

Tuesday 07 November 2023

To: Chair – Councillor Dr. Martin Cahn  
Vice-Chair – Councillor Peter Fane  
All Members of the Planning Committee - Councillors Ariel Cahn,  
Bill Handley, Geoff Harvey, Dr. Tumi Hawkins, Judith Rippeth,  
Peter Sandford, Heather Williams, Dr. Richard Williams, Eileen Wilson and  
Dr Lisa Redrup

Quorum: 3

Substitutes Councillors Graham Cone, Sue Ellington, Mark Howell, Bunty Waters,  
if needed: Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya, Anna Bradnam, Helene Leeming,  
William Jackson-Wood and Henry Batchelor

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Planning Committee**, which will be held in the **Council Chamber, First Floor** on **Wednesday, 8 November 2023** at **10.00 a.m.**. **A weblink to enable members of the press and public to listen to the proceedings will be published on the relevant page of the Council's website , normally, at least 24 hours before the meeting.**

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Yours faithfully  
**Liz Watts**  
Chief Executive

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### Supplementary Agenda

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| <b>5.</b> | <b>23/02467/FUL - Land at The Way, Fowlmere</b><br>Part demolition of existing buildings and erection of new buildings for research and development including co-working space, cafe and gym (Use Class E commercial, business and services), installation |
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of plant, car parking provision of cycle parking, public realm improvements, and associated works to the Way.

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# Agenda Item 5



<b>Planning Committee Date</b>	08 November 2023
<b>Report to</b>	South Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Committee
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development
<b>Reference</b>	23/02467/FUL
<b>Site</b>	Land at The Way, Fowlmere,
<b>Ward / Parish</b>	Fowlmere
<b>Proposal</b>	Part demolition of existing buildings and erection of new buildings for research and development including co-working space, cafe and gym (Use Class E commercial, business and services), installation of plant, car parking provision of cycle parking, public realm improvements, and associated works to the Way.
<b>Applicant</b>	Gen Two Fowlmere Ltd
<b>Presenting Officer</b>	Charlotte Spencer

## Update Report

### 1.0 Additional/Revised Representations

- 1.1 On 06 November 2023 a Youth Engagement Report by the Council's Youth Engagement Lead was received.
- 1.2 A full version of this report can be found on the Council's website. It is also attached as an appendix (2).
- 1.3 Officers are satisfied that the report raises no new issues that have not already been considered in the main report to the Council's Planning Committee.

**2.0 Other Amendments**

2.1 The table within paragraph 8.21 was incorrect due to an embedded scaling errors. The correct tablet is below:

<b>Existing</b>					
	<b>Building 1 (Retained)</b>	<b>Building 2 (Demolished )</b>	<b>Building 3 (Demolished )</b>	<b>Building 4 (Extended)</b>	<b>Building 5 (Demolished )</b>
Footprint	990sqm	460sqm	1260sqm	2620sqm	530sqm
Floorspace	1010sqm	435sqm	1645sqm	2850sqm	600sqm
Max Height	8.5m	4.2m	6.2m	9.7m	6.2m
<b>Proposed</b>					
	<b>Suites 1-5</b>	<b>Suites 6-8</b>			
Footprint	<del>14300sqm</del> 3540sqm	<del>11550 sqm</del> 2900sqm			
Floorspace	<del>27420sqm</del> 6800sqm	<del>22280sqm</del> 5500sqm			
Max Height	8.75m	10.69m			

2.2 The corrections to the footprints set out in the table does not affect the assessment of the proposal. It is still considered that the form of the buildings is appropriate for the location.

2.3 Unfortunately the Design Review Panel Report was missed from the original report Appendix agenda pack. This has now been included as part of this update appendix 1.



# The Greater Cambridge Design Review Panel

**Pre-application re: PPA/22/00064**

**Project Alchemy, Welding Alloys, The Way, Fowlmere,  
Cambridgeshire SG8 7QS**

**Thursday 9 March 2023, In-person meeting**

**Confidential**

The [Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth](#) sets out the core principles for the level of quality to be expected in new development across Cambridgeshire. The [Greater Cambridge Design Review Panel](#) provides independent, expert advice to developers and local planning authorities against the four core principles of the Charter: connectivity, character, climate, and community.

## **Attendees**

### **Panel Members:**

Simon Carne (Chair, Community) – Simon Carne Architect

Graham Whitehouse (Character, Architecture, Heritage) - Director at GWP Architects Ltd

Chris Bowden (Character, Landscape) - Director at Chris Bowden Consulting

Joel Gustafsson (Character, Climate) - Director at JG Consulting

### **Applicant & Design Team:**

Chris Jones – Director, BCR Infinity Architects

Stuart Morse – Director, KMC Transport Planning

Amy Robinson – Principal Planner, Bidwells

### **LPA Officers:**

Bonnie Kwok – Principal Urban Designer / Design Review Panel Manager

Katie Roberts – Executive Assistant / Panel Support Officer

Elisabeth Glover – Principal Planning Officer (Case Officer)

Ammar Alasaad - Senior Urban Designer

Emma Lilley – Landscape Officer

Paul Robertshaw - Senior Conservation Officer

### **Observer(s):**

None

### **Declarations of Interest**

None

### **Previous Panel Reviews**

None

## **Scheme Description**

Part demolition of existing structures and construction of new buildings for research and development use, with ancillary gym, co-working space and cafe.

## **Site context**

The site is located to the north of the High Street on the northern edge of the village of Fowlmere. Part of the site is situated outside the development framework and in the countryside. It measures approximately 2.2 hectares in area and currently comprises a group of industrial/warehouse buildings with ancillary offices (units 1 to 4) around a hard surfaced yard and a car park together with an office building (unit 5). Access is from the south off The Way which is a private road. The site is currently in use as an industrial/employment use but does not lie within an Established Employment Area.

An awarded watercourse runs along the western boundary of the site. The site lies within Flood zones 1, 2 and 3 (low, medium and high risk). Parts of the site are also subject to surface water risk.

The site comprises a number of mature trees along the western side of the watercourse subject to a Tree Preservation Order. There are also a number of mature trees along the eastern boundary of the car park and surrounding the office building (unit 5).

The site is situated adjacent to the conservation area and within the setting of a number of Grade II listed buildings on the northern side of the High Street.

## **Planning history**

21/00542/OUT – Refused – Outline planning for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of 45 dwellings and office building with some matters reserved except for access.

## Greater Cambridge Design Review Panel Views

### Detailed Comments

The panel welcomed the opportunity to review the proposals at this stage. The presentation and preliminary information provided a clear and coherent description of the proposal. The site visit was very valuable and gave important insights into the scale and condition of existing facilities, features and landscape opportunities.

It was pointed out that an earlier opportunity to review the proposals, before the two pre-app sessions, would have offered a chance to review the scheme before too much was fixed. It is a well-established principle that the panel contributes more when a scheme is presented once initial investigations are available and options prepared before they are closed down. An earlier presentation, if feasible, could have benefitted the scheme as a whole.

The panel commented on the design under the four C's – Climate, Character, Connectivity and Community, the agreed format. Comments are not restricted to individuals and subjects, but cross refer to aspects of the design. In this instance, panel members did not benefit from either a connectivity or community focussed panel member, so the subjects were covered by the other members of the panel.

#### Climate

The panel were pleased to see that climate had been at the heart of the evolving design.

The retention and reuse of as many existing buildings as possible had been considered. Some of the buildings appeared to offer the opportunity for conversion but the proposed use as laboratory spaces had restricted their reuse for reasons of scale and internal clear space. Other employment uses would have allowed for retention of more existing structures.



There is significant embodied carbon on site included the existing concrete access road. Integrating the retained road with the desire to provide Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDS) across the site will require careful balancing but the panel sees opportunity for retaining the concrete road without a meaningful impact on this. An audit of existing materials and proposals for their reuse would be valuable.

The decision to use Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP) was welcomed. Consideration and detailing their location on elevations was also applauded. Roof mounted PVs across the extensive roof area will contribute to powering the estate. An estate wide system using a micro grid was recommended by the panel. This could be combined with battery back-up providing vehicle and cycle charging points as well as building power supply in a commercially attractive manner with a microgrid configuration that should be explored. Additionally, it would increase the environmental value of the Photovoltaic Panels (PVs) by increase the proportion of generated electricity used on site.

The proposed elevations are work in progress. They appeared to represent relatively high proportions of glazing of up to 50%. 30-40% was considered more appropriate, with specific attention given to reducing glazing at low level where it is of little value of daylight.

Access to individual suites would be through suitably sized doors on the rear sides of the suites. These will require careful detailing and airtight performance. External servicing access routes should be identified on plans.

Elevation drawings presented to date are small scale. The panel recommended that they be supplemented by large scale elevations and sections to communicate spatial qualities, the integration of services generally and details including the disposition of louvres, glazed fenestration and access. They will also show how detailing works within the overall fabric. Full height fenestration is both unnecessary and reveals the clutter that makes the interior appear unsightly.

## Character (biodiversity, landscape and building design)

The overall disposition of external spaces evolving out of the retention of buildings is well handled.

The approach to the main entrance and the retention of trees on the main axis is welcome.

Providing 20% net biodiversity on site will be a challenge and to achieve as much as possible on site demands an approach to landscape that retains existing features. A manicured landscape design focussed on providing outdoor spaces for workers on site, whilst welcome in principle, will do little or nothing to encourage biodiversity, nor will it be appropriate everywhere on site. Retaining as much existing biodiversity on site, both to the east and west of the existing buildings, should be sought. Net gain will be calculated against a baseline position, which although this was not presented, is in hand.

Detailed landscape proposals are in development and so were not presented. The proposals will require further development to achieve the required standard for a planning application.

A number of points were made on the layout presented:

- Could the visitor parking area be enhanced and made more welcoming?
- Could more tree and hedge planting be added to the entry space?
- Could the 'mews' connect more directly to the west and east for pedestrian movement?
- Is a crossing over the stream undermining the wildness of that part of the site?
- Would 'places' along the 'mews' add to its qualities?
- Is the removal of the bund for large areas of car parking and hard standing appropriate?
- Are there opportunities to retain more trees on site?
- Can green corridors be retained and/or created on site?

- Is suite 8 located out on a limb and not part of the core of the estate?
- Is under-croft parking beneath a single storey of suite 8 an unnecessary cost for little benefit?

Whilst it was not intended to fence off the estate, a barrier for vehicles entering the private areas will be provided as part of the proposals. Controlling access for local residents using the community facilities to the rear of suites 1 and 2 and alongside the stream and west side of the site will need to be considered.

Developing new building character is work-in-progress. Differentiating the community accommodation in suite 1 offers an opportunity that should be further investigated. Discussing the community entrance led to a conversation around this part of the development. It is a valuable community aspect and deserves to have a distinctive character. Externally this could be achieved by expressing the internal functions. It is an area that requires further thought. As a general observation on the emerging building character, integrating servicing, access and the location of ASHPs will impact the developing elevations.

Landscape and visual impacts from agreed viewpoints is being prepared. They should be used as a design tool, and not only as a check for visual impact. Initial thoughts based on the site visit are that the development will not be different in scale and massing and so would not be problematic. The existing buildings on site have an impact established over time. Long views from the east of the new buildings on the existing footprint will not be markedly different. Strengthening boundary planting will mitigate their impact. In conclusion the panel were content that there was no adverse visual impact on the conservation area or nearby listed buildings.

In terms of re-use of existing structures, the Unity Campus was mentioned as a model that could be looked at as a precedent. Developing a character for the scheme in architectural terms would benefit from more than a science/business park aesthetic.

## Connectivity

The quantum of surface car parking is a concern to the panel. An earlier option had included a single deck of car parking. Its removal following the first pre-app resulted in the extended area of surface car parking. Suite 8 emerged as a single-storey of accommodation above under-croft car parking. This compromised form is located somewhat remote from Suites 1-7 located along the 'mews'. The panel are concerned that this was driving the design towards overdevelopment. Other consequences included the complete removal of the bund which could be providing a contribution to site biodiversity.

Whilst the previously proposed decked car park had not been presented and so was not part of the review, it was included in the background information and was raised by the applicant as a critical element. There was a general sense amongst the panel that there might be benefit in revisiting this decision in the light of other comments on the extent of hard surfacing, visual impact and the climate impact and net biodiversity aspects. Accommodating parking at ground level is being driven by the area of accommodation proposed and a reduction in development quantum would reduce vehicle parking numbers.

In terms of viable alternative cycle routes to the site, there appears to be a direct connection from the eastern edge of the site along the track to Foxton station, which also happens to be the site of a proposed mobility hub and car parking. The distance of approximately 2 miles would make it eminently suitable as a cycling route. Whether there is any opportunity to deliver this should be taken up with the County Council. The panel were assured that covered, secure cycle parking and showers will be provided. The panel stressed that these should be readily accessible and not tucked away out of sight.

## Community

The panel welcomed the proposed incorporation of community facilities. This will give added value to the landscaped space on the south facing side of the entrance

building. The design team and client have developed a fruitful engagement with the local parish council and residents. Retaining the employment use in the village, combined with a community facility, is welcomed by the community and will be an enhancement.

