

Southern Fringe Community Forum

7pm, Thursday 10th November 2016

Trumpington Village Hall, Cambridge.

Chair

Cllr Richard Robertson

Cambridge City Council

Lead Officer

Debbie Kaye

Head of Community Services
Cambridge City Council

Presenters

Norman Paterson

Frank Shaw Associates

Ashley Garford

Kier construction

Paul Nelson

Cambridgeshire County Council

Vicky Hathrell

Cambridge City Council

Sarah Tovell

Cambridge City Council

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all and introduced the agenda.

1. Clay Farm Primary School

Presentation by Ashley Garford (Kier construction) and Norman Paterson (Frank Shaw Associates) – *see attached*.

Q: Will the bike and scooter storage be integrated in to the design of the school rather than an afterthought?

A: Yes, the integration of the storage has been fully embedded throughout the design and there is plenty of provision.

Q: How does the design of the of the library/hall space lend itself to noise, teaching and book storage.

A: There is no one answer to what a library should be these days and the space is purposefully flexible to allow an amount of book storage (but not the traditional numbers) and mobile units to allow teaching with the use of pods for intimacy. The space also allows children to access different parts of the school without having to use the library/hall.

Q: Is vehicle access from the North?

A: Yes, staff cars and delivery vehicles, although the whole scheme at Clay Farm, as you would know, is designed to discourage cars and there is only limited delivery vehicles needed for the school. Parent pick up/drop off by car is similarly not welcome.

Q: There is an amount of wood cladding across Clay Farm that is currently failing, is there any wood clad on the school?

A: No, brick build only.

Comment: The stripes and colour added to the exterior design looks good and is very welcome.

Penny Todman – Trustee

The name of the new school is Trumpington Park Primary School and will be run by Cambridge Primary Educational Trust (CPET). There are application forms available for the initial 60 places for reception classes which will build up to the full complement thereafter. There is a need for new school Governors and applicants (not necessarily parents) are welcome to help with the establishment of the school and staff with a meeting at the Trumpington secondary school on the afternoon of the 14th December. There will be opportunities for parents to be involved with the school once the school is opened. More information on CPET and the other schools they run is available at www.cpetrust.co.uk

2. Public transport options - Paul Nelson – Cambridgeshire County Council

An introduction to a very outline proposal for the spend of s106 public transport funds for the southern fringe developments. These have been dependant on two things which are; the completion of the spine road and the housing delivery numbers to trigger the payments. The new service would run from 7am to 7pm 6 days a week with options for added days and times depending of funding. Operators are likely to add this route to the Citi2 service. A proposed route for the service was presented and feedback and suggestions welcomed.

Q: The proposal doesn't go to the Park & Ride or Trumpington Meadows.

A: Correct, these are options that can be considered but would need to check the timings of the service.

Q: Does this route duplicate the guided bus?

A: With a 20 minute frequency it gives additionality.

Q: The use of Addenbrookes Road on part of the route will lead to a very unreliable service and there doesn't appear to be any bus stops.

A: Bus stops will need to be considered along the whole of the route but will not be straight forward as crossing the guided bus route will be difficult.

Q: Will this proposal tie in with the transport needs for Cambridge Biomedical Campus?

A: Although there will need to be some integration, the funding for this route comes from the Southern Fringe developments and should primarily serve these.

Comments: The proposal would relieve the pressure on the Citi7 service which could develop a more direct route south e.g. Sawston.

Comment: Perhaps the service needs to turn at the new centre or use the bus way.

Q: Will additional stops be added to the busway through Trumpington – specifically the section before the bridge over the country park?

A: Again, this will need to be considered as part of any service improvement along with the financial implications.

Q: Doesn't the proposed circular route needs to enable direct travel to the new community centre, surgery and shops from Trumpington village, without travelling to Addenbrookes and back?

A: Yes, the possible routing along the busway would answer this problem

3. Southern Fringe Community up-date - Vicky Hathrell – CDO

A number of consultation events have taken place to chart the 4years of work on the Southern Fringe with a number of diverse groups. The questions are now; what work should guide the next 18 months of community development work and what are the gaps in service provision for the Southern Fringe? Suggestions already proposed include: nursery provision, youth services and more resident lead initiatives. Please contact Vicky for suggestions and comment. (Vicky.hathrell@cambridge.gov.uk).

Q: Are we likely to get a new post box?

A: Royal Mail ensures that there is a box within half a walking mile of every house, which at present there is (including the whole of Trumpington Meadows). In future this might mean a new one in Hobson square; however nothing is planned at present.

Q: Will there be a new pub?

A: The village already has 3 pubs and with the national picture of closing pubs, the viability of a new one would need to be strongly considered. It is more likely that restaurant and cafés will be brought forward. The Habitorial project runs a pop-up pub in one of the show homes and there is possibility that this project could be extended elsewhere but not the units around Hobsons square.

4. Open space up-date – Sarah Tovell – see presentation attached.

Q: How many plots are available for the site with 76 on the waiting list?

A: Smaller starter plots are initially allocated which means there is plenty of capacity.

Q: Who runs the allotments?

A: The City Council will initially run the allotments but if there is an association wanting to take the management on in the medium to long term future, this will be considered.

Q: Is the grass and soil on the open spaces to adoptable standard?

A: We have continual monitoring and any issues arising have been dealt with.

Q: Are the tennis courts on Trumpington Meadows finished.

A: Yes, they finally complete and ready for use with adoption expected later in 2017.

5. Questions from the floor

Q: When will the square, community centre and shops be open?

A: The community centre with library, medical centre, café and hire rooms will be open next summer and a presentation from the centre manager will be at the next forum.

Q: Is there community sport provision?

A: Yes, the indoor sports provision at the secondary school and are open after school hours at present and managed by Abbey Croft Leisure who will be invited to present at the next forum also.

Cllr Robertson thanked all those who attended and presented and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed 8.25pm.