

## Planning committee meeting, 25 August 2022

### Briefing note

#### 1 Planning applications, Item 22-23 P21

- a. Item a is the application for 15 self build services plots deferred from the 2 August meeting to allow the Committee to take advice from SCDC on “whether the contributions proposed by Mr Blundell on page 4 can be taken into account”. These are the contributions totalling £800,000 proposed by the applicant at the meeting. They are on page 4 of the notes he handed out. The notes accompany the agenda for that reason. We SCDC have advised that the question has also been raised by a Fowlmere resident (whilst not identifying that person) and on 15 August replied as follows:

*“The District Council has now received a letter from the applicant formally offering up sums in addition to those that have been identified by the District Council during the course of the consultation. These are as follows:*

*1. £100,000 off site contribution towards improving highway safety along Chrishall Road/Pipers Close and improving/maintaining the existing drainage system that serves Pipers Close, Chapel Lane and other nearby surrounding roads. This contribution would be in addition to the highway works proposed shown along Chrishall Road on the TPA drawing numbered PL101 Rev A, which themselves would be provided through a planning condition. A proportion of the contribution would also go to an extensive CCTV survey of the existing drainage network of Fowlmere ensuring that future blockages are avoided.*

*2. £400,000 off site financial contribution towards a new community shop on a suitable site, such as at the village hall. Alternatively, my client will be discussing with the Parish Council how a village shop could be provided through the planning process, which could form part of the S106 planning obligation.*

*A copy of the applicants [sic] letter will be uploaded to the website in due course and located in the ‘Documents’ tab where you would find all other planning documents.*

*At the present time very limited weight can be given to this proposal and so we have today asked the applicant to provide detailed information explaining why it is their view that this offer meets the relevant legal tests to which you are familiar. This letter will also be uploaded to the website as will any further correspondence.*

*We have given the applicant 7 days to provide this information which would enable the District Council to form a view on the weight that it can be given in the consideration of the application, and to allow the Planning*

*Committee of the Parish Council sight of this additional information when it meets on Thursday 25th August.”*

At the time of issuing the agenda that is the up to date position.

Councillors may also wish to consult the report of the housing needs survey carried out in 2020 which can be found on the FPC website - <https://www.fowlmereparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/fowlmere-hns-public-2020-final.pdf> .

- b. Item b) is an application for a domestic extension at 78 Chapel Lane. Some councillors may need to declare an interest and recuse themselves.
- c. Item c) is an application from the RSPB for works at the bird reserve.

2 **22-23/P22 Greater Cambridge Local Plan Call for Sites.**

- a. Councillors will recall that SCDC have asked parish councils for any factual information they may have which the council is unlikely to know in relation to sites proposed in response to the First Proposals and some added information on sites proposed in response to the original Call-for-Sites. We discussed this at the 2 August planning committee meeting and Cllrs Baker-Oxley and Roberts volunteered to join the working party with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Planning. The working party was authorised to submit a response to SCDC.
- b. The relevant sites for this stage are numbers 40012, 40116, 40252, 59392, 59393, 59399, 59402, 59408. They are on the interactive map <https://greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/site-submissions/> but to be frank it is hard to use. The working party's proposed response takes the precaution of describing the sites to make it easier for us all.
- c. The working party has considered the changes and prepared its response which accompanies the agenda. Although the working party was authorised on 2 August to submit the information to SCDC, the committee meeting on 25 August gives the opportunity to put the submissions to the committee for approval. Matters are factual and it is to be hoped uncontroversial, but if having read the draft councillors have any further facts (as opposed to opinions or comment) which they consider must be included please will they inform the Chair before the meeting if at all possible. Please bear in mind that although our proposed comments are organised on one single document for the purpose of the meeting, when they are submitted to SCDC that must be done using their online questionnaire which is arranged site by site and question by question.
- d. In relation to the land east of Long Lane which is the subject of the Croudace planning application 22/02356, refused on 17 August, the working party has included some facts which will already be known to SCDC through that process. The working party has referred to and inserted links to the FPC consultation response, the SCDC officers' report, statutory consultation responses and other representations.

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