

Comments from Flip Charts

Community

- Community meeting points are a must. Cafes, bakeries, consider subsidising, community run in the early years.
- What facilities will there be for the youth?
- Timescale for building of primary and secondary schools and how they will affect existing school catchments.
- Any workshops? Doctors? Places to work in? Dental care?
- Any shops of libraries? What are there? What are the names? Care homes? Good leisure centres?
- Website and twitter links.
- Community archaeology – museum please at the start.
- Heritage Centre – a hands-on “museum” to preserve history of the area and bring it to life.
- Children development? Playgroups? Sports clubs?
- The problem with a burial ground for Phase I, and possibly Phase 2, needs to be resolved. It is very unsatisfactory as presently indicated. It could lead to a rat run through Longstanton.
- The provision of a proper church/hall for worship also needs to be resolved. It seems All Saints will be called upon for use eventually.
- Swimming Pools? School? Primary? Secondary?
- How can we get involved in an organised way about making decision with regards to youth and adult facilities for fitness and recreation?
- Can Longstanton get a “heart” or “central focal area” out of this? Currently strung out along high street – no real community focal point.
- In order to support these facilities in earlier stages, need exemplar transport between villages and N/S
- Community Centre capable of hosting scouts/military cadets/guides/etc, etc so these institutions can set up straight away. Parent and toddler. Don't let them struggle to find rooms – consider subsidising.

Design

- Would new architects be allowed to plan and design Northstowe, given a younger generation a say?
- Better green corridor between Longstanton and Northstowe – not just sports fields – we need to keep the wild space we have on the edges of Longstanton.
- Business park? Small start up businesses? Big thing on the back Cambridge/silicon fen effect.
- Bar Hill tesco's is already busy enough – will supermarket development to considered?
- MUGA sports pitch needs to be next to a school in the middle somewhere!!?
- What about a new doctor's surgery. The current on cannot cope with any more patients!
- True!
- Don't cram houses in, give people gardens.
- Where is the detailed map with names of existing roads. We cannot see where we live in Longstanton.
- Much wide open space between Longstanton and Northstowe utilising country park access or allotments – not sports pitches.
- Make sure the homes are on 'streets' not all higgly piggley like the new estate in Longstanton – they look a mess.
- Institute? Parish Council buildings? Petrol station? Car garage?
- Phase I move local centre off B1050 and locate on guided bus route and closer to school. A local centre will be needed eventually west of B1050 when reserve land is developed.
- Agree!
- Ensure that any social buildings are commercially viable and hold prime location.

- Design town around park and ride as commuter area. Design attractive, based on cycle access/and executive look and feel. Build it to look integrated around transport. Not housing estate next to bus station.
- Density? 10000 = 20000 cars
- Decision is about doing something with end-users in mind. Current plans seem to be set to benefit only the participants in the build, not those who will live in and nearby to Northstowe.
- Very true.
- Houses, houses and more houses – that's what this is about.

Drainage and Water

- Need to establish from outset, whose responsibility it is to maintain drainage system.
- Permeable surfaces on new house drives. Flood defences.
- Drainage and water – sewage control is an ever present threat. I have serious doubts that additional demands on the system will be managed properly.
- Flooding – Longstanton has flooded.
- Sewage and water – management first!!
- Sewage – there must be new infrastructure built.
- Blockages? Good sewage is a must. Also must have local toilets outside.
- Surface and foul water disposal has to be the prime concern and should be fully sorted prior to any development commencing. Also responsibility for such systems must be determined in perpetuity prior to any dwellings being occupied.
- Get it right first time – don't wait for it to flood!
- Integrated and responsible water management as befits a low lying area with little margin for leaving nature to take its course. Regional co-operation and local attention to detail.
- Sewage???
- Effect of all the new concrete roads leading to site?

Housing

- Who is going to live in all these homes? Where are they coming from?
- Housing – a profit for developers – that's all this is about!
- Road infrastructure first – housing next.
- Totally agree!
- Has to be ample off road parking for at least 2 cars per household.
- Housing with space?
- Yes!
- Adequate car parking facilities? Roads to and from employment/schooling, etc.
- Social housing? Buying housing? Contact with developers?
- Cambridgeshire towns and villages have a high proportion of single storey dwellings suitable for elderly/disabled people. Northstowe, as a fen town, should reflect this need and not be composed of 3/4 storey houses appropriate for a City Centre.
- Home Farm construction required lengthy use of pile-drivers often at unsocial hours. Can we expect more of the same?
- Why not develop airfield first? Too expensive for developers? Why take away the golf course first?
- Affordable housing? Future ghetto – why develop on a sporting site first ie Golf Course. This is furthest from A14 and results in too much use of inadequate B1050.
- Housing profits are the driving force behind the whole project. The infrastructure needs proper support from those enjoying the profits, and not just at the start – long term investment.
- Types of houses – something different – new, not the same boxes of Wimpy/Wilson, etc. Modern/innovative- like Skanska, Great Kneighton – draw people into the area.
- I agree with better design of houses – less density.
- If Northstowe is to be the 'best new town of its time, creating a new way of living' it is important that people have space – in rooms and gardens as well as open spaces. Homes that are crammed into an area for maximum profit to developers do not provide breathing space and a

