

Southern Fringe Community Forum
7pm, Thursday 3rd October 2013
Trumpington Meadows Primary School

Chair

Cllr Andy Blackhurst (AB) Ward Councillor for Trumpington

Lead Officers

Trevor Woollams (TW) Head of Community Development
(Cambridge City Council)

Presenters

Janine Richardson (JR) Principal Planner (Cambridge City
Council)

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

Joerg Poeschus (JP) ADP Architects

Jamie Wilding (JW) Hill Residential

Teresa Borsuk (TB) PTEa Architects

Joanna Thorndike (JT) Hill Residential

Stephen McGrath (SM) PRP Architects

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all and updated the meeting on local activity and engagement opportunities, including;

Trumpington bingo group's celebrate age day, the local history group's look at the story of Addenbrookes hospital, the residents' association Christmas fair, the use of the community bus and residents' involvement opportunities in the Trumpington Meadows management committee.

For further detail contact Vicky Hathrell (01223 847 433).

The agenda was introduced and the first speaker invited.

1. Site overview

Janine Richardson presented an overview of the sites across the Southern Fringe.

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. Recent work has included distribution of welcome packs to an increased number of new residents; work with children and young people as well as raising and resolving local issues with developers and local service providers.

3. Community Facility

Joerg Poeschus gave a presentation on the development of the new community facility within the Clay Farm site. This covered the design evolution, massing, integration, relationship to local the environment, partner in-put, financial considerations and the need for prioritisation of design elements.

An up-date on the re-instatements of elements previously withdrawn, the various uses and layout and current timetable was also given.

See presentation.

Q: Is the roof to be used for anything?

A: On top of the building will be a large number of photo voltaic cells (solar panels) and it will be a green roof to help the building reach the sustainability levels needed.

4. Clay Farm – Plot 21

The plot of land on the Clay Farm site is owned by the City Council who have run a procurement competition to find a development partner to deliver 50% affordable homes with a high code level (5) for sustainability.

Hill Partnership won the award and JW and TB gave an overview of the approach and development of the design to date.

See attached presentation.

Q: What is the open space that is referred to by a sign near the plot currently?

A: This is the main civic square, Hobson's Square, adjacent to the development being built out by Countryside properties.

Q: Can people drive all the way through from Long Road?

A: No. A bus gate parallel to Hobson's Square prevents rat running through Clay Farm.

Q: What is the provision for parking on this site?

A: Parking is provided on road, under-croft and under podium within this development.

Q: How will you help alleviate traffic in Trumpington?

A: The strategy for the whole of the Southern Fringe development is to help people live nearer their work and thereby promote sustainable modes of transport. Transport had been the theme of a recent meeting of the Forum and County Council representatives had talked about their measures to help to ensure that these developments do not contribute to further congestion in Cambridge.

Q: What are the sizes of the apartments and range of accessibility?

A: There are ground level, single bed apartments, as well a range of sizes, all complying with lifetime home standards. It is intended that this development will appeal to people of a broad age range and mobility level.

Comment: This development feels that it has overall good design with adequate space standards and will be exciting to see should it get planning permission.

Q: What prices will the apartments have?

A: It's too early to say at present.

5. Bell School

AW introduced Bell School as new development that had not been part of the Forum to date and although not part of Trumpington, is included within the Southern Fringe.

JT and SM gave a presentation of the thinking behind the development, its context within the environment, architectural influences as well as its planning timetable.

See attached presentation.

Q: How close is it to Addenbrookes hospital?

A: It's about a five minute walk to the Hills Road entrance of Addenbrookes.

Q: What allotments are provided on site?

A: There are two sets of allotments near to the over 50's complex to the west of the site.

Q: The presentation made reference to innovative methods of drainage, how confident are you that water won't end up in people's houses?

A: Work with practice experts as well as the local authority's sustainable urban drainage officers mean that although this is one of the few sites across the UK to employ this range of drainage solutions, they are very confident that it will succeed.

Q: Can you swim in a balancing pond?

A: Although open to access as part of the landscape features, it wasn't designed to be used in this way.

Q: Will there be a swimming pool in the Southern Fringe?

A: No. The numbers of new residents, and therefore contributions received by developers, do not amount to enough to afford a swimming pool. The contributions we do receive will help increase provision across the city.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and welcomed any thoughts on future themes for the Forum.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm