

North West & West Quadrant Community Forum

7.15pm, Thursday 15th November 2019

Storeys Field Centre, Eddington, Cambridge.

Chair

Sharon Brown

Assistant Director, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning service

Presenters

Warren Forsyth

Cambridge University

Mark Parson

Cambridge University

Nina Strangeways

Barratt David Wilson Homes

Charlotte Burton

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

Alison Wright

Bidwells

Nathan Jones

Allies and Morrison architects

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all and introduced the agenda and developments.

1. Eddington – (North West Cambridge) – Warren Forsyth and Mark Parsons

See attached presentation

Latest residential phase detail including below and forthcoming plans for phase 2;

- Overview and progress
- Events
- Key worker homes
- Market housing completions
- Public facilities
- Contact details

Q: What challenges from the community have been incorporated in the design for phase 2?

A: A lot was learnt from the design of a primary street cycle way. Its signposting, ways in which it was used and feedback from users has informed the way we approach designs within phase 2.

Q: The sporting infrastructure will attract people from outside the development, will the park and ride expand or move to accommodate.

A: All the facilities are designed to be self-sufficient in terms of parking and non-reliant on the park and ride site. It's understood that external users will come, and provision for

that has been made but for internal, Eddington users, its envisaged that sustainable forms of transport will be predominant.

Q: Has disabled parking been thought through in phase 2?

A: It's too early in the design to be able to say exactly where blue badge parking will be, but it will certainly be compliant with national and local standards and its placement sensitive to user's needs.

Q: Not everyone is young and fit and can use sustainable transport, car parking needs to be part of the overall offer for Eddington.

A: This is understood and a balance needs to be struck. Consideration as to where is too far to walk or cycle is part of design process and for special events extra parking can be made by arrangement.

Q: Can you tell us more about the senior care provision?

A: Its detail has yet to be defined but is next in line for consideration for placement in phase 2.

Q: Sustainable transport is a worthy goal but how often do buses run and stop? Is it a practical solution?

A: Although without detail at present, the timetables are all available on-line and the 'U' bus serves the Eddington area.

2. Darwin Green 1 up-date – Nina Strangeways and Charlotte Burton.

See attached presentation

Up-date given by Nina Strangeways including:

- Current infrastructure works on DG1
- Drainage
- Infrastructure
- Road assembly
- Phasing
- Current build completions
- Next stage build out
- Communication

Q: Local Councillors have been very helpful guiding response to these applications but will now be tied up with the election. Concerns are that between now and when the application gets considered, residents won't know how to make representation. What's the best route?

A: January 2020 is the development control forum and any representation, or concern raised, will be looked at then. In the meantime direct contact with case officer (Charlotte Burton) will offer the best way to gather information needed and route for response.

Q: What drainage is currently in place?

A: The drainage strategy has been completed and the main drainage for roads surface and significant infrastructure is in place. The detailed drainage for individual housing is to be in place during build out.

Q: Obstruction of the cycle path on Lawrence Weaver Road by cars parking needs enforcement action, what can be done?

A: This is a known issue, it isn't contractors as they have been provided with on-site parking and is thought to be those from the NIAB frontage flats. The road has a split responsibility and joint work by the local authority and Barratt David Wilson to address the problem is on-going.

3. Darwin Green 2&3 – Alison Wright and Nathan Jones

See attached presentation

- Overview
- Design context
- Housing numbers
- Layouts and land use
- Schools, community facility and Country Park.

Q: When is the secondary school likely to open?

A: The trigger for its build is 450 occupations across Darwin Green 1. An operator for the school has been found but its opening has yet to be determined.

Q: Drawings within the mews element of the presentation indicated vertical cycle parking in contrary to Local Plan guidance, is this intentional?

A: No, this is purely indicative. All parking will adhere to necessary standards across the whole site.

Q: There is a lot of open space in different forms which is welcome. Who will maintain the open space?

A: This has yet to be determined and there are different ways in which this can be achieved such as by: The Wildlife Trust, Land Trust, Local Authorities, existing Parish Councils, a new Parish Council for Darwin Green or a site management company with service charge. Considerations are on-going.

Q: What is the timetable for Darwin Green 2&3.

A: Submission is likely in early 2020 with a minimum of 16 weeks for consideration, then to the committee cycle for outline decision; hope to complete the legal section 106 agreement by the end of 2020, then agreeing the design code prior to any reserved matters (detailed) planning application. So there will no works on the ground for a few years yet.

Questions from the floor

Q: What size will the new community centre be on Darwin Green 2?

A: A community facility strategy is being worked on at present which will consider the need of the new community as well as surrounding provision to determine appropriate size and features.

Q: What community suggestion has been incorporated on Darwin Green 1?

A: There have been significant consultations with local resident associations, interest groups and on-going open forum engagement that have all contributed to the way in which Darwin Green 1 has been brought forward. The resolution for the treatment of the ditch on the western boundary is one good example as is the provision of a temporary community facility whilst the main centre is being built.

The chair thanked all those attending and presenting, confirmed that any information from the forum, including this evenings notes and presentations could be found on the Forums web page. A suggestion was made that a presentation from the Greater Cambridge Partnership could come to the next meeting due in late spring 2020.