

North West Cambridge University's Development Community Group

**Minutes of meeting held on 17th October 2011
at Wolfson Court, Girton College, Cambridge**

Rev Janet Bunker, The Parish of the Ascension (JB) CHAIR
Cllr John Hipkin, Cambridge City Council (JH)
Clare Macrae, Cambridge Transport Forum (CM)
Mick Jackman, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service (MJ)
Bridget Hodge, Resident (BH)
Cllr Belinda Brookes-Gordon, Cambridge County Council (BBG)
Cllr Thomas Bygott, South Cambridgeshire District Council (TB)
Ann Mullinger Windsor Road Residents Association (AM)
Hugh Taylor, 19 Acre Field Residents Association (HT)
Brian Walker, Castle Community Action Group (BW)
Helen Hutchinson, Windsor Road Residents Association (HH)

Project Team (PT)

Roger Taylor, North West Cambridge Project Director
Adrian Howell, Turner & Townsend Project Management
David Smith, Scott Wilson
John Rose, Aecom
Charles Leward, Aecom
John Hopkins, Peter Brett Associates
Owen Morris, Communications Team, North West Cambridge Project.

1. Introductions were made and the minutes of the last meeting agreed.

2. The project team gave a presentation on the project progression

The group asked the following questions - answered by project team.

Q: CM asked if any decision had been made regarding the style of bicycle parking bays on the site?

The project team explained that no decision had been made and that stakeholders will be consulted going forward, but that all improvements will be made in accordance with the area action plan.

Q: HT asked the team to comment on recent concerns raised by Anglia Water regarding drainage and waste water on the site, and why these were only coming to light at this late stage?

The project team reassured the meeting that all statutory bodies had been consulted thoroughly ahead of the submission, and that a response to Anglia Water's concerns had been made. A pre-development enquiry had been made which confirmed drainage and waste water treatment capacity will be adequate, and that a miscommunication had taken place between departments in Anglia Water.

Q: BW asked if there will be adequate broadband provision on the site.

The project team confirmed that discussions are taking place with providers to ensure this.

Q: BH asked if there might be an allowance within section 106 agreements for improvements to Coton Countryside Reserve.

The project team said 106 was intended to mitigate the impact of the scheme, but discussions have taken place with the landowners and a dialogue is continuing regarding improved access.

Q: JB asked if a line of trees along Huntingdon Road might be extended?

The project team said design guidelines sit outside the master plan for reserve matters and must be approved. Any developer will be required to meet high standards outlined in guidelines.

Q: JH requested assurance that key worker housing on the site will be available to all staff - not just academics?

The project team offered assurances that there would be no academic bias, and that workers will qualify for housing on a means tested basis (30% of net household income) and on annual tenancies of up to 3 years or 4 years under exceptional circumstances.

Q: JH asked if the primary school proposed for the site will be open to all families in the catchment area?

The project team said this was the intention.

Q: JH asked if the health centre would also be open to all residents not just university staff and their families.

The project team said the health centre and all other facilities on the site are for use by all residents.

Q: BW asked where the primary access for construction traffic would be located.

The project team informed the meeting that this access would be from Madingley Road only.

Q: BBG asked what would be the density of housing on the development

The project team said that dwellings must average 50 per hectare to meet planning policy, but that concentrations across the site will vary to meet that average.

Q: HT asked why no reference to reducing car parking was evident in the travel plan, and if colleges were in agreement to reduce parking spaces in the city.

The project team informed the meeting that a commitment is in place to reduce University parking spaces, but that as colleges are autonomous they are not obliged to reduce their own parking sites.

Q: JB asked how discussions were progressing with the Highways Agency regarding the A14.

The project team informed the group that the Highways Agency have to date been supportive of the proposed transport plan.

Date of next meeting: November 15th. Attendees were requested to forward details of possible speakers on Community Cohesion to Stephanie on the communication team.