

Quarterly Northstowe Update Meeting - Town and Parish Councils, County & District Councillors and Homes England

Friday 20th May 2022 @ 1.30pm Hybrid meeting (Northstowe House and Teams)

Attendees:

Matt Brown (MB) – Homes England
Dean Harris (DH) – Homes England
Emma Brown (EB) – Homes England
Cllr Firouz Thompson (CllrFT) CCC
Cllr Sarah Cheung Johnson (CllrSCJ) South Cambs District Council
Kathryn Beck (KB) – South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr David Reeves (CllrDR) Oakington & Westwick Parish Council
Cllr Jason Benedicic (CllrJB) Northstowe Town Council
Cllr Naveen Castelino (CllrNC) Northstowe Town Council
Cllr Annmarie Brash-Hall (CllrABH)– Longstanton Parish Council
Cllr Andrew Wycherley (Cllr AW) - Longstanton Parish Council

Apologies:

Philip Harker (PH) – Homes England
Chris Standish – Homes England
Dr Stephen Moore (SM) - Oakington Parish Council

1. Introductions/Agreeing Chair

- EB was suggested as chair and all confirmed agreement.
- **Action KB – To chair the next meeting**

2. Review of actions from the last meeting

- DH circulated draft ToR and updated following comments.
- EB called for agenda items 2 weeks in advance of meeting
- AH advised Phase 1 developers of B1050 road closure
- PH – To updated on opening of Southern Access Road West and cycleway opening (*PH updated DH to pass on under item 6*)
- EB been in contact with Estates Team regarding tomato farm conifers. Four options being considered. **Action: EB to revert to DR once clearer on viable options.**
- KB had been invited to the meeting and was in attendance.

3. Update from Longstanton Parish Council

- LPC's main concerns related to water levels in phase 1 lake. Requested that Homes England monitor water levels in phases 2 and 3 and make data publicly available.
- DH indicated that this is a condition of the phase 3 outline planning permissions.
- **Action MB: To consider whether Homes England could set out what is to be done to avoid repetition on phases 2 and 3.**
- Poor condition of Longstanton Road was referenced. DH stated that works to the existing lane are not part of the current infrastructure package and restoration of the lane to a greenway is a condition of the phase 3a Outline Planning Permission.
- **Action DH/EB: To look into what Homes England is required to do along Longstanton Road and liaise with CCC as appropriate.**

4. Update from Northstowe Town Council

- NTC welcomes early and frequent engagement.
- Its main issue relates to the timeliness of delivery of facilities for Northstowe (Phase 1 Community Facility and Sports Pavilion).

5. Update from Oakington & Westwick Parish Council

- Welcomes discussion about the tomato farm conifers.
- General concerns about aquifer water levels and impact on supply of drinking water.
- Discussion about timing of delivery of SARE and practicality of Oakington to Girton cycleway.
- **Action CllrFT: To investigate detail of Oakington to Girton Cyclway and revert back to OPC.**

6. Update from Homes England

- DH updated on Infrastructure, Development and Community.
- New access road opening delayed by failed footways. Bridleway diversion to be resolved.
- **Action PH/CllrFT: To liaise on bridleway diversion.**
- Cllr JB advised that new lane marking in vicinity of B1050 roundabout are confusing and dangerous now cones removed.
- **Action DH: To query with contractors whether existing markings are the permanent markings and whether agreed with CCC.**
- **Action DH: To check why cones removed.** *Post Meeting Note: Homes England have required that contractor reinstate traffic management cones.*
- Lakes work to recommence shortly – phased opening Summer 2022.
- Good level of entries for lake naming competition / Northstowe running events went well.
- Homes England hoping to set up three new groups – Community Engagement, place-making and comms. Place-Based indicators early output.
- Keepmoat due on site Summer 2022.
- Currently seeking development partner for Central One.

7. Terms of reference

- ToRs agreed.

8. Open spaces meeting, relationship to this Quarterly Meeting

- Cllr AW queried inter-relationship. DH clarified that the quarterly meeting has a wider scope and advised that Homes England would soon set up its own Open spaces meeting or participate in the existing meeting.
- **Action EB: To liaise with SCDC on open space group.**

9. Phase 2A update

- MB updated on Phase 2A following the recent announcement of House By Urban Splash being in administration. Homes England would like to see the peninsular completed. He is to meet the administrators w/c 30 May 22.
- CllrJB gave an update on the local position and liaison with local residents. He raised issues related to snagging and safety concerns about the condition of the site
- **Action MB: To pass on these NTC concerns when he meets the administrators.**

10. Long term water resources for housing needs 2025-2050

- CllrDR set out regional concerns and referred to this being discussed at a previous meeting. He wants to make sure this is being properly considered by Homes England
- **Action: MB to take away and liaise with senior leadership team.**

11. AOB

- None

Next meeting –Potentially 9 September at 1.30pm - EB to confirm hybrid meeting arrangements