

Report on Trumpington Meadows Management Group meeting – 18/10/2017

(Philip Allen attending as representative of South Trumpington parish)

The meeting took place at the Barratts site office, with regular attendees including representatives of Barratts and Grosvenor plus, as speakers making presentations to the group, Edward Davidson, the treasurer of Trumpington Football Club, and Jo Studdart, the chair of trustees of Home-Start Cambridgeshire.

On the issues I had been asked to raise: for the parish noticeboard, Barratts suggested re-siting the existing noticeboard that is opposite the Barratts site office near the traffic lights on Consort Avenue to be installed at the local centre once it opens (due around May). On road safety, especially the risk of the southern spine road being used as a rat run, Barratts plan to suggest pop-up bollards in the mornings and evenings (e.g. 6.30am–9.30am and 4pm–7pm) as it passes the local centre. This will need an amendment to the existing planning consent. As to the question of a centre line or other road markings around the estate, these were built as per the design which does not include these.

On street lighting, Barratts planned at that point (mid October) to arrange a review of all lights, with darkening evenings making that easier to do at that stage. On allotments, the works have been completed, the final certification accepted and signed off by Cambridge City Council (CCC), ready for the final transfer. The 125-year lease has been circulated for signing. Once the lease is in place, CCC will offer plots to those on the waiting list. There are approximately 40 people on the list now. Anyone interested should log on to the CCC website: www.cambridge.gov.uk/allotments-on-growth-sites

Trumpington Football Club (FA affiliated) trains on the 3G pitch at Trumpington Meadows Primary School. They have 6 teams and hope to expand to 10 (they need parent volunteers as team managers and assistant managers); age groups U8 and U10, with the aim of building up to U16. Subscription is £240 per year, including training.

Home-Start Cambridgeshire has volunteers who offer support on issues of isolation, poverty and parental support. They model play or provide a listening ear. They are not social workers and of course any troubling issues would be referred on. Their main costs are staffing costs (80%), training and supervising volunteers. Funding from Cambridgeshire County Council (£266,000 per annum) was cut altogether in April 2014. Public funding is now only from Cambridge City Council.

Report on Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership M11 P&R initial stakeholder meeting – 13/12/2018

(Philip Allen attending representing South Trumpington parish)

The meeting took place at County Hall at 6pm and one of the first things discussed was the venue and early start time. Interim Transport Director Chris Tunstall said future meetings would take place at a venue more convenient for residents in the area concerned around Junction 11 and at a later time. He also stated the decision of the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership (GCP) to proceed with these meetings being stakeholder meetings rather than a formal Local Liaison Forum (LLF). Many stakeholders attending stated they would have preferred it to be an LLF. It does mean that South Trumpington does not need to nominate a representative for this because the meetings will be open to any local resident wishing to attend. (I was the only South Trumpington resident there and there was a representative from the Trumpington Residents Association but there were quite a few Harston residents – roughly half the attendees.)

Discussions centred around the plans for the site selected by the GCP (the fields to the north west of Junction 11 of the M11 off the A10 towards Harston), options for potential access and the many other measures suggested by local residents to alleviate projected high traffic levels that could be taken before building a Park & Ride site with potential capacity for 2,000 vehicles.

The GCP's stated timescale is as follows:

Develop a series of distinct options (including P&R and bus priority/access arrangements)	January 2018
Workshop options	Early 2018
Public consultation on options	Summer 2018
Final option recommendation to GCP Executive Board	Winter 2018
Seek relevant powers to construct	Early 2020
Start construction	Summer 2020
Scheme completion	Winter 2021–22

Despite the many and varied comments from (mainly Harston) residents, it did appear that the meetings would concern how, not whether, a Park & Ride is constructed. The chosen site near Harston is also the only one being considered.

I asked about the route for the buses from the new proposed site over the M11 and round any future development in the remaining western end of Trumpington Meadows to be constructed. GCP Project Manager Tim Watkins said the bus route from whatever

bridge crossing would then go alongside Hauxton Road to the Trumpington Park & Ride, not on any route through the Trumpington Meadows estate.

The question of capacity along the existing guided bus route to the station and Addenbrookes when adding services along there from the new proposed P&R site was raised and needs to be researched further.

The meeting closed with the intention that details of the following meeting would be forwarded by email to all those present once the date and venue had been arranged (the suggestion of Harston village hall was to be looked into). As of yet, I have not received notification of the next meeting.