

Southern Fringe Community Forum 7pm, Thursday 25th September 2014 Trumpington Community Centre

Chair

Cllr Robert Dryden

Ward Councillor for Cherry Hinton

Lead Officers

Liz Bisset

Director, Customer and Community
Services (Cambridge City Council)

Presenters

Joseph Whelan

Head of Service for New Communities
(Cambridgeshire County Council)

Mike Ovenden

Principal Planner (Cambridge City Council)

Mike Jamieson & Bruno

Tate Hindle

Almeida-Santos

Nick Hayden & Ben Hunt

Countryside

Colin Glen

Papworth Trust

Stephen Herbert & Ian Fleetwood

Skanska

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all and thanked Cllr Andy Blackhurst for his previous time and work involved in chairing the meeting.

The agenda was introduced and the first speaker invited.

1. Public Transport Update – Joseph Whelan

Joseph Whelan presented an update of Southern Fringe Public Transport covering:

- Physical Location and Characteristics of Sites
- Transport Infrastructure in CSF
- Accessibility Travel Planning
- Residential Travel Planning

- Funding
- Other Transport Options

See attached presentation.

Q: Can we have the Guided Busway running longer hours?

A: Yes, if there is enough funding. There is to be £1million over the next 5 years.

Q: What about morning traffic? Shelford Road is getting worse.

A: Cambridgeshire County Council carries out an annual monitoring of the road and can provide speed of cars figures. Joseph Whelan will take this issue back to the Council and report back.

Q: Will parking/non parking zones be improved?

A: Joseph Whelan will raise concerns. A Traffic Regulation Order needs to be put in place but this will take time.

Q: Does the County Council have any plans to improve the Park and Ride since the parking charge? There is only one ticket machine which customers find difficult to use.

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Q: What about the road next to Hobson's Brook? Will it be broken after set up?

A: Joseph Whelan to follow this up. He is happy to have questions e-mailed to him. Joseph.Whelan@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Q: There is a new community building opening in 2015, including a Doctor's surgery. 2016 is too late, there is a need to improve transport now.

Q: Will new roads be linked at Hobson's Square?

A: There will not be any through traffic allowed, only access for deliveries and buses/taxis. Joseph Whelan to find out if this might be opened if there are problems on Shelford Road.

2. Site Round-Up – Mike Ovenden

Mike Ovenden presented a site update which included:

- Key facts about Trumpington Meadows
- Glebe Farm progress and photos

- Clay Farm progress and photos

See attached presentation.

Q: What is the status of the development?

A: Wholly within the Green Belt. Full details are on the South Cambridgeshire District Councils website.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/trumpington-meadows>

It was suggested by the Housing Association to invite Jesus College and colleagues to a special forum to present the plans so residents can feedback concerns before plans move forward. Councillor Dryden agreed to this.

3. Countryside Properties, latest sites coming forward – Clay Farm, Mike Jamieson & Bruno Almeida-Santos of Tate Hindle & Glebe Farm - Nick Hayden & Ben Hunt of Countryside

Presentations included:

- Clay Farm Parcels 6 and 7
- Glebe Farm Design principles and proposals.

See attached presentations

Q: From the outline planning application, there is concern over flooding at the housing sites between the two schools.

A: Risk assessments have been carried out. The Environment Agency Website shows risks. There will be three new ponds which are designed to hold water.

Q: Why is the Green Way still not open?

A: Country Park is to have a phased opening. Once there is a date for opening, this will be published on the website.

Q: Are there any plans to tackle the increase in littering and dog fouling? There is a concern this will get worse with the development.

A: New services will take this into consideration.

Q: Why are the designs of the new buildings not attractive?

A: This is a subjective opinion. The design has won a Supreme Housing Design Award. Designs are a collaborative process and have to be within restrictions and the Cambridgeshire Policy Board.

A resident asked if exercise equipment could be provided for adults in the recreation areas. This will be fed back to Ian Ross who will report back.

4. Papworth

Papworth is the leading heart and lung hospital in the region but is difficult to get to. The new site will provide access to the skills and knowledge of Addenbrookes and will be on the same complex as the biomedical centre. Application was made 7 years ago.

See attached presentation

Q: Who is paying for this development?

A: It is PFI scheme as determined in 2004 and was the only way for it to be built and now this cannot be reversed.

5. Questions from the floor.

Q: Parcels 6 and 7 - Why is there only Level 3?

A: This is a requirement on the planning policy. The infrastructure is different.

Q: Park and Ride - Can an extra lane be built near the Park and Ride and speed signs be put up?

A: Ward Councillor will pass this on to Cambridgeshire County Council.

Q: Papworth – Will the park area be open to the public as well as patients?

A: Yes, it will be open to everyone.

Q: Transport – Will there be lighting on the Guided Busway?

A: There will be rising bollards on the spine road so taxis can go through.

Liz Bisset asked for details on this. Vicky Hathrell to report back from meeting with Shirley Brown from Fishscheme 26th September 2014.

Q: Is there an update on the Public Art Steering Group?

A: Vicky Hathrell will provide this on the website.

Q: Will there be more nursery provision for Under 5's?

A: This question will be fed back to Cambridgeshire County Council for feedback.

Q: Will there be more provision for the Elderly?

A: Vicky Hathrell will respond to individual's questions.

Q: Does the play equipment challenge enough and is it cost effective?

A: This will be fed back to Sports and Recreation Team to provide an answer.

Cllr Dryden thanked all those attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm