

Key Issues – Community Facilities

The development will enhance and support surrounding communities providing facilities for the new community as well as people already living in the area.

Local Centre

The University's vision for the local centre is to establish a heart to the development, as well as a focal point of local facilities and retail developments that serve the community, encourage social interaction, and interest in the centre, activating the development.

Co-location measures will be encouraged to ensure space and cost efficiency. A supermarket and retail offer will generate activity around the neighbourhood centre.

The vision for retail provision within the development is to provide the residential community with a range of convenience and comparison options and attractive choices. This will ensure that the development is sustainable, establishes a sense of place and reduces trips to other retail facilities off site.

The local centre will be located in the heart of the development. The functions within the local centre will ensure the critical mass needed for the longevity and sustainability of the development.

Local Centre Facilities

A range of other community facilities will ensure that the local centre is established as the heart of the community. These may include the following:

- Primary school
- Nursery (two additional nurseries will be provided in other locations on site)
- Community Space
- Pub/Restaurant (in the hotel)
- Healthcare (public)
- Supermarket
- Retail units

Education

The University's vision for education provision is to ensure the educational needs of the children within the development are catered for, there by reducing pressure on existing education provision in the adjacent locality. A primary school and its facilities will be located adjacent to the Storey's Field central open space placing it at close proximity to adjacent residential zones. It will serve the local population and help create a cohesive community. Secondary school provision will be provided at the nearby NIAB "Extra" site.



Images by Wilkinson Eyre Architects, who are advising and informing the Masterplanning team



Senior Living Apartments

Senior Living apartments will be designed to enable independent seniors to enjoy a lifestyle filled with recreational, educational and social activities amongst other seniors.

Hotel

The hotel will help establish the commercial critical mass in the local centre by providing quality visitor accommodation as well as conferencing, business and leisure facilities. The hotel is given a prominent location overlooking Storey Fields, the major open space at the centre of the development.

The hotel may also include conferencing and leisure facilities (e.g. pool/health suite).

Emergency Services (Police) touchdown zone

A touchdown zone located within the local centre will enable emergency services to cover the whole of the North West Quadrant and ensure a rapid response time in the event of any emergencies.

Your concerns	The University's Response
Community Infrastructure	
<p>Q Will the development provide enough schools, doctors and dentists surgeries?</p> <p>Will the scheme provide enough shops?</p> <p>Will the proposed facilities draw people to the site instead of just serving the resident population?</p> <p>Is the supermarket potentially both beneficial and a threat?</p> <p>Will the scheme work hard to build a community?</p>	<p>A The University is committed to providing the necessary social and community infrastructure requirements generated by the new development including: a local centre with a supermarket, retail units, primary school, nursery facilities and healthcare provision (including doctors and dentists). The supermarket will serve the needs of the new community and will provide for the wider North West Quadrant. The University is awaiting the outcomes of a local authority assessment of retail need and will undertake a Retail Impact Assessment, if necessary, to demonstrate the need for and impact of the supermarket proposed. The new local centre will provide a community hub to reduce social inclusion and enhance community cohesion.</p>
Local Centre Provision	
<p>Q Will the scheme provide a Community centre with rooms for hire?</p> <p>Is a Church or worship facilities going to be provided on site?</p> <p>What size will the supermarket be?</p> <p>Will a range of independent shops and cafes be provided?</p> <p>Will the new development have a pub?</p> <p>Will a health centre be provided with a doctor, dentist and pharmacy?</p> <p>Will an ATM be provided?</p>	<p>A The new local centre will provide a community hub to reduce social exclusion and enhance community cohesion, and will include community meeting facilities. The hotel may also include a public house or restaurant.</p> <p>The proposed North West Cambridge scheme will provide the necessary infrastructure and community requirements generated by the development including: a local centre with a small supermarket, a range of retail units, primary school, nursery facilities, healthcare provision (including doctors and dentists) and a police touch down zone.</p>
Open space and sports facilities	
<p>Q Will a number of allotments be provided?</p> <p>Will there be a sports centre or sports pitches on site?</p> <p>Is there a need for a swimming pool?</p>	<p>A The proposed scheme will provide a network of accessible green infrastructure including recreational and sports uses, open space and landscaped areas. The central open space in the scheme will be a new public space for the city of Cambridge. The vision for this area includes both recreational provision (sports pitches) and informal open space. Space will also be provided for informal recreation and play spaces. Allotments will be provided in the Western Edge.</p> <p>A swimming pool is not part of the leisure facilities to be provided on site, but contributions will be made for provision elsewhere.</p>