

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

Friday 25th February 2022

Attendees:

Dean Harris (DH) – Homes England (HE)
Emma Brown (EB) – Homes England
Tim Watts (TW) – Homes England
Chris Standish (CS) – Homes England (part)
Cllr Firouz Thompson (CllrFT) CCC/NTC
Cllr Sarah Cheung Johnson (CllrCJ) South Cambs District Council
Cllr Stephen Moore (CllrM) Oakingotn Parish Council
Cllr David Reeves (CllrR) Oakington Parish Council
Laura Lawrence (LL) Oakington Parish Council
Cllr Owen (CllrO) Northstowe Town Council
Cllr Carla Brossabria (CllrB) Northstowe Town Council
Cllr Littlemore (CllrL) Northstowe Town Council
Mark Nokkert (MN)– Northstowe Town Council
Cllr Andrew Wycherley Longstanton Parish Council

Invited:

Philip Harker (PH) – Homes England
Cllr Alex Malyon South Cambs District Council

Purpose of meetings

- DH explained the purpose of the meetings was to allow communication and dialogue between the three local Councils and Homes England on the Northstowe project.
- **ACTION DH** – To circulate draft Terms of Reference
- Agreement of agenda to be set prior to next meeting
- **ACTION EB** - to contact attendees 2 weeks prior to the next meeting to collate agenda based on attendees requests.

Homes England update (Planning/Housing delivery/Infrastructure/Engagement)

- **ACTION DH** – To inform Phase 1 developers of B1050 road closure (*done via L&Q*)
- **ACTION PH** – Provide an update on southern access road opening timings
- **ACTION PH** – Provide an update of cycle way opening/delivery

Updates from each of the Town and Parish Councils (priorities and issues)

- Oakington Tomato Farm boundary – in HE ownership and is being managed by HE Estates team. Residents and members have expressed height, drainage and aesthetic concerns of the southern boundary.
- CllrR – ideally would like the boundary conifers to be reduced in height, or to be removed completely (alternative broad leaf hedge planted). Suggestion of creating biomass from removal of hedging
- **ACTION EB** – Contact with Estates colleagues to discuss and look into these concerns further. HE will provide update at the next meeting.
- Water Resources East consultation – DH advised that Homes England Northstowe Team are not involved with this but are aware of Regional issues. Water Supply to Northstowe has been secured and water conservation measures are to be incorporated.

- Community Endowment s106 contribution Phase 2- DH advised that the HE likely to be happy for Northstowe Town Council choice to choose how to spend funds for the benefit of the community. No issue in principle with Phase 1 residents benefiting. 4 instalments and first one has been made.
- Community assets and role of Northstowe Town Council to be subject of ongoing conversation.
- Proposals for Longstanton Road to be subject of future discussion also involving County Council.

Future meetings

- **Action EB** - Kathryn Beck to be invited to future meetings

Next meeting 1.30pm Friday 20th May 2022 (In person - Northstowe House although dial in option can be made available)