

Southern Fringe Community Forum

7.00pm, Thursday 17 May 2012

Trumpington Village Hall

Panel

Cllr Andy Blackhurst (AB) Chair, Ward Cllr for Trumpington
Andrew Roberts (AR) Company Secretary of the
Trumpington Residents Association

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)
Tracy Mann (TM) South Cambridgeshire District Council
Elizabeth Rolph (ER) New Neighbourhoods
(Cambridge City Council)
Alan Carter (AC) Strategic Housing
(Cambridge City Council)

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed the public and new member for Trumpington ward, Cllr Shapour Meftah, and explained the format of the meeting, its relationship to Planning Policy and the Joint Development Control Committee (JDCC).

1. Feedback

A successful walking tour of the Clay farm site has taken place since the last forum. The walk took 20 people on a guided tour with thanks to James Blair (Countryside), Elizabeth Rolph and City Council conservation team for their in-put.

The initial tour was very popular and oversubscribed leading to a further one being arranged but unfortunately rained off with unsuitable ground conditions. Further tours, including Trumpington Meadows, will hopefully be arranged in future.

2. Up-dates

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 creating the Trumpington online website which has local news, articles and features for the development of the Southern Fringe and is due to go live in June. Workshops have been run to encourage voluntary sector group involvement and a proposal for children's services is to be developed. Project worker recruitment is expected this Autumn. Anyone interested in working with the group to contact Vicky Hathrell.

Trumpington Meadows Primary School community facilities

Tracy Mann outlined the work done to bring together an agreement of principles between the stakeholders for the facility, which are the school federation, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Council and Haslingfield District Council. The next steps are to develop a business plan to underpin an access agreement and then use workshops to engage communities to develop use proposals.

Q) Are the 3 primary schools across the Southern Fringe linked?

A) Fawcett primary and Trumpington Meadows primary are governed by the same and newly named Trumpington Federation, the third school has no decision on its governance at present and will be developed at a later stage than the other schools.

3. Site overview

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

See attached presentation.

Q) Will pathways be suitable for jogging and will areas of play be suitable for all ages?

A) The paths won't be designed specifically to accommodate jogging but will cater for walking, cycling and jogging. The play

areas will aim to be designed for all age ranges with options still open and the Youth & Play strategy will be developed with new communities to enhance a sense of ownership.

Q) Is the placement of the allotments next to an informal kick-about area sensible?

A) The scale of the map in reference does not give the best perspective of distance between the two areas, which will also have screening and boundary treatment.

Q) What is a kick-about area?

A) Cut grass with no formal pitch markings suitable for informal ball games, congregation and play.

Q) Will the allotments have car access?

A) Yes

Q) Will the green corridor have lighting?

A) No

4. Clay Farm City Council Owned Land and Community facility

Alan Carter gave an overview of the disposal of the City Council owned land within the Clay Farm development outlining the desire to provide approximately 200 new homes with high sustainability and quality as well as 50% affordable housing. A development agreement will be sought with a builder to be engaged by early 2014.

The Community Facility is a partnership scheme with NHS, County Library service, Social services, Police, City Council as well as CPL providing up to 20 residential accommodation units on upper floors. The construction rate of the facility needs to mirror income streams from s106 contribution and build out rate of houses and therefore new residents over the next 3 years. A design team will shortly be appointed to engage stakeholders and gain planning consent with a construction tender secured later in 2013. The facility is due to open early 2015.

See attached presentation.

Q) Is the expected GP practice within the facility going to be the Trumpington Street medical practice?

A) During the planning stage, the existing practice was identified as having improvement and expansion needs and unless the NHS/PCT give further guidance on service providers, it is anticipated that it will be Trumpington Street medical practice that will re-locate.

Q) Will there be a pharmacy within the building?

A) Clarification on what is deemed commercial activity with respect of a pharmacy is needed as they have limitations within Clay Farm. This will be governed by the PCT and GP practice.

Q) Can you confirm the parking levels at the Facility?

A) This will be determined by the design teams work as they identify need.

Q) Will the size of the Community hall within the facility be big enough?

A) The current total space indicated at present for community use is approximately equivalent to the whole of the Meadows Community Centre in the North of the City. It is up to the design team, in consultation with stakeholders, to determine need and the best use of the pre-determined space available, be that flexible room use, hall size, storage etc.

Q) The levels of parking across the Southern Fringe are inadequate, what are the proposed allocations?

A) The strict parking standards set within the Local Plan are 1.5 dedicated spaces per unit plus visitor parking as well as parking management plans agreed with developers from the outset. Those moving in to the new communities will be aware of this as well as the good local public transport and opportunities to walk and use cycles.

Cllr Caroline Shepherd re iterated that the JDCC had scrutinised these proposals at length to ensure adequacy and urged those interested, to make their views known both to the JDCC and during the Local Plan review process, while the Chair suggested that they make their views known at South Area Committee, which will be considering parking at the next meeting.

Q) Can other new sites be examined to determine the amount of cars and their parking?

A) Yes this would be a useful exercise and an officer from the County Councils Highways team will be invited to this forum in future.

The Chair gave an up-date from Savilles and Grosvenor concerning the Cambridge Community Stadium and Sporting Village:

'We have had a number of further meetings with stakeholders regarding the Cambridge Sporting Village. Comments made vary from those relating to the principle of the proposals (which overall has been strongly welcomed) through to a number of points about issues in relation to the location at Trumpington through to suggestions for additional facilities/components. Following the last Forum, the Cambridge News website ran a poll which we understand recorded 75% of people being in favour. We are now considering the points raised and undertaking further detailed work on a number of matters.'

Images of the potential design for the Sporting Village were released on the 24th April. Those initial images can be found on the website <http://cambridgesportingvillage.org//> along with updated information regarding the project and potential partners'.

The City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council will consider the release of green belt, as well as many other issues such as levels of housing and need of other community facilities, as part of the Local Plan revue. This will be out for consultation on the 16th June with an exhibition in Trumpington Village Hall on the 30th June.

AR informed the meeting of the Trumpington no more developments website and that a City Council officer will be attending the TRA meeting of the 27th to talk about the Local Plan review.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm