

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 19 August 2010

3. Officers have continued to liaise with representatives of The Cambourne Consortium, its Resident Engineer and Anglian Water. The Resident Engineer for the Cambourne Consortium has recently reported that remedial works to the foul sewers have been continuing and some repeat CCTV surveys have been undertaken of some of the repairs but the extended period of dry weather has hindered the ability to check performance of all the repairs or identify the precise nature of some of the potential leaks previously identified. The Engineer has reported that in these circumstances he anticipates that all remedial works will not necessarily be complete before the end of August but the monitoring exercise will be continuing until there is a prolonged wet spell. In the meantime, Strategy meetings are continuing and the next meeting is scheduled for 26 August. The Resident Engineer for the Cambourne Consortium has also reported that Adoption meetings with Anglian Water have begun and Anglian Water have confirmed they are monitoring the performance of the Terminal Pump Station.
4. Other points by way of update are as follows
 - The Environment Agency (EA) has added MCA Developments and WSP (i.e. the Engineers for the Cambourne Consortium) onto the EA's automatic Flood Warning Alert system, which is issued daily by email.
 - WSP have reported no Emergency Alarm calls in July and so far in August.
 - The Strategy Document is scheduled to be updated to include (i) the provision of mobile electrical pumps (quieter pumps) during any future emergencies to reduce noise nuisance of visiting tankers and (ii) requirement for land transfers to be amended to include requirement that landowners / housebuilders accept responsibility for lateral pipes located within individual land parcels.

5. As noted in the previous update, it remains acknowledged both by MCA Developments and Anglian Water that ultimate success of the works will only be tested once there has been a prolonged period of rainfall.
6. A further update will be presented to the October meeting of the Planning Committee.

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

- None

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