



**GREATER CAMBRIDGE**  
SHARED PLANNING

## **Disability Consultative Panel**

**Tuesday, 3 October 2023**

**14:00 – 15:40**

### **Venue**

**Swansley A&B, Ground floor, South Cambridgeshire Hall,  
South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne  
and via Microsoft 'Teams'**

### **Notes**

#### Attendees

Mark Taylor	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (Chair)
Sue Simms	Former Housing Officer
Jean White	Retired City Council employee
Katie Roberts	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (Notes)
Cuma Ahmet	Principal Planner, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (for presentation 2)

#### Apologies

Jane Renfrew, David Baxter, John Taylor, Rosalind Bird, Betty Watts

### **Presentation 2: Land South of Coldham's Lane, Cambridge**

#### Presenters

Stuart Bacon, Hawkins Brown  
Richard Maung, Stantec

The presenters delivered a detailed presentation of the scheme; the site comprises three separate land parcels ("Parcels A, B and C"), which are all located to the east of the city centre, on the west of Cherry Hinton and to the south of Cambridge airport. The aim is to submit a hybrid planning application for research and development lab/office buildings, including a community hub on Parcel A and publicly accessible spaces on Parcels B and C for combined open recreation and wildlife/nature conservation uses in the form of a new urban country park. The presenters provided details about the history, the proposed site access, mentioning that vehicular access is focussed strategically, prioritising pedestrian and cycle access into the sites, the access points to the Lakes and highlighting the importance of connectivity to the operation of the campus. Commenting on the Accessibility Strategy, the proposal aims to create an open publicly accessible Landscape and play and outdoor leisure are key features. Selected furniture will provide inclusive seating and play for all ages and mobility, including different heights.

The choice of materials across the site aims to support the aspiration to create universal access as far as possible. Details were provided about the buildings, including the landscaping of the main approach to the front entrance with a sloped access for wheelchair users, accessible shower and WC provision and cycle parking.

#### Panel comments and queries

- In response to a query by JW, the presenters offered to look into the provision of escape lifts and mentioned the refuge points on the stairways.
- SS requested that the wheelchair accessible shower room be replaced by a changing places toilet. The Chair commented that there have been some 'hybrid' designs for the changing room of a toilet to also be used as a changing places toilet and he offered to send the presenters some appropriate details.
- The Chair asked about the proposed surface of the wider site, suggesting the use of bonded peashot gravel.
- In response to a query about fishing provision, it was confirmed that the aim is to make it accessible for all, including wheelchair users.
- In response to a query by the Chair about seating around the lakes, the presenters clarified that there would be a wide variety of facilities around the circular route, including benches (the Chair suggested some seating with arms and some without arms), break out areas and picnic areas.
- It was reported that, when fully occupied, there would be typically 3,000 – 4,000 people working on the site but, according to the current working patterns, the peak numbers would probably be in the region of 1,600 – 1,700.
- In terms of the parking spaces breakdown, there will be 814 car parking spaces, including 34 blue badge spaces (Richard Maung to confirm). The Chair mentioned that it would be expected that the provision of blue badge spaces be 5% of the overall total, meaning approximately 41 spaces.
- In response to a comment about bus access, the presenters mentioned their liaison with the County Highways department and their support of future bus provision.
- The Chair thanked the team for their presentation.