

Trumpington Residents' Association: South Trumpington Parish Meeting update, 21 Jan 2021

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Update on recent issues.

Coronavirus response

The TRA continues as a partner in the Trumpington Covid-19 Network which provides support for residents in the Trumpington Ward and South Trumpington (<https://trumpington.info/>). There are updates on the TRA web site (<http://www.trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org/news.html>).

Trumpington Pavilion and Trumpington Community Food Hub

The TRA is responsible for Trumpington Pavilion, in partnership with the City Council. The Pavilion continues to be used as the Trumpington Community Food Hub, now open to local residents on Fridays, providing food and other supplies. We have received a grant from the City Council to support the Food Hub, with our Assistant Manager, Jackie Covill, coordinating the service. Trumpington Food Bank is also on Fridays in the Church in Alpha Terrace.

Trumpington Meadows

We supported the Trumpington Meadows DAG in the Christmas activities which they arranged, holding and dispersing the grant from the Parish on their behalf. Our congratulations to everyone who was involved in the project.

Planning and Transport

At our November members' meeting, we had a presentation from Grosvenor about their proposals for 'Trumpington South'. While appreciating the updated information, we confirmed our opposition to further development at Trumpington Meadows. We supported the new Local Plan when it was approved in 2006 and we fully supported the subsequent planning application for the existing development. However, we have strongly objected to subsequent proposals by Grosvenor for further developments, which were put forward from 2012 to 2017, first for a football stadium then for a so-called sporting village with a sports complex and over 500 additional homes. We were very concerned by this latest proposal, which included over 750 additional homes, employment spaces and a primary school. This would cause harm to the Green Belt and the setting of the city and put additional pressure on education, health and community services and local roads.

The Association made an objection to the South West Travel Hub planning application and was obliged to follow it up with an addendum in response to considerable concerns coming to light on the public transport route's proposed access to Trumpington Park & Ride, including its impact on the Hauxton Road/Addenbrooke's Road/Trumpington Meadows southern access junction. Due to outstanding issues with the application yet to be resolved by the applicant, it has not been considered by the Planning Committee, despite being validated last June; the latest issue being inaccurate calculation of the Hub's biodiversity target according to a comment lodged this month by the Wildlife Trust as a statutory consultee.

TRA responses have been made to the public consultations by Network Rail on the proposed Cambridge South Station and the Greater Cambridge Partnership on the Cambridge South East Transport Scheme. Copies of both were provided to the Clerk.

East West Rail will be undertaking a non-statutory public consultation on the Bedford to Cambridge link in the next few months. When known, the precise route proposed to link with the West Anglia mainline into Cambridge is bound to raise significant issues.

TRA membership and meetings

We welcome addition members from all parts of Trumpington. We are currently holding our regular meetings online, with the next on 27 January. We will be joined by the local police officer at our meeting on 25 February (revised date). For further information see the Residents' Association and News pages on our web site (<http://www.trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org/TRA.html> and <http://www.trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org/news.html>).