

Cambridge East Community Forum

6th March 2018 - Colville Primary School, Cherry Hinton.

Chair

Councillor Kevin Blencowe

Cambridge City Council

Lead Officer

Debbie Kaye

Head of Community Services, Cambridge City Council

Presenters

Richard Oakley

Marshall

Mike Davies

Cambridgeshire County Council

Ed Durrant

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all, outlined the purpose of the meeting and invited the first speaker.

WING, Land North of Cherry Hinton (LNoCH) and Ground Run Enclosure – Richard Oakley

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Q: What are the two routes through the proposed development at LNoCH?

A: One cuts through the middle of the site and the other around the perimeter. There are pros and cons for both but the main aim is to discourage through traffic and speed will be limited to 20mph. There are a wide variety of transport options to be promoted and the development will not want to encourage more traffic in to Cambridge.

Q: The phasing of the new primary school on WING is important; it should not detract from the pupil role at Teversham.

A: This is well understood and the applicant, in this circumstance, is led by the County Council but the dwelling trigger suggested for LNoCH is later than that of WING.

Q: The junction of Church Road and Airport Way is currently busy and dangerous and could be made worse by the development. Are there plans for improvement?

A: The applicant has been advised by the County Council that the junction will need upgrading, this could be a roundabout.

Q: Will children of a primary age be able and encouraged to cycle on the new development?

A: The spine and secondary roads will all have specific cycle lanes and there are also a number of feeder cycle ways off the development too.

Comment: The argument for a through route has been successful; we now need to ensure that pressure is kept to have the right type of road for the development.

Cycling and transport projects – Mike Davies

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Q: The improvements to the Coldhams Lane/Sainsbury roundabout are welcome, however the approach to the roundabout on Coldhams Lane is insufficient with regard cycle lanes and pavements. What can be done?

A: Once the application for the roundabout is secured the roads feeding it can also be looked at and options appraised. The obvious constraint is the rail bridge acting as a pinch point, maybe leading to a one way flow; however the roundabout is the priority with an intention to reduce the number of accidents there. As part of the LNoCH development, that stretch of Coldham's Lane will probably have a 30mph restriction; Marshall may also be able to look at their boundary on Coldhams Lane with a view to road widening to accommodate cycling and walking.

Ida Darwin & Fulbourn Hospital – Ed Durrant

- See presentation

Q: The new social club will be subject to a late night licence and limited car parking; this doesn't seem an equitable provision.

A: There is no obligation on the developer to provide a social club as it's not part of a wider scheme like WING or LNoCH, so although it may not be as substantial it could have been lost altogether. It is important that we learn from other new provision across the City such as the Clay Farm Centre and Storeys Way and evolve to ensure compatibility with differing uses of clubs and centres. Newer building materials will mean that noise attenuation will be improved also.

Questions from the floor:

Q: How do we get involved in these projects?

A: There are numerous consultation events both prior to, and during, the planning application process. For the County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership projects there will be an options appraisal stage for which comments will be invited and then the formal planning application consultation also. These are promoted through letter drops, social media, web-sites and press release and although never perfect have generated good response historically. Resident associations can also request representation and your local ward Councillor will have detail and advice on this also.

Q: We are constantly being asked to look at alternative transport modes but bus services have been reduced to a point whereby the public transport service is not adequate for this.

A: The County Council's transport assessment team could be invited to future meetings.

Cllr Blencowe thanked those for attending and presenting and closed the meeting.

Next meeting – approximately late June 2018.