



Growth Delivery in East Cambridgeshire

This newsletter provides an update on growth delivery in the East Cambridgeshire District

East Cambridgeshire District Council is about to begin consultation on the designs for a new country park, as part of the North Ely Park proposals. Our front page feature gives details of how you can have your say on the plans, so that we create a park that can be enjoyed by all for many years to come.

Inside this issue we give details of the latest update on the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan, and there is news on the upgrades to superfast broadband across East Cambridgeshire. The District Council has helped two local businesses secure funding from the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for start up/incubator accommodation in Ely, and organised skills and funding events. There is also information on funding available to support rural businesses in the district.

North Ely Park Proposals

The new North Ely development of 3,000 homes will bring with it many benefits including an extensive new Park, on land between the new houses and the railway line to the north of Ely. This will be a key feature of the development and will incorporate a great variety of recreational spaces mixed with areas of rich biodiversity. The Park will also include a network of attractive ditches, swales, reed beds and ponds as part of the sustainable urban drainage system.

ECDC has appointed landscape consultants Sheils Flynn to develop a design for the Park that complements the existing facilities in Ely, incorporates the views of local people and meets the needs of all Ely residents.

The next stage of the study involves a series of consultation events and the Council would encourage everyone to become involved. The events will include a public exhibition at Ely Library on **Thursday 6 November 2pm – 7pm**

- Ely Country Park (North Country Park)
- Ely Country Park (phase 1)
- County Wildlife Sites and SSSIs
- Important open spaces
- A' roads
- B' roads
- Public right of way
- National trail/long distance route
- Water/river
- West margin of country park along A10
- Possible future country park expansion



Figure 3 - Local green infrastructure context

* This part of North Ely Country Park will be delivered in accordance with the proposals in the Endurance Estates application. It has not been included in the preliminary costing for the concept design at this stage.

and on **Saturday 8 November 10am – 2pm**. The Council will also provide information on its website from 6 – 28 November asking for comments and views.

This is a great opportunity to shape an exciting new facility for Ely. We want to make sure that people of all ages and viewpoints have their say and that we create a Park that is enjoyed and valued for many years.

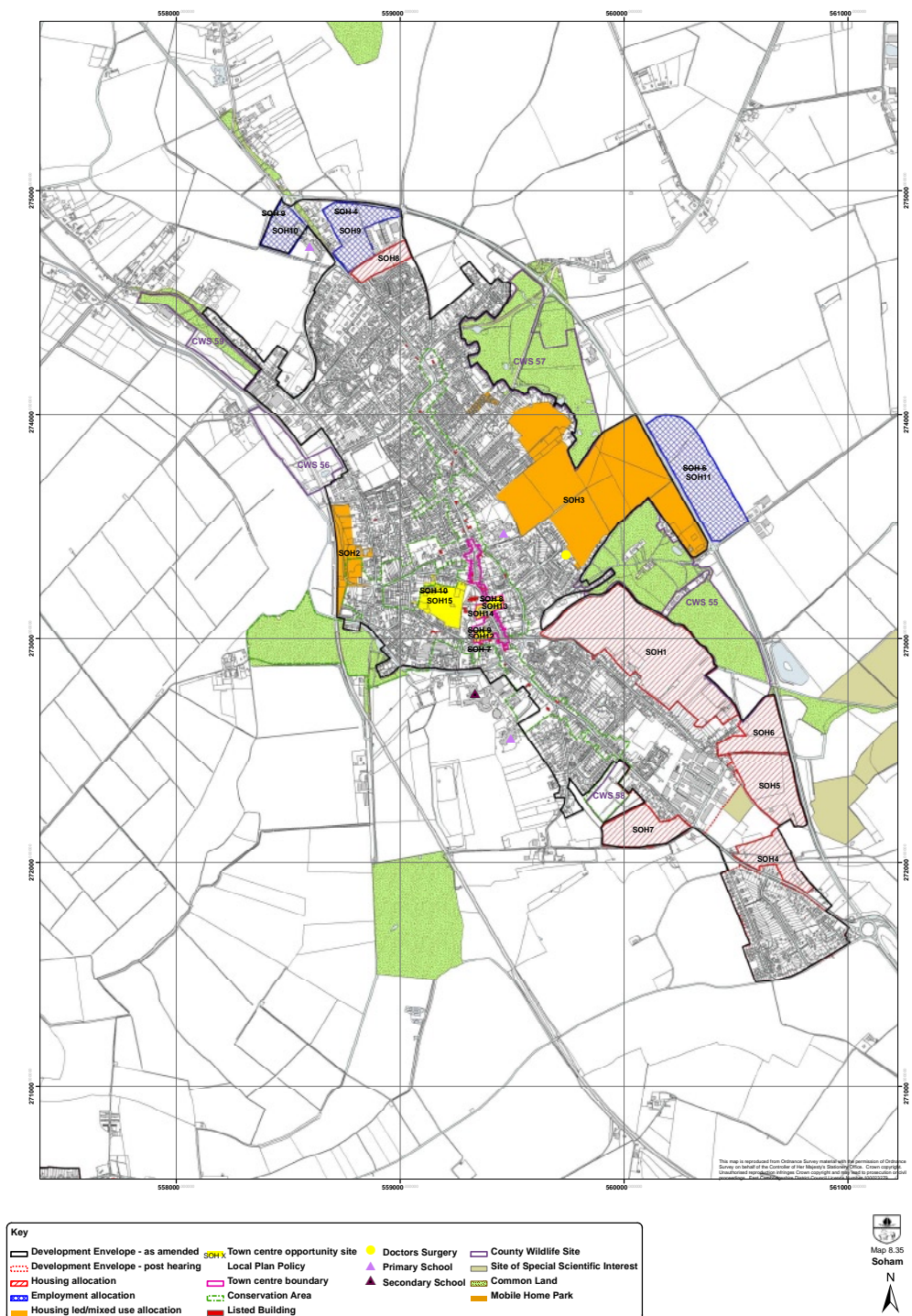
A copy of the Stage One design report is available on the Council's website <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/masterplans/north-ely-development>.

