

Appendix 2 North Cambridge Engagement

1 Background

- 1.1 The Project Team led significant engagement with the community throughout the North Cambridge Framework for Change project, and since the last Cabinet report this has continued and expanded with focus on Arbury Court and Kingsway.
- 1.2 Listed below are some of the key engagement sessions that we have held since the last report:

2 North Cambridge Framework for Change Engagement

Dates: November/December 2025

Target Groups: General public, Arbury Court and Kingsway Stakeholders

Content/format: Public workshops, drop-in sessions, online webinars, website, surveys

Outcomes:

- Increased engagement on the scheme proposals.
- Further discussions on the boundary for redevelopment.
- Strong dislike for initial Arbury Court scheme designs, feedback taken into consideration in latest proposals.
- Understanding of resident's priorities for Arbury Court including retention of park area and support for independent traders.

3 Arbury Court Trader Liaison Meetings

Dates: Bi-monthly, commencing December 2025

Target Groups: commercial traders and leaseholders

Content/Format: Regular workshop meetings with traders to present design ideas and share information to progress designs of commercial units, parking and scheme layouts

Outcomes:

- Discussed key elements of the scheme from traders' perspectives, including support package, parking strategy, communications strategy, green space and public realm design.
- Understanding key requirements for traders for now, during the construction phase and in the completed scheme.
- Building rapport and understanding of key constraints and opportunities within the development.
- Designs for commercial units which have had input from the existing traders

4 Arbury Court and Kingsway Resident Drop Ins

Dates: Quarterly, commencing March 2026

Target Groups: Residents and leaseholders within project boundary

Content/Format: Informal drop-in sessions with Council Officers present to discuss any queries relating to rehoming, the redevelopment process and any associated issues.

Outcomes:

- Well informed tenants and leaseholders
- Reassurance and clarity that the council will assist residents in this process
- Updates on design and programme

5 NCA Engagement Day

Dates: April 2026

Target Groups: School pupils at North Cambridge Academy

Content/Format: Workshop with young people to understand their views on the present and future of Arbury Court Site

Outcomes:

- Understanding of young people's experience of site
- Key requirements for young people in design proposals

6 Arbury Court Stakeholder Workshop

Dates: June 2026

Target Groups: Residents - Arbury Court Stakeholders

Content/Format: Group workshop

Outcomes:

- Understanding of local residents' views and experiences of existing Arbury Court site
- Understanding of residents' key priorities in the design of a new Arbury Court
- Build rapport with key stakeholders
- Provide residents with an understanding of project's key priorities and constraints

7 Arbury Carnival

Dates: June 2026

Target Groups: Local Community

Content/Format: Stall at Arbury Carnival, site layout plans for annotation and Lego blocks for building

Outcomes:

- Build awareness of scheme among local community
- Understand community's views on existing scheme and requirements
- List of elements that residents would like to see in a new Arbury Court scheme

8 Arbury Court Community Panel

Dates: 30 June, 22 July, 10 September, Ongoing

Target Groups: Representatives of core stakeholder groups including Immediate Neighbours; Older People; Parents/carers of young children; Accessibility needs; Council tenant; Parents/carers of young people, parents/carers of children 6-11; young people.

Content/Format: Walkabout at local precedent schemes; co-design workshops to progress community-led designs of park and civic space at Arbury Court

Outcomes:

- Understanding of key residents' views on existing schemes elsewhere in the city, and elements that should/shouldn't be used in proposals.
- Understanding of movement requirements around a new Arbury Court site, e.g. pedestrian vs cycle routes
- Consensus on key themes for civic space and park ('carnival' and 'history')
- Community influence on the designs and the future of the site after completion
- Representative feedback on designs and strategies for key landscape features

9 Kingsway Expansion Consultation

Dates: July 2026

Target Groups: Residents of 2-48 (evens) Brackley Close, 2-48 (evens) Rutland Close

Content/Format: Consultation with online and hard copy surveys, door knocking, and drop in sessions

Outcomes:

- Consensus on expansion of Kingsway redevelopment site to include additional properties at Brackley Close and Rutland Close
- Further information on the condition of properties from a lived experience

10 Cllr Meetings and Workshops

Dates: Regular meetings around key milestones in project

Target Groups: All Ward Cllrs for Arbury, Kings Hedges and West Chesterton, Exec Cllr for Housing and Homelessness, Exec Cllr for Finance and Resources, Exec Cllr for Communities, Leader of the Council.

Content/Format: Updates from Project Team, with opportunity for Members to ask questions and help steer direction of travel.

Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of key project matters and milestones
- Regular opportunity for Members to influence key decisions
- Sounding board to provide advice and guidance to project team on direction of travel