

Southern Fringe Community Forum
7pm, Thursday 11th June 2015
Cambridge Professional Development Centre - Trumpington

Chair

Cllr Shapour Meftah Cambridge City Councillor

Lead Officer

Debbie Kaye Head of Communities, Arts & Recreation
(Cambridge City Council)

Sharon Brown New Neighbourhoods Development Manager
(Cambridge City Council)

Presenters

Mike Ovenden Principal Planner (Cambridge City Council)

Miles Leigh Allies and Morrison Architects (Barratt)

Stephen Bridge CBC Development Group (Papworth)

Joseph Whelan Public Transport (Cambridgeshire County
Council)

Ian Dyer Highways (Cambridgeshire County Council)

Apologies – Cllr Barbara Ashwood, Liz Bisset.

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all and introduced the agenda. A statement from Cambridge City Council regarding the proposed sporting village development was relayed and which stated that until an application had been received, no discussion regarding it would be held at this forum. (See post meeting note 1).

The Chair gave apologies and left for another engagement, Debbie Kaye chaired the remainder of the meeting.

1. Site overview

Mike Ovenden presented an overview of the sites across the Southern Fringe covering:

- Needs, allocation and provision regarding sport, open space and allotments.
- Occupations
- Shops and amenities
- Education

See attached presentation.

Q: How will the community facility be managed?

A: Due to open in September 2016, the new community facility has a management company made of Directors from County and City Council members. Who and how the centre will be run is a decision to be made by the Directors following a options and risk appraisal with a preferred option due in August of this year.

Q: What community facilities are there at the Trumpington Meadows primary school?

A: There is a community wing comprising two rooms, open and available for hire at present.

2. Trumpington Meadows Local Centre – Miles Leigh

See attached presentation.

Q: What commercial use is there?

A: There are currently three proposed units in a block which could be one larger unit, due to be built in 2016 and open within three years.

Q: Do you propose to undertake community consultation regarding types of commercial use?

A: We are not that far ahead yet but there would need to be consideration of current facilities, market desire as well what central government controls will allow. These have relaxed recently but tightened around betting shops.

Q: Does current venting proposals exclude A3 and A5 use?

A: Improved technical specification has allowed flexible use including A3 and A5.

3. Biomedical Campus partners – Stephen Bridge

See attached presentation.

Q: Is demand for space at Cambridge Bio-medical Centre over-committed?

A: The current 70 acre expansion, split between various users would mean that with the Astra Zeneca relocation, further land needs to be looked at to ensure Cambridge is the biggest and best health and science research centre in Europe.

Q: Where would the extra land be?

A: This the 2040 site already allocated west of Bell School, it is under early pre-application discussions with the City Council.

Q: How does this fit with the proposed Jesus College development?

A: Although this scheme is being promoted, it has not been allocated within the Local Plan and as such would not be supported at present. However there is currently a Local Plan review which might consider this as a future development site.

4. Public transport and highways

Joseph Whelan outlined the public transport options currently being considered for the use of s106 monies from the Southern Fringe.

The idea of a shuttle bus between Trumpington Village and the centre of the new developments would need to be considered in co-ordination with the opening of the new community facility and retail units and demonstrate that patronage would make the service viable.

The extension of the Citi 8 service is also to be costed and considered.

It was reported that the new R service has been well used and liked by those in Trumpington.

The available funds would not extend to a Sunday service and there are no current plans to extend the guided bus at present. However, this is not to say that this can't be reviewed.

The County Council have hosted a number of visits by Astra Zenica staff to understand their needs but to also work with the company to manage transport flow and related peak time of Park and Ride use.

Q: A safe crossing of the guided bus way to the new active recreation zone is needed. A further stop for the guided bus is also needed. Can these be considered?

A: It is certainly something we can look at. (See post meeting note 2)

Q: Are you concerned that by providing a shuttle bus that a dangerous precedent is being set and other outlying villages will demand one?

A: The shuttle bus will only be provided with finite s106 as pump priming from contributions from the various Southern Fringe sites, so village bus extensions are not applicable in this scenario.

Q: The Park & Ride and guided bus end too early at 8.30pm, could it be extended?

A: The services are commercially run with a timetable set by the operators, however, discussion for extensions are on-going.

Q: There seems to be a need for more co-ordinated approach between planning and transport to be able to plan new services.

A: As much as we would like to put on new services there aren't the funds available to meet every need. However the co-ordination is something we can look in to.

Q: The Shelford Road and Addenbrookes Road junction has on-going issues regarding signal phasing and rat running through Addenbrookes, is there enforcement to stop this and what can be done regarding the phasing of workers leaving the CBC?

A: Addenbrookes do monitor travel patterns through the site and are meant to serve penalty notices to rat-runners, this data will be requested for a post meeting note. (See post meeting note 3). Discussions with CBC site users regarding flexible working patterns are seen as essential to avoid heightened peak time movement and will be raised with those co-ordinating the Addenbrookes travel plan. The junction lights have been subject to technical improvements due to be installed in the near future.

Comment: Chair – Options and plans for discussion will need to be brought back to the forum.

Q: What is the latest information regarding installation of street lighting on the guided bus due in late Spring?

A: The information will be added on the post meeting notes. (See post meeting note 4).

Q: Can anything be done to improve the Waitrose junction?

A: From a technical point the suggestions raised are currently not viable in the amount of space needed.

Comment: Lead Officer – The various teams involved in transport at the County Council will revolve around the forums that we arrange. The strategic transport team will be attending the Forum in the future.

Q: The Park and Ride is seen as an answer to a lot of problems, if the sporting village proposal goes ahead surely the capacity of the P&R will be too small?

A: At present there is plenty of capacity within the Park and Ride but as suggested needs monitoring and balanced within different demand times. E.g. weekend use, rush hour, football times etc.

Q: For the circular bus route, could a weekend service also be costed?

A: Yes

Q: Will buses be permitted from Long Road to Hobson Square and on further south?

A: Yes. Ordinary traffic will be stopped near Hobsons square but the buses will pass through the bus gate and travel on.

General questions from the floor.

Q: Has a soil survey been undertaken at Trumpington Meadows with regard the allotments?

A: As part of the planning conditions a survey of all soils have to be undertaken.

Q: When do the allotments come on stream, I've registered and heard nothing?

A: *To be taken up individually post meeting.*

Q: What is the delay with the opening of the play area on Trumpington Meadows?

A: A remedy of defect process is undertaken with developers to ensure that the park or play area has no defaults prior to the local authority taking responsibility for it. This can take a year, but longer if snagging issues are found.

Q: Some of the roads on Trumpington Meadows have been half finished for too long when will they be completed?

A: Again, there are snagging issues with some infrastructure and every effort with developers is being made to bring to completion.

Post meeting notes:

1. No planning applications for the proposed developments have been submitted as yet. Any planning applications coming forward will be subject to due process including full consideration of the very special circumstances required to justify development on land within the Cambridge Green Belt. Officers from both Councils are working closely together. An application for the sporting village would be considered by the Joint Development Control Committee, whilst an application for Abbey Stadium would be considered by Planning Committee. Linkages between the two projects would be full explored as part of any planning application process.
2. County, City, developer and their contractors will be meeting on site next week to discuss an appropriate crossing strategy of the busway.
3. *Awaiting information*
4. Installation of street lighting will start next week (wk beg 15/6/15) on the Orchard Park section in the north of the Busway and then move to the southern section. Expected completion is September 2015.