

**Major Developments Sites Progress Report (including Government Agencies Update)**

*To:* **Joint Strategic Growth Implementation Committee**

*Date:* **17<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

*From:* **Director for Development  
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*Purpose:* **To update Board members on progress in delivering major developments around Cambridge.**

*Recommendation:* **The Board is asked to note progress**

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## 1. Introduction – “Growing Cambridgeshire”

The Cambridgeshire Programme of Development, “Growing Cambridgeshire” was submitted to Government on 1<sup>st</sup> October, setting out a shared vision amongst local authorities, Cambridgeshire Horizons and key stakeholders to delivery housing targets ensuring that new developments meet the highest standards of quality. The Long Term Delivery Plan estimates that between 2008/9 and 2010/11 we require £830m to deliver against targets including committed expenditure. The Growing Cambridgeshire bid to the Housing Growth Fund for this period is just under £130m, targeted at bridging funding gaps and the early provision of key strategic and sites-specific infrastructure.

The Cambridgeshire Programme of Development can be viewed at the Cambridgeshire Horizons website:

[http://cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/Document\\_links.asp?sec\\_id=811](http://cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/Document_links.asp?sec_id=811)

Progress on each of the major sites is given below; the Programme for Sub-Regional Development updated this month is at Appendix 1 and the Strategic Risk Register maintained by Cambridgeshire Horizons and the local authorities is at Appendix 2. Updates from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Environment Agency, are given below (Appendices 3 and 4). Reports from other agencies, including the Highways Agency, will be provided for the next meeting.

## 2. Northstowe

The master plan for 9,500 dwellings has now been ‘locked down’ by the promoters to enable the outline planning application to be submitted in December 2007. This will also enable the key documents to be submitted in support of the application, including the Environmental Statement, Transport Assessment, Parameter Plans and Phasing Plans. The local authorities and Cambridgeshire Horizons are engaged in detailed pre-application discussions.

Cambridgeshire Horizons and the local authorities are working with the Highways Agency to agree a series of interim measures for the A14 that will enable existing levels of service to be maintained during the early development of Northstowe and until the permanent improvement scheme for the A14 is implemented by 2016. The promoters have submitted their proposed interim measures and it is planned to finalise these in December with the Highways Agency.

Considerable publicity has been given to the creation of up to 10 new Eco Towns which the Government is promoting throughout the country. These were trailed in the Eco Town Prospectus published in the summer and in the Prime Minister’s well-publicised statement. Cambridgeshire Horizons and partners have been pressing the Government on whether Northstowe will have Eco Town status. It is understood that this will not be the case as the planning of Northstowe is too far advanced and is already included in existing housing allocations whereas the Eco Towns have yet to be

identified and will be additional to existing allocations. However, the Government is keen that Northstowe should be a prototype Eco Town setting new standards in carbon footprinting. Therefore the Programme of Development (Growing Cambridgeshire) submitted to Government in October in pursuance of housing Growth Funding contains significant elements of the Eco Town theme for Northstowe.

### 3. Cambridge Southern Fringe

Discussions continue on the Section 106. The proposed timetable is set out below:

Site	No. dwellings	Anticipated Committee date	Committee
Addenbrooke's 2020	NA	Nov 07	City Planning Committee
MRC	NA	Nov 07 or Dec 07	City Planning Committee
Trumpington Meadows	1200	Dec 07	Joint Committee
Clay Farm	Up to 2300	Jan 08	Joint Committee
Bell School	347 plus 100-bed student accommodation	tbc: Dec 07 – Feb 08	Joint Committee

### 4. Cambridge North West

City and South Cambs have agreed the Area Action Plan Preferred Options documents for consultation. Public consultation on the Cambridge North West Area Action Plan will take place for 6 weeks between 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007. The following public consultation exhibitions are planned:

- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007, Girton Pavilion
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007, Ante Room, New Hall
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007, University Sports Pavilion, Wilberforce Road.

All exhibitions will run from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm. A publicity leaflet will also be distributed in the vicinity of the development area.

### 5. Cambridge East

The Planning Inspector has indicated that the inclusion of Policy CE/6 (Green Separation from Fen Ditton and Teversham) in the Cambridge East Area Action Plan would render the plan unsound without changes that would need to be advertised so he can be aware of the public views on the plan in that form. The policy is considered to duplicate Greenbelt policy. Required changes will be advertised for six weeks in the local paper, by letters sent to all consultees and respondents on the plan, by publication on Council websites and by making the changes available for inspection at the Guildhall and South Cambridgeshire Hall. Marshall Aerospace are continuing their discussions with the Ministry of Defence and the Government Office about a move to Mildenhall or Wyton airfield. A decision is anticipated late in 2007, but this is dependent upon the outcome of ongoing discussions.

### 6. Cambridge Northern Fringe East

The County Council is continuing its work on the Minerals and Waste Local

Development Framework, and is expecting to publish a Preferred Options II paper in 2008; this work will be informed by the emerging Network Rail utilisation study. The City Council Cambridge Development Strategy Issues and Options report, consulted on options for the site (consultation 11th June - 23rd July) with Preferred Options Consultation expected early in 2008.

**7. Government Agency and Cambridgeshire Constabulary reports are included in the following appendices:**

Appendix 3: Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Appendix 4: Environment Agency

Report from the Highways Agency unavailable for this meeting of JSGIC.