

Southern Fringe Community Forum

7pm, Monday 25th July 2016

CPDC, Foster Road, Cambridge.

Chair

Cllr Richard Robertson Cambridge City Council

Lead Officer

Debbie Kaye Head of Community Services
Cambridge City Council

Presenters

Danny Clark	Countryside Properties
Vicky Hathrell	Community Development Officer (Southern Fringe) Cambridge City Council
Sharon Brown	New Neighbourhoods Manager, Cambridge City Council
Ben Hunt	Countryside Properties
Ian Dyer	Cambridgeshire County Council

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all and introduced the agenda.

1. Clay Farm access during construction

Presentation given by Danny Clark (*see attached*) which included:

- Opening times of the Spine Road:
End of September for the southern approach and confirmation that the northern approach is open at present.
- The use and operation of the bus gate to prevent 'rat running'.
- Use of traffic signals at the guided bus way junction.
- Extension and options for further bus routes at the start of 2017.
- Haulage routes from the east and south.

Q: What parking will be available at central Clay Farm?

A: 34; this includes 4 east of the spine road and 9 on the access road north of the community centre, plus 21 within the square itself.

The community centre has a total of 22 car parking spaces, of which five are for blue badge holders ("disabled parking"). A total of 56.

Q: How will the bus gate work?

A: As with other buses around Cambridge, there will be telemetry on the bus that communicates with a bollard in the road to lower and allow the bus to pass.

Q: When will the path adjacent to the busway be made good/tarmacked?

A: A planning application for that work to be undertaken has been submitted which includes lighting on the pathway. This is to be decided on by the Local Authority within the next couple of months.

Q: The condition of the roads, for example on Abode, is not good at present, weeds and protruding man-holes. What is being done to rectify?

A: A contractor has been employed to rectify all defects and is working their way through the various snags. The Abode work has started and will be on-going for the foreseeable future. The 'green lanes' and open spaces are due to be adopted by the local authority following a remedy of defect process and period.

Q: NOVO was due to be adopted in Dec '13 and is now programmed for Jan '17, can we be confident that this date will stick?

A: Countryside are in the process of getting the adoptable standard correct and in place. That work is well advanced and the date is, at present, realistic.

Q: Willers Lane on Halo has a storm drain blocked, are you confident that the infrastructure can cope?

A: Although unaware of the specific detail, and happy to take that after the meeting, the drains have been thoroughly tested and approved via planning application, so am confident that they will work for the whole site.

Q: Could the kerbs on the cycle way at the showground entrance be looked at?

A; Yes, happy to take details after the meeting.

Q: When does the new Primary School open?

A: KIER are the builders of the new primary school and they are due to complete by September of next year.

2. The Clay Farm Centre and community engagement

Statement by Debbie Kaye:

Building work on the new community centre at Clay Farm in the south of Cambridge has been temporarily suspended following an incident in May, when a cladding panel became dislodged from the building. No one was injured during the incident and all relevant authorities have been notified.

The building contractor immediately closed the site and launched an urgent investigation into the cause of the incident, which is still ongoing. Every effort is being made to ensure that the site reopens as quickly as possible.

Alan Carter, project leader for Cambridge City Council, said: “Due to these ongoing investigations the site remains closed, and will only re-open when the facts of the incident have been fully established.

“While the delays to construction of the new Clay Farm Community Centre are regrettable, all the partners involved in the project agree that health and safety is the number one priority.

“As project leaders of the construction, the city council is liaising closely with our contractor and their sub-contractors to permanently resolve the issue as quickly as possible.”

Presentation (see attached) by Vicky Hathrell covering community engagement work which included;

- Facilities for Education
- Trumpington Meadows Community Space
- Community Chest
- Community Orchard
- Clay farm centre manager in post
- Neighbourhood watch
- Holiday lunches project / time credits
- Community events and projects
- Residents association
- Volunteering opportunities

3. Parking across the Southern Fringe

Sharon Brown gave an overview and context for parking across the southern fringe which included:

- The masterplanning process in 2006
- The importance of key infrastructure as a defining part of the developments, e.g. good quality homes, high sustainability, light, bright open space and green features.
- That the developments be not dominated by the car or car parking.
- Car parking standards of a ratio of 1.5 across each development.

Ian Dyer outlined the way in which a traffic regulation order would be enforced across all the southern fringe developments by the County Council once the roads

had been adopted. Until then, each developer would be responsible for the enforcement in the meantime. The balance between the network and community need would be sought and a consultation process for the detail of the form of street restriction would be forthcoming prior to adoption. Parking will be within bays only and there will be no double yellow lines with signage to cover the whole area instead.

Ben Hunt emphasised that the transition from developer to local authority ought to be as seamless as possible to negate confusion and poor parking practise. Countryside have written to a number of residents to remind them of their obligations in terms of lease/sale agreement with regard the correct use of visitor bay parking, anything other than this would constitute a breach of agreement. Countryside are happy to widen and re-enforce this message via further communication. Parking in the visitor bays by contractors or Countryside staff is unacceptable and not tolerated.

Q: How will the parking around Hobson Square be managed?

A: The land around the square is owned by the City Council but the enforcement will be consistent with elsewhere, most likely by pay and display.

Q: What are the numbers of disabled place?

A: Without knowing the actual number, they will be in line with statutory levels.

Q: How will the visitor bays be managed in Trumpington Meadows?

A: The detail of this, as previously stated, will be part of the consultation process. A self-financing permit scheme has been used elsewhere with limited waiting time to prevent commuter use.

Q: Will the cost of the Trumpington Park and Ride go up?

A: There are no plans known of to increase the costs at the park and ride.

Q: Skanska is not at present 24/7 and Paragon is not being enforced at present. What will happen in future?

A: These schemes have not been adopted so are being managed via a private contractor. Long term it is unlikely to be a 24/7 scheme and would be likely to run during the working day, if Bovis are not enforcing this will need to be looked at.

Q: When will the consultation process start?

A: This is unknown at present, an agreement to adopt and a common approach is needed in the first instance.

4. General questions from the floor

Q: When will Trumpington Meadows allotments come forward?

A: The conditions for this application have been discharged and it is well known that they are behind on the trigger for their completion and are pushing hard for their finalisation.

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/allotments-on-growth-sites>

Q: The Trumpington Meadows play area is over 2 years behind, when will it complete?

A: As part of the handover process from developer to local authority there is a 12 month remedy of defect process whereby any issues need to be resolved prior to adoption. For health and safety reasons it is imperative that all those issues are complete prior to opening and it is in that process at present.

Q: The timing of the traffic lights at Shelford road and Addenbrookes Road seem to have been altered detrimentally to the flow of traffic. Please could someone from the County Council look at this?

A: Yes, happy to take the details after the meeting and review with the County Council.

Meeting closed 8.25pm.