

# **Southern Fringe Community Forum**

## **7.00pm, Thursday 22 September 2011**

### **Panel**

Liz Heazell	Haslingfield Parish / South Cambs District Council
Cllr Andy Blackhurst (AB)	Chair, Ward Councillor for Trumpington
Liz Bisset (LB)	Director of Customer and Community Services, Cambridge City Council, lead officer supporting the Forum
Cllr Salah Al Banda (SAB)	Ward Councillor for Trumpington
Andrew Roberts (AR)	Company Secretary of Trumpington Residents Association

### **Apologies sent**

Sebastian Kindersley	Cambridgeshire County Council – sent apologies
Caroline Shepherd	Cambridgeshire County Council
John Cross	BPHA – apologies
Rob Lewis	Education, Cambridgeshire County Council

### **Speaker / Officers in attendance**

Vicky Hathrell	Cambridge City Council Community Development
Sally Roden	Cambridge City Council Community Development
Trevor Woollams	Cambridge City Council Community Development
Julian Adams	Cambridge City Council City Growth Projects
Robert Osbourne	Cambridge City Council Environmental Protection
Elizabeth Rolph	Cambridge City Council Planning
Sharon Brown	Cambridge City Council Planning
Helen Durrant	Cambridge City Council Planning
Kirsty Carmichael	Cambridge City Council Planning
Sharon Brown	Cambridge City Council Planning
Anna McGinty	Cambridge City Council Strategic Housing
Joseph Whelan	New Communities, Cambridgeshire County Council
Ian Dyer	Highways, Cambridgeshire County Council
Jane Green	South Cambs District Council Planning
John Pym	South Cambs District Council Planning

### **Guests**

Andrew Hutchinson	Parkside Federation
James Blair	Countryside Properties
Others rep attending from Barretts and Skanska	

### **Introduction**

AB welcomed all attendees and informed them of the Southern Fringe Website, which holds information and minutes of the meeting. <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sfcf>

### **Matters Arising**

ER (Elizabeth Rolph, Principle Planner for Clay Farm) gave feedback from the last meeting concerning the issue of access to open space. City Council Officers have explored areas with developers in Clay Farm that can be opened up on an interim basis, which developers felt wasn't possible. Need to bear in mind short-term issue and a construction site. JB (James Blaire, Countryside Properties) reminded the meeting that the use of a building site was not appropriate for recreation but that the development of the green corridor, parts of which would be open within eighteen months, would have long-term benefits for everybody.

HD (Helen Durrant, Senior Planner, New Neighbourhoods). Following discussions with Countryside the showground access will not be used and a haul route from Addenbrookes access road will be used instead.

TW (Trevor Woolams, Head of Community Development) – concern at the last forum from residents who would like input in the development of the new Community Facility. Since the last meeting, Council officers have met with Trumpington Residents Association representatives and agreed the way that they will be involved in the detailed design and will engage with the City in the process.

## **1. Site Round Up – presentation given**

Maps and key dates circulated to the forum

### **Trumpington Meadows**

Detailed planning for 353 homes has been given with Barrett homes. Approval has been given for the primary school. Work on the Phase 1 infrastructure has now commenced. Hoping to commence residential development later this year.

### **Glebe Farm**

All details have been approved. Hoping to commence construction on the western end of the site October 2011.

### **Clay Farm**

Detailed planning permission has been given for 306 dwellings through Countryside Properties. Construction access to use the Addenbrookes Road. Hoping to commence residential development at the end of 2011. Planning application in for 128 developments from Skanska, going to JDCC in October for members to consider.

Green Corridor - approved earlier this year and construction to start in autumn this year. Condition attached for land to be available to public in 2013. Land will be handed over in phases once complete.

### **Addenbrookes 2020**

Detailed permissions for works given. Planning application submitted for a car park, going to committee on 19 October. Just starting pre application discussions for the north of the site. Hoping to receive applications later this year, beginning of next. Public exhibitions will be held when the proposals come forward.

## **2. Secondary School Provision – Andrew Hutchinson – presentation given.**

Map shown with the schools in the area. Three years ago, Parkside Federation Academies (PFA) were successful in winning a competition to promote and design the new school. PFA have put a lot of work thinking how the school would be built and how to promote the school.

The new school will be part of PFA when opens in 2015. The City of Cambridge Education Foundation (CEEF) is independent of authority control and directs the PFA to ensure the schools committee serve the schools in a legal manner, protecting the ethos of the PFA's schools and overseeing the building and property of the PFA. Cambridgeshire County Council is the third partner.

The new school will have close links with the other schools curriculum's and teaching, helping the schools run effectively.

Agreed with the County Council that the PFA and CCEF would lead with the build process. Thought about how to procure the school to make maximum use of funds available. Consultant and Project Manager have been appointed to lead the project. Looked at 40 different leading schools in the UK and Europe. Core ideas of the school in place. Children with Asperger's and Autism will have a designated unit.

Wanted a sense of the school to have an open space and be open to pupils and the community. Want to work closely with Cambridge City Council and community, including this forum, to look at the planning of the school. Want a design that works for the community and school. Currently tendering for a design team and expecting to appoint them in December. Work will begin on the design from January 2012. Design team to work with pupils as well as community.

- Selecting the contractor in 2012
- Application for planning permission in September 2012
- Contractor will lead on the construction 2013
- Construction should be completed and open in 2015

School is in the centre of the Clay Farm development. There will be a community sports division for the school and community use.

Want the building to be environmentally sustainable and the community and local area to be part of the school. PFA would like the school to have a presence in the community but not overwhelm the community.

Project manager, Ernest Heatley, has been appointed and is happy to engage with community and stakeholders in the development process.

**Q – Are there any plans for community library within the school?**

AH understands the library will be in the community centre.

AR explained the need to make sure the schools design is sympathetic to the community centre design. AH fully agrees and hopes both design partners compliment each other.

LB to ask Geoff Bruce, Community Facility project manager, to contact Ernest Heatley.

**Q – As there are two very good 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges nearby, will this be a 6<sup>th</sup> form or will you encouraged to go elsewhere.**

6<sup>th</sup> Form not planned. Students will have the choice to go to other schools.

**Q – Mentioned a theatre for children. What are you offering for adults?**

Funding has been given for a school for 750 pupils. Looking to use the facilities for weekend or evening use for the community. Need to make sure access areas are right for community use.

**Q – Are there other things for adults?**

Adult education offered at our other schools. Expect to run adult learning activities at the facilities.

**Q – Are you in conversation with Fawcett Primary School**

Held back on formal discussions until the right design team in place. Links with Fawcett will be crucial. Parkside have an excellent dialogue with local primary schools.

**Q – Will there be a facility for children who have missed out on schools?**

Yes, in initial discussions. Allow opportunity for children to have uninterrupted education. All school years will be open in 2015. The whole family can access as early as possible.

**Q – Lack of catering facilities at some Community Centres. Can this be looked into if being used for out of school activities?**

Yes, this will be looked at. Have looked at facilities in other schools.

**Q – Has there been discussion of the name?**

No name discussions so far. Some obvious names spring to mind but would welcome involvement in the name choice so we will have to think about how we do this.

**Q – Who are the people in authority who visited the secondary schools in this country and in Denmark?**

Members of the governing body, senior staff, CCEF, project manager. Fed back to the wider planning group. Some schools were not liked.

### **3. Questions from the floor**

**Q – Last meeting considerable concern expressed regarding flouting of the Highway Code by constructors. Difficult to remember the number plates to report.**

JB - if Countryside has video footage then JB will investigate. All workers on site go through a thorough induction. Countryside takes this very seriously. Contact JB if any concerns.

**Q – Green Corridor is covered in lumps of dumped waste and soil. This area was supposed to be for the public to use and there is so much furniture on the site. Soil quality will be bad. Fencing round every piece of green space around Clay Farm and no access for people to walk. How long before access given?**

ER – Acknowledge it is a construction site. Areas are fenced off for safety reasons. Will be open to the public once landscaped. Will be major benefits to the public once these spaces are completed and opened.

**Comment - There are areas that could be made public by moving fences? Public need green spaces.**

**Q – The big blue boards next to the guided bus way are a shock to everybody. They are a real eyesore and make the tenants feel they are in prison. No consultation given on this. Understand they are there for safety reasons but feel people's psychological needs are being responded to. Fencing goes right down to the ground so animal welfare not being looked into at all.**

HD confirmed Cambridge City Council's Ecology Officer and the developers Ecology Officer have been on site and there are ways for animals to get through. Hoardings are needed for safety reasons.

JW – Confirmed the fencing is needed for safety reasons and comments on wildlife have been looked into.

**Didn't have to be blue and so big and unpleasant.**

AB – something had to put up and that it is hoped that it would mask noise, dust and the site of the haulage vehicles.

**Looking at spiritual needs of the community. Different people need green spaces every day. Lots of research to show people need green space, resident had offered to show other options, but Local Authorities were not interested.**

AB would refute the suggestion that the City Council are not interested. AB is aware of the effort that has been put in to find solutions.

Resident to send AB areas that she feels could be used.

**Q – Nine sets of traffic lights between Long Rd and M11 is ridiculous. Why are we not using park and ride access near Waitrose? Not too late to change. Other concern is that Addenbrookes is due to double its size and a lot of traffic will be created. No provision for the Park and Ride to expand?**

*AB invited County reps to answer*

In relation to access at the time of the application all issues were considered for Trumpington Meadows and the conclusion was this access was the most appropriate way. Appreciate more signals in this stretch of road is difficult and colleagues are looking into this. It's a difficult challenge. All issues would have been considered. County Council looking at extension for Babraham Road. Looking to secure additional Park and Ride in around the South of the City.

**JW sent additional notes after the forum:**

*The County Council has committed to review the operation of the City park and ride sites and how services are provided. A range of options have been considered and industry days have been held to allow potential operators to put forward ideas on how the service could operate.*

*No decisions have yet been taken as to how the services could change. The County Council Cabinet are currently scheduled to consider a report on 15 November 2011 that will set down the work to date and seek endorsement of the future programme of work. Any proposed changes will be discussed with partners and the impacts on those using the park and ride service will be carefully considered.*

**Q – Where is the football stadium planned?**

AB - We know nothing more than Grosvenor has identified areas of land.

2 sites identified – Grosvenor and Wrenbridge carried out an extensive land search. One site on the south of Cambridge Trumpington Meadows land, and the other on the NIAB site, just south of the A14.

AR – resident association committee have had brief discussion with Ed Skeats from Grosvenor. Ed will be attending a meeting to discuss.

Website launched for news on the Community Stadium.  
[www.cambridgecommunitystadium.org](http://www.cambridgecommunitystadium.org)

LB – The ideas from Grovesnor are a long way from becoming a reality. Both options are in the early proposal stage. No planning consultation for either site.

**Q – Would this development mean ripping up the green belt.**

SB – existing agricultural land on SCDC land. SCDC and CCC closely involved. There have been no discussions with either planning teams.

AB – who would have responsibility for approving planning.

SB believes it would be a joint decision for the Joint Development Control Committee.

**Q – What does the term balancing ponds, which appears on maps, mean?**

ER – Balancing Ponds are areas required for drainage of the sites. Balancing Ponds is land that is able to flood to some extent. Earlier discussions as to the areas needed for Balancing Ponds. They are an important area for wildlife. Some parts will always remain wet and be open to the public as much as possible. Lot of measures taken for drainage on the site.

**Q – Permanent or Temporary?**

ER – Permanent. To be used to balance the amount of drainage needed but also as community amenity.

AR – balancing ponds are key to promoting biodiversity.

**Q – Waste Management site – where will this be?**

AR – public enquiry held in the summer for the proposed location. County have proposed a site off Addenbrookes Road across from the new houses on Glebe Farm. Inspector issued statement that he was minded to reject this site. AR and residents association have consulted on this site and are looking forward optimistically to it being found to be inappropriate.

**Q – Why is this needed?**

AB – Expansion of Cambridge, further facilities are needed.

Why not use Thripolw and not waste more money on investigations.

JW – issue of need is evidence that we have a larger population coming into the city and surrounding areas. We have an issue Countywide; this was put before the inspector.

**Q –When is the appropriate time to talk with planners concerning the interface between allotment land with chicken plots and the City owned land to be developed?**

LB to take the question back to Cambridge City Council officers as it is a specific question. Council looking at how to take forward this land. Strict processes on how we tender this land.

**Q – Gardens with fencing, are the fences going to be pulled down and rebuilt.**

JB – not planning to pull down any fences. JB to take this question and raise with appropriate person. **Action JB.**

**Q – Clarification needed on procurement. Suggestions that the council want to de-allotmentise.**

This is statutory allotment land; there will be no de-allotmentisation.

TW - naming of the developments will need to be addressed over time. The names need to reflect the areas and integrate with the existing communities. Need a process to come up with names all are happy with. TW would welcome ideas on this.

AR pleased TW brought this up. Discussions have been going on for road names. The Secondary school name is important for the community. AR believes positive to talk about names for the park and square.

PS – When Cherry Hinton was developed it kept the name for further areas. Attendees expressed an interest to keep the Trumpington name in the region.

**Q – The use of the name of Orchard Park on the map by developers seems to underline their lack of local understanding.**

AB - This is not the name to be used and want the community to name the areas.

**Date of next meeting**

January – Exact dates via web-page.