

Southern Fringe Community Forum

6.45pm, Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Trumpington.

Chair

Cllr Katie Thornburrow

Cambridge City Council

Lead Officer

Debbie Kaye

Head of Community Services
Cambridge City Council

Presenters

Vicky Haywood

Cambridge City Council

David Malia

Cambridge City Council

Phil Doggett

Cambridge City Council

Vicky Chipp

Countryside Properties

Sean Martin

BDW homes

Tomislav Dushanov

AstraZeneca

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all and introduced the agenda.

1. Open space up-date David Malia (see presentation attached).

Q: Are there cattle drinking troughs on Trumpington Meadows Country Park?

A: Yes, these are fitted with self-filling water taps to reduce wastage.

Q: What teenage provision is there?

A: The community park at Trumpington Meadows (T.M) has a multi-use games area and tennis courts and the second phase on the Clay Farm Country Park will have a skate park, basketball courts and other teenage amenity.

Comment: A preference for the allotments on TM to be called Trumpington Meadows allotments and those on Clay Farm to be called Clay Farm allotments.

Q: The dates for transfer and use of the allotments have consistently slipped which has caused endless frustration. What is the reason for this and when will they be ready?

A: There is no definite date that can be relayed tonight, however they are within the final defect process now and everything is being done to bring them forward as soon as possible. This will be followed up with our legal team for progress checking.

Comment: It would be useful for the City Council to re-engage with those on the waiting lists for the allotment to ensure that the correct provision and people are matched.

Q: Are the City Council geared up and ready for the transfer?

A: Yes, we have been in preparation to manage the various sites for some time and are keen to progress.

Q: The play area on Whittle Avenue has had the furniture removed and is in dis-repair, who is responsible for this?

A: The equipment was not fit for purpose and was removed by the developer on request of the City Council. It is now the developer's obligation to replace.

Q: The glass panels in front of the Skanska development has been cracked for quite a while and concern is that it will shatter dangerously. Is this being addressed?

A: We are aware of this issue and will follow up with the developer.

2. Retail across the Southern Fringe – Phil Doggett, Vicky Chipp and Sean Martin – (*see presentations attached*).

Comment: Reference to Great Kneighton, a marketing name, isn't welcome amongst some of the residual community.

Q: The retail units within Clay Farm (Countryside) are still years away, those who occupied early on will have been without local shops for over seven years, why is this?

A: This was part of the phasing plan agreed at planning outline stage and that development would start at the northern and southern ends to meet within the local centre where the retail facilities are.

Q: What can be done to secure lettings of the current vacant units?

A: Rent incentives are currently in place but quantum of residents is needed for viability.

Comment: The A5 unit (hot food designation) isn't needed when considering the proliferation of takeaways and associated litter.

Q: Are sufficient extraction facilities in the A5 unit, considering the flats above?

A: As far as we know it does, but this will be checked. (*See post meeting note 1.*)

Q: Is the A2 unit necessary, could a change of use be considered?

A: Although the most challenging to let of the City Council units, we will continue to monitor interest and progress on this unit prior to any legal process to change designation.

Comment: The issues of footfall and market driven facilities is also tied up with the unused 25 bus route and the lack of the medical centre opening.

Q: When will the medical centre be ready?

A: It is disappointing for everyone that the new doctors' surgery prepared for Trumpington Medical Practice has not been able to open as scheduled alongside the rest of the centre. Everyone is mindful on the strain the situation is having to the practice, patients and new pharmacy in Hobson Square.

The reasons for the delay are two-fold;

- NHS England did not feel able to give authority to sign up to the lease whilst construction work to the roof was still on-going.
- In the meantime, we have uncovered a need for remedial drainage-related works on floor 2 in the medical centre area and this will further delay occupation until completion.

We hope to have a firm date for occupation and moving in shortly.

Q: Are there penalty clauses for the builders?

A: Cambridge City Council has appropriate contractual arrangements in place

3. AstraZeneca – Tomislav Dushanov – (*see presentation attached*)

Q: Concern about possible location of the rail station in the green corridor

A: There are no details, solid intentions or plans at present. Issues and options are still being considered, any further information will be added as part of the post meeting notes. (*See post meeting note 2*).

Q: The building looks unattractive, is there anything that could be done to reduce its visual impact?

A: Energy type buildings do generally look like this but efforts have been made to keep its visual dialogue continuous with those around it. There is intention to have a green tree shield up to 15-16m high reduce its visual impact from the residential side.

Q: The likelihood of attracting further car bound traffic to the south of Cambridge is not welcome, what can this development do to alleviate further congestion?

A: The Cambridge Bio-medical Campus has a site wide transport plan that all parcels and developments need to adhere to with detailed, up-dated reports for each. The determination is to reduce car use wherever possible with rationed

parking to a number of days per user per year and encouragement to use sustainable forms of travel via the various transport hubs across Cambridge.

4. Community activity, including Clay Farm Community Garden consultation – Vicky Haywood. (*See presentation attached*)

Q: Are there any plans for a swimming pool in the south of Cambridge?

A: No. The developments we are discussing today did not warrant the build of a new pool. However, contributions, in the form of s106 payments, are gathered from the developers to improve facilities at existing pools and gain community use at the new pool being brought forward by Cambridge University.

Q: Can collaboration with South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) bring forward a pool?

A: Needs analysis is done in conjunction with Sport England to determine best placement for provision and consider travel times to each pool. Cambridge City Council work closely with colleagues at SCDC and Cambridgeshire County Council and any new provision within SCDC or elsewhere would also free up capacity at Parkside and Abbey Pools.

5. Questions from the floor

Q: Can the issue of the route of the Citi 7 service and its bus stops be addressed?

A: We will invite the County Council to talk to this item at a future meeting.

Q: What safety measures should be considered along the guided busway in light of recent accidents and attacks?

A: A petition has been drawn up, in conjunction with Cambridge Assessment, to restrict the speed of buses to 20mph. The Police are aware of recent activity and have increased their patrols of the area.

Comment: Trees, although recently pruned, are obscuring lamplight and need further cutting.

Comment: The [South Area Committee](#) consider many of the wider issues across the south of Cambridge, the next meeting of which is on 14th January 2019 7pm at the Clay Farm Centre. I would encourage as many as possible to attend.

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

Post meeting notes:

Note 1: The A5 unit was consented to as part of the original scheme and then allocated to CCC within the collaboration agreement. The unit has ducting (to the rooftop) for extraction and the type of system will require approval dependent upon the end (A5) user.

Note 2: The location of the Cambridge South Railway station will be considered as part of the feasibility study which is set to begin. No specific site has yet been identified and to confirm the footprint of the station needs to be only small and there will be no car park.

Note 3: Following the March presentation from Greater Cambridge Partnership regarding park and ride options on the Southern Fringe, consultation is now live, see below.



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