

Southern Fringe Community Forum
7pm, Tuesday 3rd February 2015
Trumpington Meadows Primary School

Chair

Cllr Robert Dryden Cambridge City Councillor

Lead Officers

Liz Bisset Director, Customer and Community Services
(Cambridge City Council)

Presenters

Mike Ovenden Principal Planner (Cambridge City Council)
Vicky Hathrell Southern Fringe Community Development
Officer (Cambridge City Council)
Alan Carter Head of Strategic Housing (Cambridge City
Council)
Steve Walters SW Planning - Countryside Properties
Tracy Mann Community Infrastructure (South
Cambridgeshire District Council)

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all, the agenda was introduced and the first speaker invited.

1. Site overview

Mike Ovenden presented an overview of the sites across the Southern Fringe covering:

- Recent planning approvals
- Occupations
- Likely future applications
- Open space up-date

See attached presentation.

2. Sub group up-date

Vicky Hathrell 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.

The up-date included:

- 1000th occupation on Southern Fringe celebration event.

- Community Chest activity
- Volunteer recruitment
- Youth forum

3. Hobson Square, Clay Farm Community Facility and Quad 21 development.

Alan Carter introduced some of the elements that made up the central core offer at Clay Farm.

This included an overview of the community facilities in the single building, its development and build timetable, orientation and relationship to the surrounding developments. One of which is Hobson Square which has now been completed, awaiting the main sculpture installation and is 'mothballed' until its opening in summer 2016. Quad 21 is the Council owned land being developed by Hill with 209 units, 50% of which are affordable and built to a high level of sustainability.

See presentation

4. Parcels 8a and 8b Clay Farm

The two plots of land directly north of Hobson Square were introduced by Countryside representatives. The structure development, massing, building heights, road layout, desire lines, relationship to surrounding areas and retail offer near Hobson Square were all outlined.

See presentation

Post meeting note from Countryside Properties: Visitor parking at the Clay Farm site and the ability of residents to easily access the community facilities by car and have suitable parking nearby.

Following the meeting I've had our team do a quick count up of the principal visitor parking spaces at the development which are as follows:

- *Hobson Square and surrounding area - 34 Spaces*
- *Lime Avenue – 12 Spaces*
- *Hobson Avenue – 20 Spaces*
- *Total - 66 Spaces*

The numbers above don't include the additional visitor parking spaces within each individual phase of development nor do they include the provision in the car park area to the immediate rear of the community building. It's worth noting that all of the visitor parking spaces at the site will be subject to short term management arrangements and eventually a traffic regulation order

which Cambridgeshire Highways are planning to introduce and which will prevent misuse of these spaces.

5. Parish boundary review

Tracy Mann explained the need for a review of the Parish boundary for the Southern part of Trumpington Meadows and Haslingfield Parish. The new parish division has been agreed, however it was seen to be pertinent to leave naming, levels of responsibility and precept until the new Parish has become populated further.

See presentation

6. Questions from the floor.

Q: At the first ever meeting of the Forum, in March 2011, residents asked questions about access to green space. Nearly 4 years down the line, do we know yet when the public will officially have access to the Trumpington Meadows Country Park and the Clay Farm green corridor? And may we have more information about which precisely areas will be accessible and which not?

A: Trumpington Meadows Country Park will be open in two phases this year, the first in April and the second in the summer. The Clay Farm Green corridor will be open in phases also, the first, larger phase, due to open this summer.

Post meeting note: A notated map of open space to follow.

Q. Post boxes. Currently, each developer has to liaise individually with Royal Mail about post boxes. Given how many new developments are going on within the city, is there something that the City Council can do to centralise or at least streamline this? Residents moving into homes on the new developments often find that they are in situ ahead of things like street name signs and litter bins, and City Council officers work very hard on this. Can't we add post boxes to the list?

A: This is a known issue and although the Local Authorities don't install these we are working with partners and Royal Mail to determine levels of new population and the installation point that warrant a new post box.

Q: What are the plans for playing fields across the new developments?

A: The sport offer will be within the secondary school run by Parkside Federation. This includes outdoor pitches, a full sized, floodlit, all weather pitch, a gym, fitness studio as well as tennis and netball courts. The City Council are working with Parkside Federation to develop the community access agreement which will detail times of opening and charging rates.

Q: The current through-routes in Trumpington are clogged at many times of the day; won't further development exacerbate traffic congestion?

A: Although we are without a County Council Highway Officer, the new developments are planned with high levels of sustainability and low levels of car use, good public transport links and are promoted as such. Visitors permit parking with pay and display street parking on the Spine Road, side roads and around the Community facility will be available.

Q: The parking enforcement doesn't work on Glebe Farm at present, are you confident this approach will be appropriate to stop casual road side parking?

A: There is only an interim measures in force at present on Glebe Farm, in future those on street parking will be ticketed.

Q: The buses don't run regularly enough and there is no guided bus on a Sunday, what plans are there for improved public transport?

A: Work with the County Council and money from the s106 agreements has started to look at the way in which community transport can be provided to help serve existing and new communities. A change in stops for the guided bus, a more direct route to the City as well as extra bus services are being considered. However, some of these can only be introduced when a service provider can see that a route is viable once enough people are present to use it.

Q: Could you expand on the boundary treatment for parcels 8a&b, for people on Foster Rd and Paget close it will be important that their view isn't a stark wall.

A: The surfacing to the pathway is likely to be improved, the low rise fences will be kept and the view from the existing houses has been taken in to account and won't be a blank wall.

Q: Will Countryside provide new fences for existing residents?

A: This would be considered on a case by case basis.

Q: The road surface on the Bovis development is far from adequate, when will it be ready?

A: This is an issue we are aware of and remedy is being sought at present.

Q: Where have the trees to be planted been sourced from?

A: A mixture of UK and European nurseries and those imported have been done so under a DEFRA approved process. No problems have been encountered to date.

Q: Have evergreen trees been considered to help wind resistance and give year round colour?

A: As a developer, we are happy to take advice from the appropriate team at the City Council regarding this.

Q: Could you confirm how many cafes there are likely to be across Clay Farm?

A: Currently one has planning permission, but there is likely to be one more and possibly two.

Cllr Dryden thanked all those attending, announced the next meeting would be held in the second week of June and closed the meeting at 8.30pm