SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee 1 June 2011

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Purpose and 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. It was reported to the April Planning Committee that repair works had been progressing and Anglian Water (AW) had reported that they are satisfied that works have progressed sufficiently that they have been able to agree in principle to adopt the drainage system on a catchment by catchment basis. It was also reported that AW had acknowledged that critical to their analysis would be testing the system's reaction to rainfall over the coming months. Although AW have said the commissioning of a rain gauge at the Cambourne Terminal Pumping Station means they are better able to monitor the reaction of Cambourne's foul sewerage system to different levels of rainfall it is thought there has not been sufficient heavy rainfall since April for there to have been any robust testing of the system.
- 3. A representative from Taylor Wimpey will attend on 1 June to give a summary of the action taken and costs spent over recent months to investigate and deal with infiltration repairs etc. This follows a presentation by a representative of Bovis Homes to the April Planning Committee.

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