

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTRYSIDE PROPERTIES PLC

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - SITE SPECIFIC POLICIES DPD EXAMINATION

South Cambridgeshire District Council has prepared a Site Specific Policies Development Plan Document which was submitted for the Secretary of State in January 2006. This document is now subject to Examination by Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State which commenced on 27th November 2007. From evidence at the Examination the Inspectors have indicated that they are minded to conclude that there is a substantial housing supply deficit and have asked the Council and representors what additional sites would be preferred for allocation if the shortfall is found to be:

- 1,000 dwellings
 - 1,500 dwellings
 - 2,000 dwellings
- in the plan period 2001-2016

Countryside Properties PLC are promoting the expansion of Cambourne to the east, on land at Bourn Airfield, to create as a sustainable expanded community, in order to fulfil the current shortfall of dwellings to 2016 and thereafter to 2021 to accord with the emerging Regional Spatial Strategy (which is expected to be approved by Secretary of State early in 2008).

In response to further evidence requested by the Inspectors at the Examination, Countryside Properties have submitted a document entitled 'Cambourne Expansion Planning Statement Up-date' prepared by Andrew Martin Associates. This sets out proposals for a mixed use sustainable urban extension that could come forward early in the plan period through a range of options and phases and would:

- form an expanded settlement of:
 - up to an overall c3,000 additional homes in the longer term, as originally proposed at the Core Strategy stage, or
 - up to c1,500 homes in the plan period, or
 - between 500 to 1,000 homes, if considered more appropriate;
- through the masterplan concept and phasing, create a series of stand-alone 'hamlets' each with their own identity and distinctiveness, similar to the original master plan principles;
- provide a range of different tenures, with a significant provision of affordable housing;
- include a potential range of employment opportunities in the form of 'Urban Hives' and other job opportunities from other mixed uses;
- include a site or sites for new education provision to serve both the proposed development, the existing settlement of Cambourne and the wider community;
- enable enhanced public transport opportunities;
- potentially provide a range of other shopping, leisure, cultural and community facilities to complement those services already provided at Cambourne;
- include low carbon development with a potential carbon off-set for the existing settlement of Cambourne;
- make imaginative use of a major previously developed 'brownfield' site; and
- make a major contribution to the 'green infrastructure' of the Sub-Region.

The up-date proposals have necessitated a review of the previous initial Sustainability Appraisal (SA) prepared by Campbell Reith in May 2006 as part of the representations to LDF Independent Examinations on behalf of Countryside Properties Plc. The original SA appraised a mixed use development of up to 3,000 dwellings. The review now appraises mixed use development of:

- 500 to 1,000 dwellings
- Up to 1,500 dwellings, and
- Up to 2,000 dwellings.

Now is your opportunity to take part in assisting the Inspectors in deciding the overall merits of the Bourn Airfield proposals and corresponding SA to meet the identified housing shortfall to 2016 and beyond. The representations received will be forwarded to the Inspectors and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The consultation period of 6 weeks will commence on 9th January until 20th February.

All South Cambridge District Council documents, including supporting documents, can be viewed online on the District Council's website www.scambs.gov.uk

The Countryside Properties documents referred to above can be viewed online at Andrew Martin Associates website (www.amaplanning.com) and can be inspected at the following locations:

- Milton Road Library, Cambridge
- Rock Road Library, Cambridge
- Barnwell Road Library, Cambridge
- Arbury Court Library, Cambridge
- Huntingdon Reference Library, Princes Street, Huntingdon
- Bar Hill Library, Gladeside, Bar Hill
- Bassingbourn Community Book Café, The Limes, High Street, Bassingbourn
- Bottisham Community Library Association, The Village College, Bottisham
- Cambourne Village Library
- Cherry Hinton Library, High Street, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge
- Comberton Library, the Village College, Comberton
- Cottenham Library, Margett Street, Cottenham
- Fulbourn Village Library, School Lane, Fulbourn
- Gamlingay Resource Centre, The Village College, Gamlingay
- Great Shelford Library, 10 Woollards Lane, Great Shelford
- Histon Library, School Hill, Histon
- Linton Library, The Cathodean Centre, Linton
- Melbourn District Café Library, The Moor, Melbourn
- Papworth Everard Library, Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard
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- Your Library, The Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey
- Waterbeach Independent Lending Library, Community Centre, High Street, Waterbeach
- Willingham Library, Church Street, Willingham

Make your views known either by filling in the form online on the Andrew Martin Associate website or by writing using the Response Forms available from Andrew Martin Associates and at the libraries listed above. Completed forms should be returned to:

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All comments must be received by 6.00pm on 20th February 2008