

Southern Fringe Community Forum

6.45pm, Monday 30th October 2017

Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Trumpington.

Chair

Cllr Richard Johnson Cambridge City Council

Lead Officer

Debbie Kaye Head of Community Services
Cambridge City Council

Presenters

Vicky Hathrell	Cambridge City Council
Alison Sutton	Cambridge City Council
Paul Nelson	Cambridgeshire County Council
Gary Baldwin	Cambridgeshire County Council
Tony Taylorson	Cambridge University Health Partners
Malcolm Lowe-Lauri	Cambridge University Health Partners

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all and introduced the agenda.

1a - Community activities across Trumpington - Vicky Hathrell – see presentation attached.

1b - Clay Farm Centre - Alison Sutton

Alison confirmed that we are expecting practical completion of the centre in the middle of November with public opening in the New Year. She also informed the meeting of:

- Opening times
- Room bookings
- Recruitment of volunteers
- Facebook and twitter presence

Q: The reduction in the number of annual forums would be detrimental to information that the community could access and we would urge the Council to continue with the Community Forums.

A: The point is understood and will be borne in mind when reflecting on needs across the whole city and capacity for future forums.

2. Public Transport / new bus service – Paul Nelson (Cambridgeshire Council Council) - *see presentation attached.*

Paul covered the context for the funding, previous consultation, a competitive tender, service days and times, route, access and shelters. The start date is pending the Spine Road opening and traffic light installation which is due in the next three weeks.

Q: The area ought to be seen as a destination with two country parks and facilities for people to come to at the weekend. Why doesn't it run on a Sunday?

A: There is limited initial pump priming funding for the service, about three years, however, if popularity demonstrates viability there is no reason it can't be expanded.

Q: I think most are pleased with the work done and the consultation Paul has undertaken. However, once up and running it needs extending past existing proposals with proper bus shelters. The other issue concerns the changes to the Citi7 service and the lack of accessibility this has left Trumpington with and the lack of an express service in to town. Please urge Stagecoach to re-consider.

A: The timetable is tight with only a two minute turn-round but, where possible, alterations could be considered. Discussion with stagecoach regarding a reduction of other services has been fruitful so the County Council will continue with the liaison.

Q: The timetable ought to reflect peak times and local needs.

A: Agreed, patronage will be reviewed once the service starts.

3. Traffic Regulation Orders and Parking Zones – Gary Baldwin. (See *presentation attached*).

Q: The scheme identified in the first phase only covers part of Trumpington Meadows; will it be the same elsewhere?

A: Yes, that's the intention. It's when a significant part of an estate or development has been completed then a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be applied.

Q: There is a dearth of visitor parking spaces in some areas of the development, why is this?

A: This will part of the planning process and the estate design. Countryside are working with the County Council on the adoption process to ensure that the timings of completion, following 12months maintenance period, align.

Q: At this stage it is only the part of Trumpington Meadows in the City with the parking zone?

A: Yes, this process has not been adopted in South Cambs (the other part of Trumpington Meadows) so parking enforcement is with County Council and Police. So work will continue with central Government to extend the TRO.

4. Questions from the floor

Q: What is the timetable for the completion of the community gardens?

A: A temporary building is in place and a staged release of land planned by December in consultation with the City Council's Streets & Open Spaces department.

Q: The agreement is for local consultation over design and implementation of the building serving the allotments and gardens, why hasn't this taken place?

A: This again will need further information from Streets & Open Spaces. (*see post meeting note 1*)

Q: Why has some of the street lighting not been completed?

A: Up until the point of adoption, the responsibility of the street lighting remains with the developer.

Q: What is planned regarding the footpath from Foster road through to Clay Farm in terms of its re-routing, surface and lighting?

A: We don't have that detail this evening but can provide detail in the notes. (*see post meeting note 2*).

Q: What is the latest on the through traffic on Addenbrookes road and the use of the ANPR cameras?

A: There is no through traffic allowed on the Addenbrookes Road and detail will be confirmed in the notes of the meeting. (*see post meeting note 3*)

Q: Having to use the bus means a circuitous route round the hospital site before going in to town, or returning to Trumpington, this can discourage use. Can an express service be considered?

A: This would be an option that the service provider will need to consider, a Stagecoach representative will be invited to future Forums.

Q: Is the Spine road a through route from north to south?

A: Only for cyclists, pedestrian, buses and emergency vehicles. There is a bus gate adjacent to the Community Centre preventing vehicular rat running.

5. Cambridge bio-medical campus up-date - Tony Taylorson and Malcolm Lowe-Lauri (*See presentation attached*).

Q: The molecular biology open days were really good, are there plans for further such initiatives?

A: Definitely. We would like to promote tourist walks, heritage days and the science festival that will be happening next year.

Q: What do local communities get from you?

