to LPA. Where does that leave us? This discharge will reach a nature reserve of county level importance

From Peter Blythe : It would be really helpful for residents to have some simple instructions about their rights and what they can do relating concerns.

DM Questions

Toby Williams

From David Stoughton : There were egregious breaches of planning conditions on the CB1 development. None seems to have been effectively resolved they were just left - facts on the ground!