

Minutes from Meeting with City and South Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce on 20 October 2014

- Requested one hard copy of economic developments – now printed and dropped off by Nicole Kritzinger.
- Questions over transport in particular the A14 upgrades.
- How much infrastructure will be in place before occupations? Infrastructure should come first.
- Fibre optic needed to the door is essential for business.
- Lack of affordable housing harms businesses in Cambridge.
- Storage required to all new houses and there is a need for decent room sizes.
- Questions over who keeps hold of the freehold of the industrial land. There is a need for cheaper rates.
- Suitable premises are the most important factor, with access being second most important factor.
- What are the priorities/requirements for eco businesses in setting up, why should they come to Northstowe? Is this the best commercial group to attract?
- Agri-tech is a growing industry.
- Should seek to attract oversea investors.
- Find businesses that have outgrown their premises.
- Diverse mix of businesses required.
- Retailers come second to B Uses, as retail follows business and dwellings.
- Need for nursery/pre-school places.
- Recommended that SCDC goes to the Huntingdon Business Group on the 5th November.