The mobility hub with cycle store and visitor parking will also be a valuable resource for the village. Combined with the potential cycle route to Foxton this development has the potential to be a major enhancement to Fowlmere Village.

The proposals require development and refinement and could be an exemplary scheme. The panel would be happy to review it again.



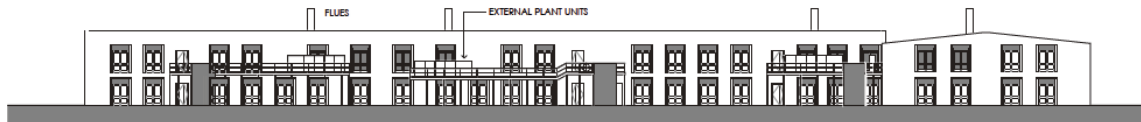
*Proposed CGI showing front entrance area – extracted from the applicant’s DRP presentation document March 2023*



*Proposed CGI showing the Mews – extracted from the applicant’s DRP presentation document March 2023*



Suites 1-4 - East Elevation (Down the Mews)



Suites 1-4 - West Elevation



Suite 8 - West Elevation



Suite 8 - Part Elevation- South



Front



Side

Bike/Sub Station Elevations

Proposed elevations – extracted from the applicant's DRP presentation document March 2023

#### 4.1 Proposed Site Plan & Ground Floor Plan

- TREES EXISTING
  - TREES REMOVED
  - TREES & SOFT LANDSCAPING PROPOSED
- NOTES**  
 SUBJECT TO DESIGN TEAM INPUT  
 APPROXIMATELY 180 CARS INCLUDING DISABLED
- UPDATES MADE IN RESPONSE TO PRE APP 2**
- Mews soft landscaping increased and made non vehicular with shared access added to the north and suite 7 pulled back from the boundary.
  - Through road removed, soft landscaping added. Suite 8 moved closer to other suites.
  - Improved connectivity, cycle and footpath links
  - Cycle Store/Hub added
  - Stores removed
  - Informalised stores added and integrated



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Proposed site plan – extracted from the applicant's DRP presentation document March 2023

## Disclaimer

*The above comments represent the views of the Greater Cambridge Design Review Panel and are made without prejudice to the determination of any planning application should one be submitted. Furthermore, the views expressed will not bind the decision of Elected Members, should a planning application be submitted, nor prejudice the formal decision-making process of the council.*

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## **Built & Natural Environment Team**

### **Youth Engagement Service**



## **Youth Engagement Report**

**Planning application ref: 23/02467/FUL**

**Site address: The Former Welding Alloys site, The Way, Fowlmere, Cambridge**

**Participant: Fowlmere Primary School**

**Developer: Gen Two Fowlmere Ltd**

<b>Planning application ref:</b>	23/02467/FUL
<b>Site address:</b>	The Former Welding Alloys site, The Way, Fowlmere, Cambridge
<b>Proposals:</b>	Part demolition of existing buildings and construction of new buildings for research and development, including co-working space, cafe and gym (Use Class E - commercial, business and services), installation of plant, car parking provision of cycle parking, public realm improvements and associated works
<b>Case Officer:</b>	Charlotte Spencer
<b>Developer:</b>	Gen Two Fowlmere Ltd
<b>Date of Youth Engagement Workshop:</b>	Workshop 1 - Tuesday 10 October 2023 Workshop 2 - Friday 20 October 2023
<b>School:</b>	Fowlmere Primary School, Cambridge

## 1.0 Purpose of the Greater Cambridge Youth Engagement Workshop

The main purpose of the Greater Cambridge Youth Engagement Workshop is to provide local youths with the opportunity to have a genuine input into the design of the proposed development, in accordance with the requirements of Paragraphs 132 and 133 of the ‘*National Planning Policy Framework*’ (NPPF) (2023).

Paragraph 132 of the NPPF states that *“early discussion between applicants, the local planning authority and local community about the design and style of emerging schemes is important for clarifying expectations and reconciling local and commercial interests. Applicants should work closely with those affected by their proposals to evolve designs that take account of the views of the community. Applications that can demonstrate early, proactive and effective engagement with the community should be looked on more favourably than those that cannot.”*

Paragraph 133 states that *“local planning authorities should ensure that they have access to, and make appropriate use of, tools and processes for assessing and improving the design of development. These include workshops to engage the local community, design advice and review arrangements, and assessment frameworks... These are of most benefit if used as early as possible in the evolution of schemes and are particularly important for significant projects, such as large-scale housing and mixed-use developments. In assessing applications, local planning authorities should have regard to the outcome from these processes, including any recommendations made by design review panels.”*

Regarding the development proposals for the application site, specifically, Officers are interested in obtaining and reflecting local youths’ views on the design and layout of the proposed external amenity areas, the design of the street furniture, art and biodiversity element, to ensure that they are fit-for-purpose and are child-friendly. It is important that the results of this report are incorporated into the final layout to ensure genuine youth engagement.

This Youth Engagement Report aims to support the Design and Access Statement and the Statement of Community Involvement, to demonstrate that the proposals have considered the views of local youths.

## **2.0 The Greater Cambridge Youth Engagement Framework**

The Greater Cambridge Youth Engagement Workshop was designed based upon a framework developed by the Council's Youth Engagement Team - "*Framework for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Youth Engagement*". This established framework considers the following four key areas which aim to benefit all those who takes part in the workshop:

- 1) Impact on the plan-and decision-making process
- 2) Process
- 3) Educational and social value
- 4) Practical factors

The Workshops comprised a series of activities to enable the local youths to get involved in the various design elements of the development proposals, via a structured approach.

## **3.0 Youth engagement process**

The youth engagement process was conducted in two parts: Workshop 1 and Workshop 2, with a 10-day gap to allow students sufficient time to complete their design work, and to reflect on their learning.

### **Workshop 1:**

#### Participants

On Tuesday 10 October 2023, 28 Year 5 and 6 students from the Owls Class, aged between 9 and 11, together with their Assistant Headteacher Kym Rouse, Class Teacher Daniel Gunyon, Teaching Assistant Lorna Chisholm and several teaching assistants from Fowlmere Primary School, took part in the Youth Engagement Workshop. The Workshop was led by the Council's Youth Engagement Lead Dr. Bonnie Kwok and supported by Youth Engagement Team members Tom Davies and Maxine Ross. The developer's team – Gen Two Real Estates, Ariel Levy, Daniel Sterling, Ed Fitzwilliams, Roxanne Sterling, and bcr.Infinity Architects Chris Jones, Jonathan Pateman and Sree Ramchander, attended and made significant contributions towards the youth engagement activities. Councillor Professor Richard Stobart, Councillor Dr. James Hobro and Councillor David Brock observed the event. The Case Officer Charlotte Spencer, Urban Design Officer Dr. Ammar Al Asaad, Landscape Officer Emma Lilley and Conservation Officer Paul Robertshaw, who have been involved in this scheme at pre-application stage, had input into the design of the youth engagement activities.

The Youth Engagement Workshops promote partnership working between Officers, Developers and their design team, with Local and District Councillors observing the events.

## Process

### 1. Introduction

A presentation setting out the purpose of the workshop was given to the participants, it introduced the details of the proposals, the importance of youth engagement and basic principles of good urban design and town planning, and how they contribute to the concept of sustainability and the value of biodiversity.

### 2. Careers Talk

Officers, Gen Two and bcr.Infinity Architects then provided a talk on career options in the built and natural environment field, life science, the property development and community work. The purpose of this talk was to inspire the students to pursue a career in these areas. It is hoped that the students would be able to seek local employment in STEM subjects at the proposed development, or to pursue a career in the built environment profession, when they have finished education.

### 3. Walkabout

Students then took part in a walkabout: they were shown around the former 'Welding Alloys' buildings at The Way, Fowlmere (the application site) by Officers, Gen Two and bcr.Infinity Architects, to develop an understanding of the site's industrial heritage and how the proposed architectural and landscape design responds to the site context, including the repurposing of existing buildings to enhance sustainability credentials. The students also had the opportunity to learn about the site's wider context, such as St Mary's Church and the Chequers public house in the Conservation area on the journey to the site. Students also learnt about the biodiversity (30% net gain) and sustainability proposals (BREEM Excellent) for the development proposals.

### 4. Design Competition

The students were invited to design outdoor street furniture, an art element, bird boxes and bug hotels, based on their understanding of the site and the memorable things that are considered important to them. This is followed by a judging process where the best designs were shortlisted from the competition entries.

Four of the bench designs and a picnic table were selected as winning entries, and they will be built based on the children's design, with 3 pieces sited within the site and 2 benches at the school. The street furniture will be sited towards the front of the site to enhance the public realm, which is open to the public.

The winning design of the art element, a logo in the form of the letter 'A', which stands for the name of the proposed development 'Project Alchemy', was chosen and it will

be manufactured to a form an art piece to be incorporated on the front elevation of the café building to reflect children's input in the architecture.

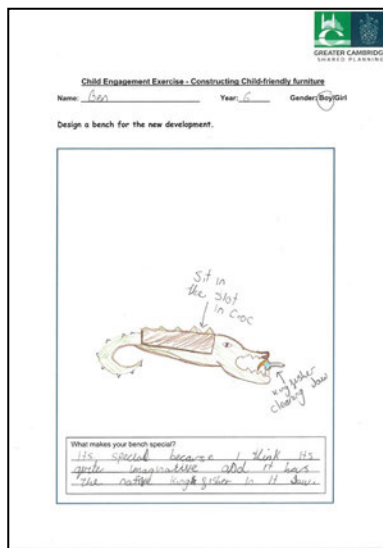
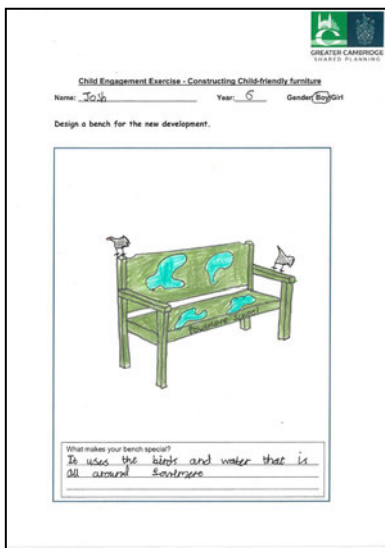
Gen Two has also committed to delivering bird boxes and bug hotels on site with references to the children's winning designs. The above offer will be delivered subject to planning permission, secured via a planning condition.

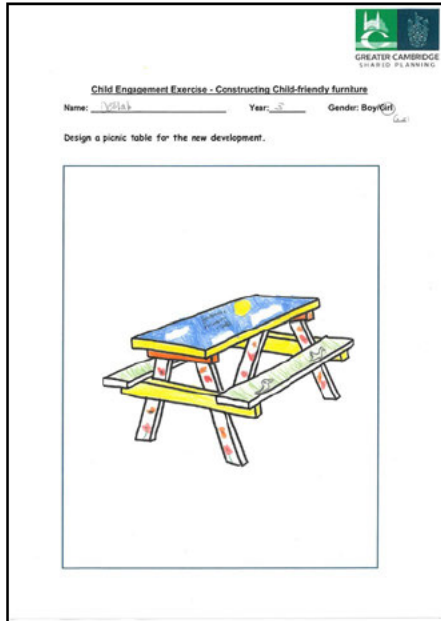
## 5. Quiz

The students were then divided into small groups and took part in an interactive quiz, with prepared questions that are tailored to this particular development proposal. The quiz questions cover the local history, details of the development proposals and some urban design principles. The purpose of this quiz was to reinforce their learning outcome and it was very well received.

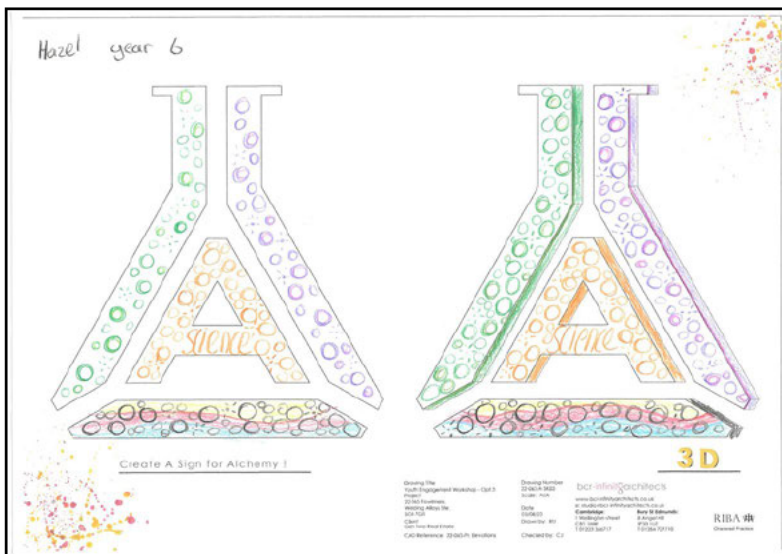
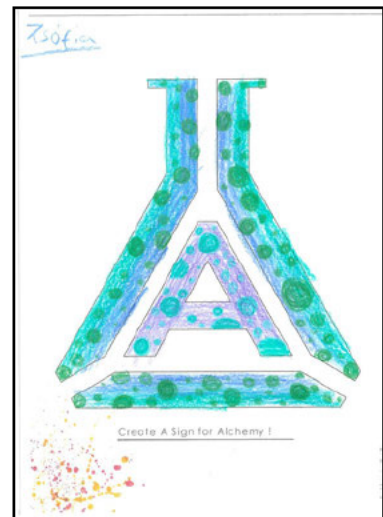
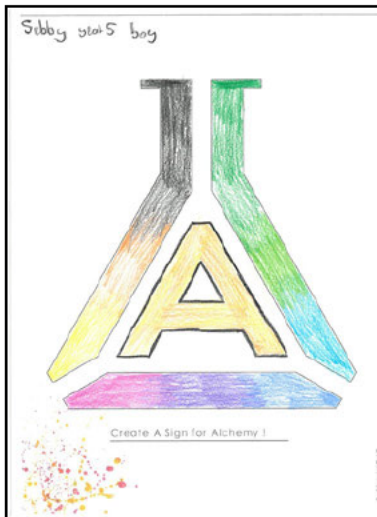
The process was videoed and is available on the GCSP website for knowledge sharing: <https://vimeo.com/user127071051/review/878410319/3cb0c23bf8>

The following four benches and picnic table, designed by students Ben, Josh, Connie, Jacob and Delilah, won the Street Furniture Design Competition:





For art element, the following Alchemy sign designs by Sebby, Zsofia, Beatrice [redacted] were winners with Hazel's design declared the outstanding award.



For the Bird / Bat / Bee Boxes, the following designs by Alexis (butterfly house) and Connie (bee house) were declared as joint winners.



## 6. Plenary / Feedback Session

The Workshop was concluded by students explaining to the facilitators what they had learnt from the youth engagement activities. The students were also encouraged to tell facilitators what key elements should be considered by adults/decision-makers as the scheme is further developed, and what can be improved in future Youth Engagement Workshops. The key points are summarised in Table 1.

### **Workshop 2:**

#### Participants

On Friday 20 October 2023, the same group of 28 Year 5 and 6 students, Assistant Headteacher Mrs. Kym Rouse, Executive Head Teacher Sue Wright, two teaching assistants and parents, grandparents and guardians from Fowlmere Primary School took part in the second part of the Youth Engagement Workshop. The Workshop was led by the Council's Youth Engagement Lead Dr. Bonnie Kwok and supported by Youth Engagement Team member Tom Davies and Lead Urban Design Officer of the scheme Dr. Ammar Al-Asaad. The developer's team – Gen Two Real Estates, Ariel Levy, Daniel Sterling, Ed Fitzwilliams attended and made significant contributions towards the youth engagement activities. Councillor Professor Richard Stobart and Councillor David Brock observed the event and presented awards.

#### Process

##### 1. Art Exhibition

This Workshop comprised an art exhibition showcasing the design work that were by the students in Workshop 1. This exhibition was open to all students, parents and

guardians from Fowlmere Primary School. Those students who took part in the design competition explained to their younger peers and parents about their design concepts and design intentions, as well as their learning outcomes. Both the students and their parents were very pleased to see their framed art designs and to hear about their learning outcomes. The students took home their framed artwork and Certificates of Participation.

## 2. Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremony began by the School's Assistant Headteacher Mrs. Kym Rouse, Executive Head Teacher Sue Wright giving a Thank You speech to students and facilitators for running the Youth Engagement Workshops, and the multiple benefits they brought to support the student's development. This was followed by speeches by Officers, Developers Gen Two and Councillors who expressed their thanks to all young participants to taking part in the workshops to allow adults to understanding their specific needs for building child-friendly developments, as they are our future. Gen Two also explained that the students will be kept informed of the planning process and they would be invited to the site at a late date to view their designs, subject to planning approval. Winners of the Street Furniture, Art and Bird and Bug Hotel competitions received their awards, which included certificated and trophies, engraved with the winners' names. Certificates and prizes were awarded to students in the following categories:

- Best graphic representation – Benches
- Best graphic representation – Picnic table
- Creative Design - Benches
- Creative Design – Picnic table
- Inclusive design – Benches
- Inclusive design – Picnic tables
- Innovative design – Benches
- Innovative design – Picnic table
- Sustainable design benches
- Sustainable design picnic tables
- Outstanding Design – Benches
- Outstanding Design – Picnic tables
- Outstanding Design – Art element
- Outstanding Design – Bird and Bug hotels

## 3. Feedback

A survey was conducted with the students, parents, guardians and teachers – 100% of the students and teachers said that they had enjoyed both Workshops, and had learnt something useful, including things that are not normally taught in school, such as careers in the built and natural environment and life science fields. Most of them had said that despite being a local resident, they had not visited the former 'Welding Alloys' site before. Therefore, the walkabout provided an enriching outdoor learning experience for them.



All the teachers, parents, guardians and grandparents said that the Workshops have enabled them to develop an understanding of the importance to hear children’s views on the development proposals, and they have commented on the effectiveness and usefulness of the Greater Cambridge Youth Engagement Workshops. The overall response was very positive. See Tables 2 and 3 for further information.

Overall, the Greater Cambridge Youth Engagement Workshop was a success and all the participants said that they had enjoyed taking part in the decision-making process.

#### 4.0 Results

See the following pages.

**Table 1 – What have you learnt from the Youth Engagement Workshop?**

1. The 4Cs set out in the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth: Connectivity, Community, Character and Climate
2. What other Cs have you learnt: Creativity, Communications, Councillors, Co-operation, Construction, Career.
3. Other new things learnt: the nature of the work and careers in Town and Country Planning, Designing, Innovation, Property Development, Sustainability, Architecture
4. The typical features in a building
5. Designing street furniture (benches and picnic tables)
6. The history of the village
7. The former ‘Welding Alloys’ buildings

**Table 2 – Feedback from children**

#### Youth Engagement Workshop

##### Results of Survey with children

Site address: ‘Welding Alloys’ buildings at The Way, Fowlmere.  
 School: Fowlmere Primary School  
 Developer: Gen Two Fowlmere Ltd  
 Date(s) of Workshop: 10 October 2023 & 20 October 2023

1. Did you understand why you have designed benches at today’s art exhibition?

Yes 28  
 No 0  
 Did not complete

2. Do you welcome the opportunity to give your views on the Research and Development proposals in Fowlmere and feel that your questions and points were listened to by the presenters and guests last Tuesday (10th October 2023)?

Yes 28  
 No 0

3. Do you welcome the opportunity for you to learn about sustainability issues in the workshop?

Yes 28  
 No 0  
 Did not complete

4. Was it useful for you to hear from architects, planners, urban designers, politicians and property developers about pursuing future careers in these areas?

Yes 28  
 No 0  
 Did not complete

5. Would you recommend our youth engagement workshop to other children so that they can benefit from having an input in new development proposals in the Greater Cambridge area?

Yes 28  
 No 0

6. Other comments

- 1) I really enjoyed finding out about the village
- 2) You could do the other schools in the whole of Cambridge.
- 3) Liked the visit
- 4) It was great
- 5) I really enjoyed it.
- 6) I liked designing the benches and building the bird boxes.

**Table 3 – Feedback from adults**

**Youth Engagement Workshop**

**Results of Survey with Parents, Guardians & Grandparents**

Site address:	Welding Alloys' buildings at The Way, Fowlmere.
School:	Fowlmere Primary School
Developer:	Gen Two Fowlmere Ltd
Date(s) of Workshop:	10 October 2023 & 20 October 2023

1. Did you understand why the children have designed benches at today's art exhibition?

Yes	18
No	0

2. Do you agree children should have an opportunity to give their views on the Research and Development proposals in Fowlmere proposals and that their consultation input would be valuable and useful?

Yes	18
No	0

3. Do you welcome the opportunity for your children to learn about sustainability issues in the workshop?

Yes	18
No	0

4. Is it useful for your children to hear from architects, planners, urban designers, property developers and politicians about pursuing future careers in these areas?

Yes	18
No	0

5. Would you recommend our youth engagement workshop to other parents so that their children can benefit from having an input in new development proposals in the Greater Cambridge area?

Yes	18
No	0

6. Other comments

- 1) My daughter really liked designing building the bug box
- 2) It's a really good initiative
- 3) The Workshops are well organised
- 4) Thank you for coming to our school and teach the children about the basics of good design
- 5) It provided an insight into the different career options in the built and natural environment for children.
- 6) I am very impressed by the facilitators' commitment to getting local children involved in the design of this new development for our village

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