



**South
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Notes/Action from Parish Planning Forum Meeting
Tuesday 30th October 2018
Council Chamber – Chair Cllr Tumi Hawkins
6.00-8.00pm

South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA

	Refreshments
1	Welcome
2	Action points from last meeting. Sharon Brown went through actions points.
3	Local Plan Update – Dave Roberts
4	Neighbourhood Planning – Alison Talkington
5	Update on Planning Shared Service and introduction to new officers – Stephen Kelly <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Other new Assistant Director, Paul Frainer, Sara Saunders & Liz Jackson.- Process mapping going on – Emma Linney for City Council Process are being looked at and doing the same for SCDC.- Consultation with people, not up information on website for public- Redaction.- Uniform enterprise system – planning app system – go live June 2019.- ICT Project Manager, Nick Burton- Review of Pre-App scheme- Scheme delegation- Design Review Panel Review both for City and SCDC- Customer engagement across the board. Upping our game on this item.- New staff in Planning Dept- Management Structure and contact made available to everyone.
6	Tree Warden Scheme – Miriam Hill
7	Proposed Planning Training for Parish Councils – Sharon Brown <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Putting together training session programme.• Types of topics Parishes want. We will cover the basics• Divide Parishes into groups• Provide feedback at the end of this session to Beverley.

General Questions & Answers – All

Peter Payne – Great Shelford:

Q: Re new NPPF & New Local Plan

A: Our next LP will have to take into account current LP could not do so as new NPPF came out to late in adoption process.

Q: Neighbourhood plans – rural exception sites

A: (Alison) if exception site then would not allocate to your plan.

Mathew Prince – Eversden

Q: we have a site that may become available. Privately owned. Can the community right to build permissible on a brown filled site.

A: Take a note and come back to you as never had an application for planning on brown field site. If browned field land at the edge of greenbelt, as long as greenbelt openness is maintain then rebuild could take place.

Brian – Sawston

Q: Brownfield Sites, if more came forward would that be more favourable. Especially to the greenbelt and its limiting nature.

A: DR: Waterbeach and Bourn had a lot of brown field land. The local new joint local plan will be looking at land availability in detail. Smaller scale, if villages have brown field in their boundary can come forward for development.

Steve Bartlet – Great Wilbraham

Q: Fearful small village homes are disappearing through extensions and redevelopments.

A: Protective policies, but need to recognise that many old cottages too small for modern living.

Q: Parish council training – timescale

A: SB: **Six sessions starting from April.**

Caroline – Foxton

Q: What sort of strategy the combined authority will now have. How to ramp up the speed of delivery. How does the Govn expect you to put pressure on private developers?

A: DR: we do not have all the tools to make developers develop. Housing delivery test coming in have to meet a Government target. If you don't meet the target you would have to write an action plan on how to meet that requirement and potentially also be affected by other consequences.

Letwin review – looking at what the problems are. Dominated by certain building firms. Maximise profits for their shareholders. But does not address the need for more houses being built. Major changes coming through next year. Housing delivery test.

Encourage builders to build out not land bank.

Lawrence – Fowlmere

Q1: are we going to produce a strategy to produce and own housing

A: Tumi: SCDC own land that belongs to the council housing. Working with developers to build on council land that has development potential.

A: Cllr V – 35 council houses being built a year, want to increase to 70 per year. Working on a council housing strategy.

Q2: Start for affordable housing, assurance that viability documents are going to be made available to the public.

A: SB: Always endeavour to achieve as much transparency as possible.

Q3: Recent transport report.

A: DR – not aware of the report, so will consider it with interest.

A: Cllr V – is aware of the report and will take it into account.

Fagg-Hinxton

Q: 5year land supply – any challenges.

A: DR: SCDC currently in a good place on 5year land supply.

Harris – Willingham

Q: When application are decided through delegated powers – could you come back to the Parish to give more feedback on the decision.

A: SB: we are aware of these issues. Process mapping, delegation is a key area of that process. If there are any other PC issues please share with us.

Brown – Hinxton

Q: Mtg southern parish – thank you, helpful. Water strategy for the district. How is your strategy developed, how is it monitored with regard to climate change – increased rainfall.

A: DR: Next Local Plan will be supported by a new water cycle study undertaken with EA, Anglian Water and CCC. When studies prepared they will be published on our website.

Wright – Swavesey

Q: Urban Design – can we have rural design consultant and not have new town houses built on the edge of villages.

A: Tumi – asked the same question in June at an event. Agree on need for good design. We have to optimise the use of land. Government National Guidelines have to be built to the current standards.

A: SB: Jane's new role going forward will be looking at this forms of design guidance.

A: JG: Working with you and design consultant for design guideline.

Dates of future meetings:

Thursday 14 March 2019 at 6pm

Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 6pm