



Northwest and West Cambridge Community Forum

13 June 2024

Questions and answers.

1. Darwin Green.

Q: Can you clarify what the sewers being released in BDW4 means?

A: The foul water sewers must be checked and signed off by a third-party contractor before completion and Anglian Waters adoption. For this parcel the discharge is on the other side to Windsor Road and there is no connection with the system there. A detailed plan of the arrangements can be provided to the Local Authority for inspection by residents.

Q: Are you confident that the site levels and ridge height for the parcel near Woodlark Road are correct?

A: The floor slabs must be checked and signed off prior to further work above ground. So, there is no opportunity for these finished heights to vary from the plan.

Q: Because the build and completion of the secondary school is a number of years away, can you tell us of the plan in the interim?

A: A post meeting note will be provided on this for clarity and a County Council Education representative invited to the next meeting to update us.

Post meeting note:

The majority of secondary aged children will be placed at Impington Village College which is their catchment school.

However, parents can express a preference for any secondary school when they apply for a place, so may chose an alternative school and some local schools are at capacity in certain year groups so children may be allocated places at alternative schools.

Q: At the heart of Darwin Green, is The Plaza, where the community comes together enjoying food trucks every Thursday/Saturday evenings, unfortunately due to

complaints regarding the noise from the required generators all future food trucks have now been cancelled. Would it be possible for BDW to support the community by installing and providing ongoing external power which will enable the much-loved food trucks to return?

A: BDW is happy to undertake the application needed and install the infrastructure but will need written agreement that the power running costs are met by another party.

A: The City Council is willing to help constitute the resident's association to a place whereby the funds they have, can be used to meet those costs.

Q: There had been plans for a creche and / or nursery at the old pavilion, can you tell us what is likely to happen there?

A: The sale of this building to the same operator is intended to be completed by the New Year.

Q: The visitor parking on BDW1 is not obvious, can better signage be provided?

A: A temporary solution can be provided, but in the long term, the Highways authority will need authorise and provide this. All residents should have a plan from the travel co-ordinator to show where these places are and those can be re-issued, however the planning condition has been met with regard to number of visitor spaces provided.

Post meeting note:

Following the Forum meeting, BDW have been requested to mark out all the visitor parking bays across parcel BDW1 and the local centre.

2. Eddington

Q: The sports pitches have known, on-going defects, will they be rectified prior to the new masterplan being adopted.

A: Yes, the on-going remediation and enhanced future sports needs for Eddington will not have to wait for the updated masterplan adoption.

Q: Will the haul road to the Durkins site be retained as an adopted road in future?

A: No, this will just be a haul route and a permanent loop road established in the future.

Q: Will Milne Avenue be a connecting throughfare?

A: It is intended to connect Huntingdon Road via Eddington Avenue to Madingley Road.

Q: What is the latest on the green bin collection?

A: A solution is still being sought and the University is working with the Local Authority to try to resolve it.

Q: Could the University engage the residents a little more when planning and delivering some of the community events?

A: Yes, we use the feedback forms at present from the events but that encompasses everyone who attends, so we could target that a little more.

Q: The grain or silage barn and the old chemical labs look very neglected; can you tell us what plans there are there?

A: The chemical lab building is due for demolition this month and although very early in the planning stage, a mix of student accommodation and employment use is intended here.

Q: Because car ownership is low across Eddington, it makes trips to the dump and recycling difficult, is there any help in this regard that can be offered?

A: This has become a known issue and one that the University is considering and working on a solution for at present.

Q: Will The Ridgeway be retained and stay open in the new masterplan?

A: Yes, it will.

Post meeting note.

Q: Can we have the bus gate closed 24 hours? what's the purpose of letting cars through after 7 it causes confusion? Also query why taxis are allowed through as they aren't sustainable?

A: The restricted vehicle area within Eddington Avenue follows similar control regimes to those controlled by local authorities in the city. This includes access by taxis. The City Council are working with taxi companies towards the full electrification of their fleets. The University is working to amend the access controls to the bus-gated area, and a review of the operational times will be completed before the installation of the new access controls, this may include 24-hour restrictions.

3. Community Engagement

Q: Is the change in management at Storeys Field Community Centre going ahead?

A: The transfer of management from the City Council to the University has long been the plan, with all staff retained and no discernible change for users. There are no concrete timescales for this at present.

Q: Are the pavilions at the sports grounds used?

A: There is football training use at the football pavilion and limited use, Park Run, for the one on the cricket ground.

Q: When the playgrounds and cycle paths are completed, there will be pinch points where children are likely to encounter fast moving cycles. What can be done to avoid accidents?

A: This is a really good point that will need looking in to and the University will report back.