

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee

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CAMBOURNE - DRAINAGE

Background

1. This matter is being reported to the Planning Committee at the request of the Planning Portfolio Holder, following assurances given to Full Council on 22 April 2010 that it would be kept under regular review by Members
2. Update reports will be presented to future meetings of the Planning Committee until a permanent solution to the drainage issues at Cambourne has been identified and implemented.

Update as at 21 May 2010

3. Prior to the Full Council meeting on 22 April 2010, nine questions on this issue were raised of the Planning Portfolio Holder and four of the Environment Services Portfolio Holder. The Questions and Responses can be found under the heading *Lower Cambourne Terminal Pumping Station (TPS) and Drainage Issues* on the following webpage
<http://www.scambs.gov.uk/CommunityandLiving/NewCommunities/MajorDevelopments/Cambourne/default.htm>
4. A public meeting, chaired by Councillor Charles Nightingale, Chairman of South Cambridgeshire District Council, was held at the Hub in Cambourne on 11 May 2010. It was attended by more than 40 members of the public and featured a Panel that included a representative from the Cambourne Consortium and its Resident Engineer, representatives from Anglian Water, and Councillors and Officers from South Cambridgeshire District Council.
5. The representative from the Cambourne Consortium, and its Resident Engineer, reported verbally that the investigative works of the strategic sewers would be completed by the end of May 2010 and repairs carried out by the end of August 2010. The representative from Anglian Water confirmed that he was confident that a practical solution to the issues could be found.
6. On 14 May 2010, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Chief Executive met with Senior Directors of Bovis Homes, Taylor Wimpey and MCA Developments to discuss a number of matters, including drainage. The Directors confirmed the timetable for investigation and repair.
7. Officers will continue to liaise with representatives of The Cambourne Consortium, its Resident Engineer and Anglian Water over the coming weeks to monitor progress of the ongoing investigative works and repairs. The local community will also be updated via the monthly Cambourne Liaison Meeting

held between District Council officers, Cambourne Parish Council and Local Members.

8. A further update will be presented to the July meeting of the Planning Committee.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this update:

- None

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