

OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR MORE HOMES IN CAMBOURNE

On Monday 6 December South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Planning Committee granted outline planning permission for an additional 950 homes at Cambourne.

The scheme with construction starting next year will create 285 affordable homes, a new primary school, plans to contribute towards a secondary school, a new astro-turf pitch and an extensions to the health and community centres.

This successfully marks the end of eight months of hard work. SCDC and the county council's New Communities teams have worked with Cambourne Parish Council and developers, MCA Developments Ltd, to bring forward the best possible scheme for Cambourne. This is part of the approved Local Development Framework.

Cllr David Bard Portfolio Holder for New Communities said:

"The scheme granted outline permission yesterday will help to make Cambourne more sustainable, and the additional population will help to bring more businesses to the High Street. It will also make it possible for Cambourne to have its own secondary school."

"Due to the history of problems of drainage at Cambourne, final approval won't be given until we're confident with plans to deal with drainage on site and at Swavesey."

The scheme: - Delivers housing - both market and affordable - to meet local need and help deliver housing targets bringing New Homes Bonus to the councils (665 market sale and 285 affordable, a mixture of social rented and shared ownership).

- Helps to make Cambourne more sustainable. This extension will provide the homes around the third village green that will be complete early next year, and the additional population will help to bring more businesses to the High Street.

- The New Communities Service at SCDC brings together planners, urban designers and officers leading on sustainability, sports, arts and youth. This multi-disciplinary approach makes sure we get the best outcomes from developments including at Cambourne: a contribution

towards extensions to community facilities and library, a youth centre, astro-turf pitch, sports pitches, money for arts equipment for the parish council and confidence that the new homes will be well-designed.

- The scheme will allow the land to be transferred and works to start on a third primary school.

CRIER Editorial Comment

This decision will hopefully settle concerns over the future of Cambourne, the site for the extra 950 homes will still be within the original designated housing footprint, and the densities almost the same as the existing 2 villages overall.

Had the application failed it would almost certainly have been appealed causing further uncertainty.

The extra community facilities provided will be welcome and it is hoped that the developer will press on with completing the development as soon as possible so that we can say goodbye to construction vehicles and complete the open spaces, including the proposed golf course.

It should be remembered that even before a brick is laid the next major development of Northstowe will have at least 9500 homes on a similar footprint (more than twice as many).

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