

Cambridge East Community Forum

4th December 2018 - Colville Primary School, Cherry Hinton.

Chair

Councillor Richard Johnson

Cambridge City Council

Lead Officer

Debbie Kaye

Head of Community Services, Cambridge City Council

Presenters

Philippa Kelly

South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Council

Richard Oakley

Marshall

David Allatt

Cambridgeshire County 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 – Philippa Kelly

- See presentation

Q: The new GRE is closer to houses on Nuttings Road; why not keep it where the current one is?

A: A comprehensive consultation, with various alternatives considered, has been undertaken to find the most appropriate positioning. An independent study found that the significant improvement to the testing bay would result in no adverse impact with regard noise to local residents.

Q: Will there be a new GP surgery on the WING development?

A: The developments will contribute a significant amount of funding via the section 106 agreements for health provision across the area. Via consultation, NHS England and the Health Authority have been fully involved in discussions regarding the various health options and it is their determination as to how this is delivered which is yet to be decided.

Q: When will WING be built?

A: The archaeology across the site has started, in the New Year the initial infrastructure will be put in place with houses starting next October. The first homes are due to be ready in 2020.

Q: What level of affordable house will there be on Land north of Cherry Hinton?

A: There will be 40% affordable homes across the site, delivered as both rented and shared ownership.

Q: Where will the access point be on to Coldhams Lane?

A: The new access point will be a junction west of Hatherdene Close.

Q: Will the large amount of heavy goods vehicles associated with the build be unsafe for local residents?

A: As part of the application, there has to be a management plan that the local authorities scrutinise to ensure the most appropriate and safest way for goods vehicles to serve the development.

Transport projects – David Allatt

- See presentation

Q: The emphasis on walking and cycling is understood but this seems to forget older people who rely more heavily on car use, what about the motorist?

A: All modes of travel and transport have to be considered and it is our intention to de-congest the roads wherever possible. It's understood that the roads at some points of the day are full, so it's imperative that we look beyond car use and don't rely on just road building.

Q: A periphery road from Coldhams Lane to Airport Way should be considered, is this something that could be a possibility?

A: Although this is not a transport corridor and just a residential development which demonstrate that a through road can work, it is still a live application and consultation is on-going.

Q: Is there a map with houses that we can see for the Land north of Cherry Hinton?

A: At present the application is at outline stage, so only the principle to develop has been agreed. The finer detail is yet to come and further consultation will take place in spring 2019.

Q: The current provision for cycling and walking on Coldhams lane is inadequate, what are the improvement plans?

A: The current provision will be widened to a 3 meter cycle and pedestrian path (on the airport side, where the current ditch and hedge is) and through Nuttings Road. There will also be improved links to Norman Way and the David Lloyd complex.

Q: Cyclists are unlikely to go through Nuttings Road and will want to go under the narrow rail bridge, how are you going to stop them?

A: There is nothing to force them away from the bridge, only by providing safer options can we help improve safety and flow.

Q: Will the public footpath north of the airport be retained?

Q: Yes.

Ida Darwin & Fulbourn Hospital – Sharon Brown

- Apologies from Sharon Brown who could not attend on this occasion for this presentation. See up-date in post meeting notes.

Q: Will Fulbourn hospital itself move?

Questions from the floor:

Q: When can we hear about land south of Coldhams Lane and the proposed development there?

A: The land is allocated within the Local Plan for commercial and recreation use. Pre-application discussions with the land owner are on-going. When there is an application we can bring it to the forum and discuss this more openly.

Q: Are considerations for all the schemes co-ordinated and thought of in the round with ideas and contributions complementing one another?

A: Wherever possible a strategic approach is the intention and where outline application are approved this is the case. It can't happen though where a development is not at approval stage as this could jeopardise the other developments.

Q: Are improvements to Sainsbury's roundabout being considered?

A: *See post meeting notes 2*

Q: Are there improvements to Yarrow & Gazelle Way being considered?

A: A long term sustainability strategy for that area is being considered but nothing in the short term.

Q: Will the new bus service serve Coldhams Lane as well as the new development?

A: The approach within the application needs to serve the new developments in a sustainable way and in conjunction with the service provider. The current proposal has 3 stops on Coldhams Lane.

Q: Are there any proposals regarding a rail service for Cherry Hinton?

A: This is something that is being considered in the long term but not in the immediate future.

Q: What are the proposals for the junction at Church Rd and Airport way?

A: There will be a new junction at that point, near the school, as part of a planning condition and a speed reduction of that section of the road also.

Q: Coldhams Lane bridge is a hindrance to the amount of traffic expected and the increased importance of the road as an artery in to Cambridge. Can the bridge be re-modelled to accommodate more cars and busses?

A: For this to happen within the current planning applications, we would need direct reason in scale and kind that, at present, is not the case. It is therefore not within the current package of mitigations to deal with transport issues arising from the proposals.

Q: Could the bridge improvements be considered outside of the s106 planning requirements at a higher level as well as consider transport in the east of the city in terms other than just Newmarket Road?

A: This is something to be taken away for a fuller response. *See post meeting note 3.*

Q: What are the access points for WING?

A: There are four access points on to Newmarket Road.

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

Next meeting – Spring 2019.

Post meeting notes:

1. *Fulbourn Hospital- awaiting response*
2. The proposed improvements to Sainsbury's/Coldhams Lane roundabout was discussed at the March '18 forum meeting see detail [here](#).
3. *Could the bridge improvements be considered outside of the s106 planning requirements at a higher level as well as consider transport in the east of the city in terms other than just Newmarket Road. – awaiting response.*