



COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

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The three sites in the Abingtons were originally identified in 2012 and at that time we spoke to the landowners before putting them forward.

We submitted our proposals to South Cambridgeshire District Council through the public consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan in summer 2013 (representations 60660, 60661 and 60662).

We consulted with local people in October – December 2013 by a leaflet asking whether the sites should or should not be allocated for housing development. The proposal to have some houses built in the Abingtons was well supported by the community and many parishioners were enthusiastic about local housing needs being met. This was particularly so with those wishing to downsize and also with those who wanted to apply for the affordable houses so that they could stay or return to the community.

The 'Parish Council-led proposals in Great and Little Abington evidence base' document (RD/H/060) includes the background material, scans of the consultation leaflet and the completed leaflets, and the report on the consultation.

One of our concerns at the outset was that all three sites might be built out together and result in a sudden impact on the community and its services but this is not now likely to happen. The first of the three sites, land at High Street / Pampisford Road, Great Abington (Policy H/1:j), has already gained planning consent (S/3181/15/FL) and 20 units are in the process of being built.

An application (S/3543/16/FL) has been submitted for 45 units on the second site, land at Linton Road, Great Abington (Policy H/1:i), but this has yet to be determined.

The third site, land at Bancroft Farm, Little Abington (Policy H/1:k), is not as far advanced but the landowner is working towards the submission of an application.

A fourth site, known as Strawberry Farm, on Pampisford Road, has also just been granted outline consent (S/1433/16/OL) for eight units and is likely to proceed quite soon. This has been brought forward as a result of South Cambridgeshire District Council being unable to demonstrate a five year housing land supply, and was not considered in our proposals for housing sites for inclusion in the Local Plan.

The community is still very supportive of the new developments and many people are dismayed that the process has taken so long.

We look forward to the publication of the Local Plan and would like to see the Linton Road and Church Lane sites included in it.

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