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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM:
22 August to 26 August 2005**

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Mon 22 Aug	10 am	Development and Conservation Control Committee Chairman's Delegation	Monkfield Room	Janice Fisher
Tue 23 Aug				
Wed 24 Aug	10 am	Windmill Estates Project Steering Group	Monkfield Room	Carol Tyrrell
Thu 25 Aug				
Fri 26 Aug				

CALL IN ARRANGEMENTS

The Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or any five other Councillors may call in any executive decision recorded in this bulletin for review. The Democratic Services Manager must be notified of any call in by **Wednesday 24 August 2005 at 5 pm**. All decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on **Thursday 25 August 2005**.

Any member considering calling in a decision made by Cabinet is requested to contact the Democratic Services Section to determine whether any relevant amendments have been incorporated.

The call in procedure is set out in full in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 'Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules', paragraph 12.

DECISIONS MADE BY THE HOUSING PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Decision	Reasons
Sale of Licensed Land at 10 Bridle Way, Grantchester	To offer the land for sale, subject to valuation, to the owners of 10 Bridle Way for garden use for 10 Bridle Way only.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A capital receipt would accrue to the Council. 2. The site is 'land-locked' and offers the Council no potential for affordable housing. 3. A restriction imposed on the use of the land for 10 Bridle Way only would prevent any onward sale to neighbouring owners as development land
Transfer of Council Land at 39 Coton Road, Grantchester	<p>To transfer the land to the owners of 39 Coton Road for garden use only, on the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the hedge fronting no. 39 is retained and the new entrance is of restricted width for pedestrian use only. 2. That a new front pedestrian access is constructed as proposed for the use of 37 Coton Road only. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The shared pedestrian access for nos. 37 and 39 is no longer used. 2. A new private pedestrian access will be provided for no. 37. 3. A restriction on the width of the new access for no. 39 will ensure that it is for pedestrian use only and not for vehicles.

DECISION MADE BY THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Decision	Reasons
Southern Fringe Area Development Framework	To agree comments as set out in attached letter made to Cambridge City Council in respect of the draft Area Development Framework for the Southern Fringe	See letter below.

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Cultural Services Manager

Applicant	Decision and Reasons
Little Gransden Village Hall	Awarded a Community Facilities Grant (CF08/06) of £2,000 to replace the front and side doors to the village hall. The facility will ensure the hall meets the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

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Dear Glen

**Re: DRAFT STRATEGY FOR CAMBRIDGE SOUTHERN FRINGE AREA DEVELOPMENT
FRAMEWORK, CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL**

I refer to your letter dated 23 June regarding the above mentioned document. Further to an email sent to Jonathan Brookes which gave general comments I would now like to make more detailed comments on the draft strategy. These are made in the same order as the document. I hope that you will find these useful.

Process and Timelines

The document does not coordinate the policies of the three authorities, as it does not cover land within South Cambs. This should be clear and advise that the document should be read in conjunction with the South Cambs Cambridge Southern Fringe Area Action Plan.

The Development Sites

Whilst it is acknowledged that this document does not cover South Cambs land should there be reference to South Cambs dwellings numbers.

Community Facilities

The preferred siting of the community facilities is option 1 as this is regarded as the most central and sustainable location. It is envisaged that there would be linked trips with this siting as opposed to the other options. It will also favorably link the Monsanto site with the rest of Trumpington and other developments. Option 2 is the next preferred site with options 3 and 4 the least preferred. Options 3 and 4 are considered to be poorly situated and encourage split location of community facilities where policy is encouraging co-location. Option 2 requires a junction onto the Hauxton Road close to the junction with Shelford Road, near the existing Waitrose access. The congestion caused by the proximity of these existing junctions and the problems created for traffic turning right onto Shelford Road at busy times would suggest that an access in this position is not desirable.

Secondary School

Not all of the proposed secondary school sites are shown on Map 12. In relation to the Long Road area would there be compensation for lost residential development? Is it worthwhile specifying the two sites on Map 12 which have been omitted i.e. 'Riverside Road, West of Trumpington Road' and 'Glebe Road between Hauxton and Shelford Road'?

Open Space and Recreation

In relation to the location of recreational facilities there are some concerns about the visual impact that formal recreational spaces will have on the green spaces in particular the area just north of the new access road identified with climbing stones. The introduction of active areas dilutes the overall impact of these areas. A better location for the pitches maybe to the south of the new access road. The kick about area to the north of the Monsanto site could be better located so that this area is kept as informal as possible perhaps to the south of the site. Whilst claiming that such a site will have no associated development, the suggestion that this site could also provide facilities for informal football & cricket implies that some changing facilities would be needed. There is a concern about the loss of the green wedge, which is a key characteristic of Cambridge.

The suggested commuted sum for additional Rugby Football provision at Gt Shelford RFC and Grantchester RFC affect organisations based in South Cambs . The associated illustrations of 'informal' play equipment such as BMX/skateboard facilities, climbing rocks etc suggest that such a site could have quite a significant impact on adjacent open countryside.

The section needs to cover more explicitly the wider landscape and the proposed enhancements which will need to be secured by legal agreement.

What will the role of the King George V playing fields be for providing formal provision to serve the whole of Trumpington?

Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)

Concur that the location of the HWRC needs to be broadened and set within a strategy with specific criteria.

Transport

New cycle and footpath linkages to South of Addenbrookes need to be included on maps. The proposed bridge over the railway also needs to be referred to and it will need to be a principle that it should be integrated into the landscape and have minimal visual impact. The design will therefore need to be lightweight. The guided busway will also need to be mitigated and integrated into the road network and reference needs to be made of this. In relation to the new road sufficient land should be available in the verge for landscaping purposes.

The locations of junctions are not discussed or the design options for these junctions. The Hauxton Road junction will be such that the road feeding into the Monsanto site will have a dogleg into the development thereby creating a problem for the gateway building. It is feasible to move the junction further north along the Hauxton Road this would allow access into the Monsanto site to take place behind the gateway building while on the east side of the Hauxton Road the new access road would need to dogleg out to the edge of development around the back of a second gateway structure which could relate to that on the Monsanto site.

Urban Design

It is an omission to have no mention about the edge treatment. The document should acknowledge the need for high quality positive designed edge treatments that are specific to their location.

Planning Obligations

Should there be specific reference to a funding requirement for additional social services and youth services?

Yours sincerely

On behalf of David B Hussell
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