healthy source of comfort for occupants. Surely there is a way for this to be part of the 'new way of living'.

Sustainability and green issues

- The costs of energy used by 10000 + houses will be from imported gas (not sustainable)
- This will be another Milton Keynes! Green issues – what green issues - it is all about houses, houses and more houses
- Lifestyle – any thoughts about old people? Accommodation/leisure etc
- We are losing the wild life around Longstanton. If the golf course goes this will affect more wild life
- Green corridors between Longstanton crucial to avoid further habitat loss – there needs to be wider boundaries – no just sports fields. What wildlife audits have been done?
- Will this be just another Orchard Park?
- Provide green separation between Longstanton and Phase I Northstowe of at least 200 m as originally envisaged by SCDC. Use trees in green separation to provide screen for light and noise pollution as recommended by SCDC where separation space is minimal.
- Will the bridleway down Rampton Drift to guided busway still exist? Will there be bridleway access to other parts of Northstowe? Discussion with bridleways officer (British Horse Society)
- Cemetery for Longstanton is virtually full, new one for Longstanton?
- Will it be renewable energy, eg wind or solar? Will it represent a sustainable design for the future using green energy as opposed to fossil fuels?
- Adventure Country Park must be explorers sort of place.

Employment

- There must be a balance of retail outlets between big chains and small independents to provide a meaningful centre not just another indentikit modern town centre.
- Will it have unique shops and facilities to attract people to Northstowe? Will a supermarket dominate Northstowe, like Barhill? Will a supermarket put other business off.
- Filling every space with planned housing and civil buildings allows no future flexibility to adjust for new working patterns in the future. Some gaps should be left for infill of new purpose built structures.
- Will a supermarket be needed to help the economy and decrease unemployment in the area?
- Cafes and community meeting spaces area a must.
- A decent wine shop/retail outlet

Traffic and Transport

- Have the correct surveys (ie, current traffic volumes) been used in the B1050/A14 analysis?
- B1050 can't cope! Bypass for Willingham needed quick.
- How will building traffic (big trucks and construction vehicles) affect my commute to work every day in and out of Longstanton village? Will the old airfield road be open to normal traffic to provide an alternative to drive out of Longstanton to go to Cambridge?
- A separate road for construction traffic of the A14 to stop traffic being clogged on B1050 and heavy traffic mixed with commuters.
- Cycle route (and walking routes) between Rampton Drift and Northstowe as part of Phase I (along Rampton Road) would help start to link communities.
- B 1050 will not cope!! Too much traffic already in 2012!
- Sufficient cycle ways for cyclists will be needed to ensure Northstowe is more green and cars are only used for journeys outside Northstowe not around Northstowe.
- Traffic all coming through Longstanton – we need more roads before building starts.
- Is the Guided Busway still going through Northstowe? (for commuters, etc)
- Road capacity should be increased first!
- Provisions for cyclists – ideally off road paths and routes to main transport/employment areas.

- An update traffic survey is needed, covering actual usage over the whole rush hour periods. Recycling on the old, minimal surveys as at present is fantasy at best, folly at worst.
- Access to A14 – development of A14?
- Will the airfield road be closed to traffic? Become a cycle path?
- Willingham bypass before Phase I.
- B1050 is already over used!
- Will the airfield road be made into a useable road? And will the road surface be relaid?
- An already crowded road leading to A14 – also over crowded Guided Bus will not alleviate this problem.
- B1050 not suitable for likely increased traffic flow. New road to A14 needed.
- Work with Council to get guarantees of better Sunday bus routes.
- Public transport? Frequency?
- Upgrading of roads (A14/M11 junction) – B1050, Longstanton High Street – to cope with extra traffic. The A14 upgrade is needed very badly. Just look at the accidents, including fatal ones. The Northstowe development proposal will only compound the problem. The B1050 must be improved – not the present proposals.
- State of B1050 during construction – does it become a muddy field?
- Good access from Rampton Drift to Northstowe Phase I. Resurfacing farm track into a usable cycle path – enabling bikes to easily cross busway to cycle path (currently there is no crossing.)
- Current roads not suitable for heavy access to sites – they should invest in road infrastructure and access first, before building homes.
- What happens to public right of way across golf course during and after construction of Phase I?
- Need another road out of village to A14 – B1050 very congested in the mornings, queuing from Bar Hill to Longstanton. Now more traffic coming down the new bypass from other villages.
- 20 mph speed limit throughout entire site and approach roads and 10 mph in streets.
- When will transport issues in Longstanton be taken into consideration? Before construction or after? When Longstanton main road is totally blocked!
- A14 upgrade needed ahead of Phase I completion. Need of clarity per traffic flow in/out of Northstowe.
- We have already lost our bus service from Longstanton to St Ives, what will be the next to go!
- All the feeder road infrastructure for entire proposed town needs to be put in FIRST ie roads for phases 2 + 3 before phase I built!

Schools

- When is the primary school to be built? Will Hatton Park be expected to take on Phase I children?
- Developers will always build houses first. In recent building discussions in Burwell the Council wanted to wait for 200 more homes to be built before “thinking about a new school”. The current one is already full. Need time commitment from Council to build infrastructure as site grows. Don’t “think about” schools after hundreds built. See Cambourne for example.
- All land already available at MoD land – unused – already blocked off. So why build at other end first – shut down golf course – disrupt bus station access?
- Is this developer cost saving? Avoid building site access road?
- I feel let down that the development starts at northern end rather than an airfield end with access direct from A14 links.
- Information on each and every reserve matter planning application with opportunity to comment on line and at committee stage before approval is granted .
- Shops? Bakery? Post offices? Markets?
- Information on Council website with less technical jargon/abbreviations to aid comprehension. Either hyperlinks to a glossary or plain language please.
- Is larger rec being provided on Northstowe?
- Building hours for contractors – start times and weekends as this will cause noise and disruption locally.
- Have lessons been learned from Arbury/Orchard Park?
- Is the provision of school/shops etc guaranteed in Phase I?
- When will airfield road be re-open?

- Will improvements to B1050/A14 be done in timely manner?
- Will we have a local 24 hr police stations?
- How will internet access and broadband be handled?
- We have come from Burwell where a Masterplan is in progress for building up to 400 homes in next 20 years. We had large, detailed maps and a great deal of information about options. Here we have two inaccurate drawings for up to 10,000 homes – whole new town. Perhaps chose to get same level of investment in our information.

Other things you'd like to know more about?

- Longstanton seems to have everything to lose and nothing to gain – S106? Upgrades to Longstanton?
- Cycle ways and pathways connecting Rampton Drift to the Guided Busway.
- Sewage – land ownership – different arrangements.
- Play park would be in Town Centre.

Is there anything you'd like to be involved in?

- Plan green spaces and trees between houses – not cramped together.
- Poor display of maps – 2 maps not consistent with each other.
- Muddled thinking! Build on airfield first instead of disrupting the village from the other end.
- Both youth and adult entertainment – fitness and recreation

Anything else you'd like to say

There is a pervading sense that the only involvement of the community is in:

- 1) The propaganda exercises to quell dissent and persuade locals to be apathetic and accept being ignored.
- 2) Paying for the whole thing whether existing or incoming residents.

How would you like us to keep you informed?

- Website please
- Consultation – what?? Been a farce from start to finish – I hope the Councillors who voted this through will be accountable in the future!!
- I would like to know what decisions and choices I really have any say in.
- I agree with the comment below written on the sheet.
- I agree with the comments below – it is frustrating.
- This 'consultation' (or drop in) is pointless. Longstanton residents have been 'consulted' about the development of Northstowe numerous times but their views are ignored by SCDC/CCC. In Spring 2012 hundreds of residents made their views known in writing to SCDC but little or no account of their representations were taken on board by the SCDC/CCC in its decision to press ahead with the developers plans. Indeed, leaflets issued by SCDC during the consultation were widely seen as promoting the developers plans and rejecting the valid points made by Longstanton residents. These latest drop in 'consultations' are merely going through the motions again so that SCDC/CCC can say they have 'consulted' again' this is an utter waste of council taxpayers money and somewhat insultin to residents whose views are continuously ignored.
- A visit to the Golf Club would be beneficial to members to let us know when the course is likely to close.
- e-newsletter – facebook/twitter and weekend drop-ins.
- can we please have better and more notice of events – a few days isn't enough.