

**Southern Fringe Community Forum
7.00pm, Thursday 6th September 2012
Trumpington Village Hall**

Chair

Cllr Andy Blackhurst (AB) Ward Cllr for Trumpington

Supporting Officers

Liz Bisset (LB) Director of Customer and Community Services, Lead Officer supporting the Forum (Cambridge City Council)

Julian Adams (GB) Growth Projects Officer (Cambridge City Council)

Vicky Hathrell (VH) Community Development Officer (Cambridge City Council)

Presenters

Sally Roden (SR) Community Development (Cambridge City Council)

Sara Saunders (SS) Planning Policy manager (Cambridge City Council)

Elizabeth Rolph (ER) New Neighbourhoods (Cambridge City Council)

Janine Richardson (JR) New Neighbourhoods (Cambridge City Council)

Judith Osler (JO) Head teacher (Fawcett School)

Ernest Heatley (EH) Project manager (Parkside Federation)

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed the public and reminded the meeting of the new era with the first new residents on Trumpington Meadows having arrived and new parts of the primary school opened.

1. Up-dates

a) Sub group

Sally Roden reminded the meeting of the constituents of the sub-group, which included voluntary groups, residents, local agency workers as well as local authority officers to meet the needs of new

residents and integration with existing communities. Work over the last couple of months included the Trumpington online website going live with features of local news and articles for the development of the Southern Fringe. Opportunities exist for anyone wanting to help its development or had local stories to impart and should contact Vicky Hathrell. Workshops continue to be run to encourage voluntary sector group involvement and a proposal for children's services is to be developed. The recruitment of Project workers, for Children and Young people, is underway in conjunction with the County Council.

B) The Local Plan

Sara Saunders gave an overview of the process for up-dating the Local Plan so far.

The Local Plan is used to guide decisions on matters ranging from the location of housing, schools, parks and open spaces to the design requirements of new buildings. Policies in the Local Plan are used when decisions on planning applications are made.

The current Local Plan for Cambridge was adopted in 2006 and it is now time to review it. The issues and options consultation marked the start of the process: a public consultation was held, asking the public for their views on the issues and options that should be covered in the Local Plan.

The consultation was open for six weeks, from 15 June to 27 July 2012 and included the Issues and Options consultation and a Sustainability Appraisal consultation. We received an astounding 11,000 comments, 10% of which featured the proposed Community Stadium.

We will analyse and consider all your responses, using them to refine the policies that will be included in the Local Plan.

The next stage will be a site options consultation. to find out more visit the [Local Plan review](#) page or visit our blog: cambridgelocalplan.wordpress.com.

We will then draft the actual Local Plan, which will be subject to a further round of public consultation, next summer, prior to being submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. In the meantime work with South Cambridgeshire District Council continues, as they conclude their consultation at the end of September, to align timetables and work up joint issues.

2. Site overview

Elizabeth Rolph and Janine Richardson presented an overview of the four sites across the Southern Fringe.

See attached presentation.

3. Trumpington Meadows Primary School

Judith Osler, Headteacher and Fawcett Primary School, gave an up-date on the status of the school now and for the coming year.

Work at present has included co-ordination with families and community groups to ensure the community facilities integrate neatly with current providers. Temporary mobile classrooms to extend Fawcett prior to Trumpington Meadows opening in Sept 2013, have been placed on site and are in use. They are currently used for after school provision to allow the 11, at present, new children, to be in the main school building to help with sense of permanence. New staff have been hired to accommodate increased children numbers and welcome packs have been distributed. Sessions with new families have been arranged to view the school facilities.

The new school building project has started with Wilmot Dixon, school constructors, on-site at present.

4. Trumpington Secondary School

Ernest Heatley presented the current stage and design ideas for the new secondary school on the Clay Farm development.

See attached presentation.

Q) How is the catchment area defined for the new school?

A) In conjunction with the two local primary schools and a defined geographic boundary as agreed with the County Council. It is important that capacity is retained for those coming to the area later on in the development stage and 'future proofing' is very much part of current thinking.

Q) How are staffing levels adjusted across the 3 school Federation?

A) The community of 3 schools gives an opportunity to top up core staff with specialist or part time staff from the other schools, allowing flexibility to respond to need at any given time.

Comment) The need for integration and co-operation with the local primary schools and children's centre is integral to the success of education across the area and is key in the mind of both local board of Governors.

Q) Inspiration for much of the schools design seems to comes from Denmark, why not here?

A) Styles of learning are changing all over the world and it is important that we capture the best from the UK as well as abroad to use and adapt and be flexible with.

Q) Storage and its future need often becomes problematic in schools, can the design accommodate all needs?

A) The Governing bodies must be mindful of future proofing the school, anticipating need but embracing new ways to tackle problems. The models seen on the continent allow for both storage space and classroom areas to be adaptable so there aren't large unused voids and that the school can be as efficient via design as possible.

5. Questions from the floor

Q) Does there need to be a change in the way the forum attracts the Trumpington public?

A) We could well be in a stage of the forum's development whereby those with immediate problems have had them reconciled, the greater community have become aware of the developments and that we await new residents and their issues in future. However the forum is open to ideas, change and adaptability to meet local need.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm