

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a special meeting of the Council held on
Friday, 25 November 2005 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs CAED Murfitt – Chairman
Councillor JH Stewart – Vice-Chairman

Councillors: Dr DR Bard, RE Barrett, RF Bryant, EW Bullman, Mrs A Elsby, R Hall,
Mrs SA Hatton, Dr JA Heap, Mrs EM Heazell, Mrs CA Hunt, Mrs HF Kember,
SGM Kindersley, RMA Manning, RB Martlew, CR Nightingale, Dr JPR Orme,
Mrs DP Roberts, Mrs HM Smith, Mrs GJ Smith, Mrs DSK Spink MBE,
RT Summerfield, Dr JR Williamson and SS Ziaian-Gillan

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors BR Burling, JP Chatfield, Mrs PS Corney, SM Edwards, Dr SA Harangozo, Mrs JM Healey, MP Howell, MJ Mason, JA Quinlan, A Riley, Mrs VM Trueman, RJ Turner, Dr SEK van de Ven, Mrs BE Waters, DALG Wherrell, JF Williams, TJ Wotherspoon and NIC Wright.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following personal interests were declared:

Councillor Dr DR Bard	because his pension provider is the University Superannuation Scheme, one of the joint funders of the Monsanto site, and because his wife works for the Addenbrooke's NHS Trust
Councillor R Hall	Because of family connections with the Biomedical Campus
Councillor Mrs EM Heazell	Because her husband works for the Addenbrooke's NHS Trust
Councillor Mrs CAED Murfitt	because her pension provider is the University Superannuation Scheme, one of the joint funders of the Monsanto site
Councillor Dr JPR Orme	because his pension provider is Bayer CropScience, who had made representations.

In addition, Councillors Mrs EM Heazell, Mrs H Kember, CR Nightingale and Dr JPR Orme stated for the record that they were members of the Cambridge Southern Fringe Member Reference Group. Councillor Mrs EM Heazell was also a member of the Addenbrooke's NHS Trust/Local Authority Working Party. Councillor SGM Kindersley stated for the record that he was a Cambridgeshire County Councillor.

2. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - CAMBRIDGE SOUTHERN FRINGE REPORT

Members considered representations made in relation to the Pre-Submission draft Cambridge Southern Fringe Area Action Plan (AAP) and the resulting proposed changes with a view to submitting the AAP to the Secretary of State in January 2006.

The Planning Policy Manager outlined the timetable for finalising the draft Local Development Framework at the meeting of full Council on 9th December 2005 and submitting it to the Secretary of State in January 2006. This would be followed by a public participation exercise lasting six weeks. A further 6-week period of consultation would then take place on any alternative sites put forward. Public Examination of the draft LDF would take place during the period from July to October 2006. The Inspector, who would conduct the Public Examination, had previously conducted the Inquiry into

Cambridge City Council's Local Plan, and the Planning Policy Manager welcomed the benefits of working with an Inspector already familiar with local issues.

The Planning Policy Manager reminded Members that the bulk of development within the Cambridge Southern Fringe fell within the administrative area of Cambridge City. However, South Cambridgeshire District Council had a crucial role to play in delivering the development of about 600 dwellings in Trumpington West in South Cambridgeshire, in formulating countryside policies, and in identifying compensatory measures in respect of land taken out of the Green Belt.

The Planning Policy Manager highlighted the principal representations received as a result of the Pre-submission Public Participation exercise, including those not prompting any change to the draft Area Action Plan.

A. Introduction

B. Vision and Development Principles

In response to a suggestion that Policy CSF/2 should require the National Trust to provide a cycle link from Trumpington West to Coton Country Park, the Planning Policy Manager said that the Plan addressed only the principle of expanding the public right of way network, while remaining silent on the detail.

Members noted that there were several issues of concern to them, which were within the ambit of Cambridge City Council to deal with.

The Planning Policy Manager explained that Policy CSF/2 (m) sought to ensure that those living in Trumpington West would have easy access to all their learning needs. This did not imply that all of those needs would be provided for within the site of Trumpington West. It was agreed that the Cambridge Southern Fringe Area Action Plan should make clear that a single form entry primary school would be provided on site, consistent with the terminology used in other AAPs.

These chapters were **AGREED**.

C1 Site for Trumpington West

AGREED

C2 Setting of the Cambridge Southern Fringe

Members noted the significant amendment of Policy CSF/4 to refer to the character, as well as the setting, of Cambridge.

Chapter **AGREED**

C3 Enhancing landscape, biodiversity, recreation and public access

Members said that paragraph C3.5 must be reworded to ensure that, as well as Addenbrooke's Hospital, the proposed Biomedical Campus (including the proposed new Papworth Hospital) would be required to contribute financially to off-site landscape mitigation measures needed for the new hospital and research buildings.

The question of mineral extraction was significant, and Cambridgeshire County Council, as Minerals Authority, must be urged to ensure that operations having an unacceptable impact on the setting of Cambridge would not be permitted and that all necessary steps

to minimise any adverse visual impact from extraction operations would be taken.

Councillor CR Nightingale did not contribute to the discussion of this chapter.

AGREED, subject to the above.

D1 Structure of Trumpington West

AGREED

D2 Housing

South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council had agreed to share allocations to affordable housing in all of the edge-of-city sites. As with all other aspects of the Cambridge Southern Fringe AAP, provisions relating to housing must be consistent with those in other Area Action Plans in the Local Development Framework. Good design was as important a consideration as quality.

AGREED

D3 Employment

AGREED

D4 Community facilities, leisure, art and culture

AGREED

D5 Transport

The Planning Policy Manager summarised the envisaged timetable for constructing the new access road to Addenbrooke's Hospital, reminding Members that the District Council could only control land in South Cambridgeshire.

Members were concerned that the policies as written would allow development at Trumpington West to commence before the Addenbrooke's Access Road was completed.

Members asked officers to clarify, with Cambridgeshire County Council, that the statement in paragraph D5.5 in relation to the Guided Busway providing direct links to Addenbrooke's Hospital remained the intention, and to report back to the Special meeting of full Council on 9th December 2005. The potential for traffic congestion had to be addressed at the earliest possible stage.

The Planning Policy Manager said that the District Council would be consulted by Cambridge City Council on planning applications with regard to haul roads within the City but which could impact on South Cambridgeshire residents. Members were concerned that traffic congestion on the road network should not be compounded by construction vehicles travelling to and from the site and, in particular should not impact on villages. The Core Strategy would need amending accordingly for the Special meeting of full Council on 9th December 2005.

The second bullet point of paragraph D5.7 should be amended so as to include Sawston.

Chapter **AGREED**, subject to the above changes and a letter to Cambridge City Council urging it not to authorise the commencement of development on Trumpington Meadow until the Addenbrooke's Hospital access road had been completed.

D6 Landscape

Spoil from the site should be transported via the M11 and not through local villages.

AGREED, subject to the proposed change to CSF/12 contained in the representation schedule being reflected in the AAP in full.

D7 Biodiversity

AGREED

D8 Archaeology and heritage

AGREED

D9 Meeting recreational needs

If the Guided Busway into the Addenbrooke's site was to use a separate bridge to the access road, the two bridges should be of an identical, and high quality, design.

AGREED

D10 An Integrated Water Management Strategy

AGREED subject to a change to CSF/19(4) ensuring consistency with the other AAPs so that no development should commence until the Local Planning Authority had given written authority.

D11 Telecommunications

AGREED

D12 An Exemplar in sustainability

AGREED

D13 Waste

AGREED, subject to recognition by Cambridgeshire County Council (as Waste Planning Authority) of the need for the sensitive location of Waste Management Facilities.

E1 Delivering the Cambridge Southern Fringe – Phasing and Implementation

AGREED, subject to Policy CSF/22 (Site accesses and Haul Roads – Point 2) being further amended to include Great Shelford, to include reference, in the supporting text, to the part of Policy CSF/22(3) previously deleted because it referred to land within Cambridge City, and to advise that the District Council will make representations on any planning application submitted to Cambridge City Council.

E2 Planning Obligations and Conditions

Members noted that there had been no representations on this section, and **AGREED** it, subject to any necessary technical alterations to ensure consistency with the other Area Action Plans.

E3 Delivery

AGREED

E4 Monitoring

AGREED

Members noted the Index of Representors in Appendix C.

Subject to changes made during the meeting, Council

- (1) **AGREED** the responses to representations to the Pre-Submission draft Cambridge Southern Fringe Area Action Plan (AAP) as contained in Appendix A of the report;
- (2) **AGREED** the responses to representations to the Draft Final Sustainability Report for the Cambridge Southern Fringe AAP as contained in Appendix A;
- (3) **AGREED** the proposed changes to the draft AAP as contained in Appendix A and incorporated into Appendix B, and that it be submitted to the Secretary of State in January 2006; and
- (4) **DELEGATED** further minor editing changes to the Development Plan Documents to the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, where they involve matters of policy, or to the Development Services Director, where they are technical matters.

The Meeting ended at 12.05 p.m.
