

## **Cambridgeshire Constabulary Southern Division Growth: Implications for Policing and Planning Gains**

### **Overview**

Cambridgeshire has seen tremendous growth during the last 25 years. Latest projections indicate the continuing prosperity and economic growth, together with factors such as migration and house build programmes, will accelerate the transformation in both the density of the population and its cultural mix. These factors will continue to have a significant impact on policing and law and order and considerable change is required to the infrastructure of Southern Division to manage such growth.

Cambridgeshire's population will increase by 12.5% by 2016. Predictions indicate that there will be 25,200 more people in the county as a result of natural growth and relocation and a further 69,000 people are predicted to move to the county as a result of migration, mainly from the European Union.

Within Southern Division a much higher than average population growth is anticipated by 2016. For Cambridge City the population growth is 33,800 (30% growth) and for South Cambs it is 22,900 (17% growth). For East Cambs the forecast is much lower with a population increase of 5,500 (7% growth). For the Division as a whole the population forecast is an increase of 62200 by 2016. Key local developments include:

**Cambourne** – proposed housing increase from 3,300 to 4,000 units planning gain project to build police station on free serviced land progressing. Planning application currently in. Completion expected December 2008/January 2009.

**Northstowe** - (Longstanton/Oakington) is the largest planned development in Cambridgeshire with 10,000 dwellings expected. By 2016 there will be 4,800 homes in Northstowe with a population estimate of 11,280. Negotiations are well advanced for accommodation in the Civic Hub building and an out of town response base for the Police/Fire/Ambulance Service. Initial sketch designs and costs demonstrate a combined funding requirement of £3m. The planning gain bid is to fully fund the new facilities although final allocation is unlikely to achieve this.

Discussions are on-going with the Fire & Ambulance Services and negotiations with the developer will recommence shortly. This planning gain project is likely to complete in 2011.

### **Cambridge Fringe Developments**

Bids for new facilities to support planned growth around Cambridge have been made as part of the County Council's work on infrastructure requirements. As with Northstowe fully funded bids have been made although a financial contribution may be required as the full developer requirements become known.

There would be a space requirement of 10 sq m per member of staff for all the Fringe developments. We would be prepared/prefer to share premises with another statutory partner if the opportunity exists. All of the areas mentioned are currently serviced from Parkside, Central Cambridge.

**Southern Fringe** (Bell School Site, Clay Farm) – The proposed development including the Monsanto site of 4,000 dwellings (9,400 population) would require a total of 31 staff (police officers and support) to police to current levels.

**Cambridge East** (North of Newmarket Road/Cherry Hinton, Cambridge Airport) - The proposed development of 12,000 dwellings (28,200 population) would require a total of 94 staff (police officers and support) to police to current levels.

**Northern Fringe** (Arbury Camp, Chesterton) – The proposed development of 3,000 dwellings (7,050 population) would require a total of 23 staff (police officers and support) to police to current levels. .

**North West Cambridge** (Huntingdon/Madingley/Histon Roads) - The proposed development of 3,800 dwellings (78,930 population) would require a total of 29 staff (police officers and support) to police to current levels.

### **Other Areas on the Horizon**

#### **CB1 Development**

With the possibility of the development around the Cambridge Railway Station area (CB1 development) including new homes, retail outlets, restaurants and leisure facilities joint discussions have taken place with the Developer relating to joint space allocation for Southern Division and British Transport Police. To be progressed further.

#### **Mereham**

New community proposed between Stretham and Wilburton comprising around 5,000 new homes. Currently rejected by East Cambs District Council. Public Planning Enquiry currently underway due to close just prior to Christmas. We await further updates.

#### **Peterborough City Council**

The Police Supplementary Planning Document has been presented to the City Council and formal representation made to their Draft Planning Gain Strategy. Following negotiation a general agreement has been reached that the contribution towards Police capital schemes per new dwelling is £502. The planning gain will only apply to new applications.