East Cambridgeshire Local Plan - Further Post-Hearing Modifications Consultation

East Cambridgeshire District Council is consulting on a number of changes to the Draft Local Plan. This includes additional housing sites in Soham. The Council has proposed these modifications in response to the Planning Inspector's comments relating to housing supply.

The proposed changes can be viewed online at www.eastcamb.gov.uk/local-development-

framework/local-plan-examination at the District Council offices, Nutholt Lane, Ely. The closing date for comments on the modifications is **Wednesday 22nd October 2014 (5pm)**. Comments can be made online by email to ldf@eastcamb.gov.uk, or by post to: Forward Planning, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE.



Cambridgeshire Fens LEADER Funding Available

A bid has been submitted to Defra for £2million to help support rural businesses in parts of East Cambridgeshire.

Cambridgeshire ACRE has led the development of a Local Development Strategy (LDS) which has been submitted to Defra for consideration. The funding will be used to provide grant support for increasing farm productivity, support for rural tourism and enable provision of basic rural services. Small and medium businesses operating in the Downham Villages, Ely, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham and Sutton area are eligible to apply.

A decision regarding funding is expected to be made in early December and it is hoped that about £2 million of EU/Defra funds may be secured in what is a nationally competitive process. Further information can be found



on the Cambridgeshire ACRE website Visit: <http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/leader-2014-2020.php>

For more information or to discuss a potential project proposal, please contact Mike Carter on 01353 865047 or email: mike.carter@cambsacre.org.uk.

LEP Funding Awarded

Two local businesses parks are celebrating after securing a share of £2.5 million of funding from the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The bids, which were developed with the support of the Business Development team at East Cambridgeshire District Council will help bring forward much needed business startup/incubator and move-on space in Ely and Littleport.

The funding will help to kick start a new office development at the Littleport Eco Business Park just off the A10 and bring forward nine new start up/small business units on Lancaster Way Business Park in Ely.

Harvey Bibby, Marketing and Development Director at Grovemere Property Limited, added: "We are extremely pleased to have secured funding from the LEP to help facilitate our small business unit scheme at Lancaster Way Business Park. The funding will mean that we can speculatively develop



much needed start-up/incubator business accommodation for people based in the local area. The funding means the scheme can start immediately with practical completion of the buildings intended for early 2015 and the creation of up to 50 jobs.

Jonathan James, Director, James Graven and Sons Ltd added: "We are delighted to have secured funding from the LEP to help support our Littleport Eco Business Park. This funding will mean that the development of new eco-friendly office accommodation next to the A10 at Littleport can commence this summer and that this potentially will create 395 new jobs in total."

Broadband

Residents and communities in East Cambridgeshire are celebrating the latest upgrades to superfast broadband being rolled out under the Connecting Cambridgeshire programme now reaching more than 11,000 homes and businesses in the district. Over 40 new green fibre cabinets went live across East Cambridgeshire in the first phase

of the roll-out programme to June 2014, with more to follow in forthcoming phases. These may use alternative technologies to reach rural areas.

To find out more about the Connecting Cambridgeshire rollout & Destination Digital business support programme please visit: www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk



Local businesses unite to help 1000 young people

Hundreds of students and businesses came together at the first annual East Cambridgeshire Careers & Skills Fair held on 16 October. The event gave around 1,000 Year 11 and Sixth Form students from the four secondary schools in the district the chance to talk to 50 of the top employers in East Cambridgeshire

The Fair was jointly organised by Ely College, East Cambridgeshire District Council and the Cambridge Area 14-19 Partnership and businesses attending included: G's Marketing, Shearline Precision Engineering, Napp Pharmaceuticals, Michell Instruments, Kier Construction, Oil & Gas Systems Ltd, Barclays Bank, LGC Group, Sainsbury's, Whiting and Partners, The National Stud and many more from a range of sectors, company sizes and roles.

Helping businesses to access funding in South and East Cambridgeshire

Over 75 businesses in East and South Cambridgeshire got a unique opportunity to discover the funding and grants which could help their businesses to grow thanks to the South East Cambridgeshire Funding Fair held in September.

The special day not only allowed firms the chance to hear what money the Government is providing access to, but also gave people the chance to get practical help to assist with their business.

In addition to tailored business advice there was also a range of speakers including Rt. Hon. James Paice MP.

If you would like to keep in touch with future growth delivery work in both Ely and the surrounding district,

- Ask to be included on the Growth Delivery contact database to receive the newsletter updates.
- Look out for updates on the District Council's website under the Growth Delivery/Masterplan and Local Development Framework sections www.eastcambs.gov.uk
- Send in your thoughts and ideas,

Email – customerservices@eastcambs.gov.uk
Write to East Cambridgeshire District Council,
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