

Community Group Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2016
At the Community Room, Gravel Hill Farm

Those present

Janet Bunker (Parish of the Ascension) (Chair)
Christine Bromwich (Girton Baptist Church)
Sarah Christensen (Lansdowne Road)
Matthew Danish (Cambridge Cycling Campaign)
Bob Dawson (NAFRA)
Sue Finer (Storey's Way Residents Association)
Morcom Lunt (North Newnham RA)
Jo Walker (NAFRA)

University

Heather Topel –Acting Project Director (HT)
Warren Forsyth – Operations Director (WF)
Biky Wan – PR Manager
Richard Brown - Storey's Field Centre Manager (RB)

Apologies

ClIr Douglas De Lacey
ClIr Tom Bygott
ClIr Lynda Harford
Ann Mullinger (Windsor Road Residents Association)
Brian Walker (Windsor Road Residents Association)
Nick Lowe (Girton Baptist Church)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcome the group and introductions were made.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted. There were no matters arising raised.

3. PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE PROJECT

Heather Topel gave an update on the project since the last meeting in June 2016. The key points included:

- The development progress has been focused on construction in the last quarter. Structures have been completed, interiors are starting to come into fruition. Landscape has been undertaken and the sports pavilions are going to be built. The Public Art structure is being installed on the Western Edge.
- The Universal Bus started running in July and later this year the bus will run on the guided busway to Addenbrooke's.
- The School celebrated its Official Opening with the Vice-Chancellor in September and has welcomed its second cohort of pupils.
- First residents (University homes) will move in in March 2017. Student accommodation will be ready in January but will move in afterwards.

Q: What is the bus route for Universal? (Bob Dawson)

A: The route goes from the Madingley Road P&R, through the West Cambridge site, along Madingley Road, Grange Road, West Road, to Silver Street and Trumpington Road and via Brooklands Avenue to the railway station. It will continue down Hills Road to Addenbrooke's and this will change later this year when the route will use the guided busway. Next year the bus will come into the Development. (HT)

Q: Will pensioners get the bus for free? (Christine Bromwich)

A: We'll check that this is in line with Whippet's pricing policy. (HT) [Post-meeting note: The Universal Bus operated

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by Whippet offers free bus journeys in line with national policy to pass-holders during the normal hours of validity (0930 onwards on weekdays and anytime at weekends).]

Q: Will the operating hours of the bus change? (Matthew Danish)

A: The Universal operating hours are 7am-7.30pm at a 15-minute frequency. As the development builds out the frequency will change. (HT)

4. A: OPERATIONS STRATEGY

Warren Forsyth gave a presentation on the Operations strategy.

Q: Can people from outside the site use the Sports facilities? (Christine Bromwich)

A: Yes. The booking facilities for sports will be located on the NWCD Corporate website and available to the local community to book. (WF)

Q: Is the site self-sufficient for utilities? (Sarah Christensen)

A: Gas will feed into the energy centre and provide heating and hot water for residents so people will not have a gas bill but they will have an electricity bill. Water will be billed from Cambridge Water who will supply clean water and sewage. The greywater is internally generated and will be billed by Cambridge Water. (WF)

Q: Where does parking sit in your content structure? (Bob Dawson)

A: University staff can apply for residential parking through their Accommodation Service website. There will be a travel planning section for residents where parking information will be located along with assistance from the Travel Plan Manager. (WF)

Q: Will the homes have car parking? (Morcom Lunt) Thornton Road already has parking problems. (Christine Bromwich). Contractors have been fly-parking on Lansdowne Road (Sarah Christensen)

A: The University homes do not automatically come with car parking, but residents can apply for car parking spaces separately. Travel planning assistance will be in place for residents to help them to use sustainable travel modes, particularly as many will be new to Cambridge and the UK. There is monitoring in place that the University has undertaken to ensure that the development is not creating off-set parking problems. If there are existing fly-parking problems then the development is not the cause of this. There is also potential for consultation for controlled parking zone on neighbouring streets. Residents will need to agree to support before implementing. For the sale housing, parking is included with the properties. We are following up on the contractor parking issues that have been raised on Lansdowne Road. (HT)

Q: What recycling will take place? (Bob Dawson)

A: The underground bin units will include a mixed recycling waste stream. (WF)

Q: Will the heating system service the private housing? (Sarah Christensen)

A: Yes. (WF)

Q: What is the plan for community cohesion – will you encourage residents associations and sports groups on the site? (Morcom Lunt)

A: Yes, there is some seeding for community development being undertaken as well as the opportunity for feedback and input from the community. Richard has also been working on the plans for the Community Centre and working alongside Lisa Pollitt from the City Council as the Community Development Officer. (WF)

4. B. STOREY'S FIELD CENTRE PRESENTATION

Richard Brown gave a presentation on the Storey's Field Centre and Community Development plans.

Q: How will the seating configuration work? (Bob Dawson)

A: The seating is for 180 people and for other types of events the hall can accommodate more people, typically 250. (RB)

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Q: When will the Centre open? (Jo Walker)

A: Summer 2017. (RB)

Q: Is the sports centre on West Cambridge a formal part of the development? How will the Centre link with the Darwin Green site? (Bob Dawson)

A: The Sports Centre is already open and for local existing communities and new residents. There will be a Community Café available on the Darwin Green site. Lisa Pollitt will provide liaison across the two sites as the City Council Community Development Officer. She would like to work with residents groups to raise awareness about changes that are taking place. Ideas could include skip-it, Christmas trees on Histon Road (RB). The Sport company will be available to liaise with the Sports Centre and make referrals on booking availability. (WF). The Sports Centre is open to the public and we will raise awareness of it to residents which is a good idea to encourage its usage. (HT)

Q: If you are welcoming people from other parts of the City to the Community Centre, what are the parking arrangements? (Morcom Lunt).

A: We intend to programme events for local people. There will be local centre car parking in Sainsbury's and around the local centre. There will be a hotel with car parking across the road from the Community Centre. Outside of School hours we have options for an over-flow car park. There will be travel planning in place for the Centre to help people make plans. (HT)

Q: Will you have staff for the Community Centre? (Janet Bunker)

A: Yes, 2.5 people will be joining soon. Hopefully starting in May 2017, and there will also be event staff and volunteering opportunities. (RB)

Q: Will the School be available for rent? (Janet Bunker)

A: In the early years, the School is focusing on being a school and developing their framework for education. They are limited on access at the moment because of construction. When we open streets in the site early next year that might change so they may be able to open up the School for greater community use. (HT)

Q: Will there be projectors for the conferences in the Community Centre? (Morcom Lunt)

A: Yes. Each room will have its own projector with a large projector and screen in the main hall. We also intend to offer Satellite screenings using the projector in the main hall, the screen and projector are hidden from sight and drop down from above. (RB)

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in early 2017 and a topic of discussion can be suggested by the University in line with the development consultation.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Q: How is the Ridgeway progressing (Matthew Danish)

A: The Ridgeway construction works are progressing with work on the eastern side occurring today. The Ridgeway won't open until we have residents on site as we have to manage access for the public's safety, which means that the likely opening date for this will be Spring 2017 (from local centre to Storey's Way). The Ridgeway north (from the local centre towards Girton) will open later due to construction of housing. The Chestnut Avenue will be constrained for vehicle access when the Ridgeway opens as we do not want to introduce conflicts. (HT)

Q: Is anyone looking at conflicts on Storey's Way from the Ridgeway, particularly the pinchpoint on Storey's Way which is dangerous? (Sue Finer) Who is best placed for a transport discussion to address? It sounds resolvable. (Bob Dawson)

A: We have talked about the relationships between the two. The pinchpoint is outside the University boundary and a discussion with the County Council might be worthwhile since it is in public highway. The University has un-allocated S106 monies for local issues and if there are useful solutions then we can encourage that as a route for funding, but we would need a solution that is satisfactory for residents, cyclists and the County. When the streets are developed the modelling shows that the roads through the development will improve cycle journeys through Storey's Way by reducing the number of car trips, as cars will have other options through the development. There

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is no firm way forward that all residents agreed with previously- and the County needs to be persuaded that changes are needed (they were not previously). The strategic transport questions have been dealt with (HT). The Cycling Campaign can look at the discussion about the pinchpoint to suggest. (Matthew Danish)

Q: Commercial housing will start to appear next year. Do you have an indication of what the perimeter housing is like? (Bob Dawson)

A: There may not be much to show for the next meeting but when we have more information we will share it. (HT)

Q: The street lighting is tall on Eddington Avenue. The Park and Ride lights are low level to lower the light pollution. (Sarah Christensen)

A: Eddington Avenue will be an adopted road by the County Council so we have less freedom and flexibility on the design of these lighting columns. The other roads will be owned by the University when there will be more flexibility. We can share more information on the lighting heads. (HT)

Q: We would welcome some street lighting on Huntingdon Road at the Eddington Road – at the moment there are no heads on them. (Christine Bromwich)

A: The intention is that lighting heads will soon be added on. (HT).