

Consultation on planning application for mixed use development comprising up to 1780 dwellings, primary school, community facilities, retail units and associated infrastructure, at land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road

A) Comments from Councillor John Reynolds

Many of my concerns have been addressed in the submitted plans and I generally support the proposed draft response including;

- 1) Cycleway and footpath to Thornton Close
- 2) Preservation of the trees along Whitehouse Lane
- 3) Preservation and enhancement of the green strip along the northern border of the site
- 4) Preservation of the street trees along Huntingdon Road, and the planting of a further row of trees behind them
- 5) Setting back of the buildings along Huntingdon Road

Particular importance should be attached to this last point, and the design of these buildings, to ensure that the development is not out of character with the local area and complies with Section 3/4 of the Cambridge City Local Plan 2006.

In addition, I have received resident comments regarding additional traffic along Huntingdon Road and the need to preserve the separation between the village of Girton and the City of Cambridge.

Further to the above I believe;

- That a transport feasibility study should be undertaken which includes projected traffic flows from the Wellbrook Way site in Girton.
- That more consideration be given to through routes avoiding Huntingdon Road for cyclists and walkers from Girton who commute to work by cycle.
- That consideration be given to expanding Girton Glebe School as a facility for some families on the development thought S106 funding.
- That all houses in the development should be designed to a higher standards.
- That Girton Parish be informed of all S106 and reserved matters discussions which impact on Girton, and be involved in all those to do with traffic and transport which may use the Huntingdon Road.
- That item 2.3 & 4 in the cabinet report are fully addressed by all proposed developments in the wider area.

I am concerned:

- That the main highway through the site has not addressed a clear need for orbital roads around the perimeter of Cambridge. The proposed junction with Huntingdon Road does not permit the route to continue directly into the proposed north-west University Cambridge site development.
- At the effect of the proposed construction of four-storied dwellings along the edge of the site facing Whitehouse Lane and the effect on the boundary skyline. We request that the developers build more closely to the views expressed at its consultations which for example did not favour a line of tall buildings along the north boundary.