A: It's important for us to compare and contrast our facilities with other comparable campuses and for the 4 landlords across the site to determine what infrastructure is needed. There are plans for nursery and leisure facilities initially with retailing and other improvements planned over the next decade, the use of green open space for example has been integral with the Papworth development. With respect to improving transport links, there is no one solution that can solve all issues but proposals around a new rail station and improvements to the A1307 will all be considered and will hopefully benefit everyone in the south of the city.

Q: Do you feel communities might feel closer to the campus if the names were a little less formal or abstract?

A: Quite possibly. Some of the developments are down to business names and can't be changed e.g. Abcam, whilst others are just project names at first that will change later. CBC? Maybe that could be better.

Q: The walking path through to the site is to be closed, what is the detail?

A: The entrance will be closed on the 13 November with a diversion around Robinson way until May, this is to allow construction and aid Health & Safety on site.

Cllr Johnson thanked all those who attended and presented, advised that the next forum is due early March and closed the meeting.

Post meeting notes:

Note 1:

New Allotments across the Southern Fringe will soon be available (over the winter of 2017) to the new community residents. There are four new allotment sites and one community garden under development in the southern fringe area of the City. Three sites are reaching the final stages of build and plots should now start rolling out and become available to local residents over the winter period following the transfers to the City Council. The individual sites are as follows:

Clay Farm (Hobsons Park)

There were a number of outstanding issues largely relating to access which have now been resolved and following a more recent meeting with the developer further snagging on site was necessary and has now also been completed. The certificate of final inspection has now been issued, which enables the final lease transfer to be completed. We are hopeful that the allotments will be with the City Council in the next few weeks. There are now well over a 100 people on the waiting list, who will be receiving their individual offer letter so they can prepare their plots ready for the new growing season. The letters of invite to the people on the waiting list will start as soon as the sites are legally transferred, with the number of plots involved and the plot allocation policy the offer letters to Individual residents are likely to be delivered in phases over a number of weeks.

The neighbouring Country Park is also approaching transfer time but not quite on the same timescale.

Trumpington Meadows

The final inspection was undertaken a couple of weeks ago and final certificate of inspection has been issued. There are some minor snagging works still to be completed prior to the final lease transfer. We are now waiting on the formal transfer of lease to the City Council which legal representations are now working on and should be completed in the next few weeks. There are over 70 residents on the waiting list, our Streets and Open Spaces team will be marking out the plots prior to offer letters being sent to individual residents this will be on a phased basis to make best use of the allocated space.

Ninewells (this site is in two parts)

Following the City Councils recent site meeting a list of snagging, remedial work was agreed and resulted in the maintenance and defects period for the allotments being

extended to allow time for completion. Over the last couple of weeks the majority of issues have now been resolved with some minor snagging still to complete, such as rabbit proof mesh to be fitted to some of the steel perimeter railings, a couple of broken timber fence rails to replace . The majority of works on the snagging list have now been carried out, final inspection and the issue of the final certificate is expected to take place in the immediate future. The final certificate when issued (date to be confirmed expected to be during November 2017) will allow the legal transfer of the sites to be completed. When the final transfer has been completed expected December 2017 the individual offer letters will be circulated to those residents on the waiting list during this winter period. Although the outstanding issues are relatively minor, the work needs completing before the plots are occupied to avoid any disturbance to allotment tenants.

Clay Farm Community Garden

The Community Garden at Clay Farm is subject to planning permission and there are concept drawings available on the City Councils planning portal (web site) to show the general principles of the garden design. The final detail has yet to be agreed and approved. The Community Garden is intended to function and share some facilities with the neighbouring allotment site. It is envisaged that the imminent transfer of the allotment site to the City Council will help with developing a broader community group on site to provide greater impetus to moving the community garden design and future care forward. This will coincide with the build out across Clay Farm as more residents move into their new homes. There is a temporary (yellow) building located on the area which will eventually form the community garden, this accommodation is intended as a focal point to encourage community involvement and activity with things horticultural including the design proposals for the community garden itself. There is a notice board on site which is useful as it indicates how and when residents can get involved if they have an interest.

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Note 2:

Awaiting information from Countryside Properties.

Note 3:

Addenbrookes Road is an access only road to the Addenbrookes Campus, it's not a through route for (any) motorists wishing to access the highway network to the north of the Addenbrookes site. We're not singling out residents of the southern fringe

development; it restricts all through traffic and was a requirement of a planning application. The roads within the Addenbrookes site are not public highway and are there to provide access in and around the site, not as a convenient through route. In addition, as these roads are not public highway there is no absolute right of (public) access.

The Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras are linked and record the time a vehicle enters and exits the restricted area. If a vehicle enters and exits via the same road then they will not be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice, as they have not travelled through the site to access the highway network on the other side. If they enter the site and travel straight through, exiting via a different road they will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.....unless they have legitimate business within the Addenbrookes campus. I am told that this is worked out via timing the vehicles through the site (deliveries/ visitors/ patients etc. through the site will stop for a period of time, through traffic will not). For operational reasons the Police are not at liberty to divulge these timings.

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