



# NORTHSTOWE NEWSLETTER

## Introduction

The evolution of Northstowe passed an important milestone on 19th March. The Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee considered the Heads of Terms for the planning agreement and agreed the developer's provision of funding of £30m for the community infrastructure and 20% affordable housing. The team is continuing to work with the developer on the details of the Agreement and we hope to issue the outline planning consent in the early summer. The table below is taken from the Committee report and summarises the provisions, subject to final agreements.



Section 106 Planning Agreement Headings	Proposed Allocation (TBC)
Education: Primary School and Secondary School	£19,000,000 plus land transfer
Waste: Household Recycling Centre	£190,395 plus 1.25 ha land
Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS)	£1,015,967
Transport: CGB, Public Transport, Monitoring, Cycle Link, Travel Plans	£5,917,500
Community Centre and Community Support and Development	£1,847,500
Environmental monitoring and remediation	£467,175
Governance and community endowment	£1,522,500
Public Realm and Open Space	£3,136,263
Waste Collection	£174,250
Affordable Housing 20% subject to mix and tenure	Provided by the Developer
<b>Cambridgeshire County Council/South Cambridge District Council</b>	<b>£26,123,862 / £6,147,688</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>£32,271,550</b>

## VIP Visits

Northstowe can look forward to visits by two important people in the next few weeks. The President of the Royal Town Planning Institute will be touring around the site in early May. In June Nick Boles MP, Planning Minister, will be coming to Cambridgeshire to hear more about the growth areas, particularly Northstowe.

## Community Drop-in

Find out more about the emerging Northstowe Design Principles and Codes at Longstanton Village Institute on 18 May from 10 - 12 Noon

## THE MONTH AHEAD ...

Visit by RTPI President  
2 May

Parish Forum  
22 May

Community Drop-In  
18 May

NJDCC Briefing only  
provisionally 29 May

# Planning For The New Secondary School

The Cambridge Meridian Educational Trust was selected by the County Council to deliver Northstowe's secondary school and post 16 provision, in partnership with Swavesey Village College (SVC) with its culture of outstanding achievement and national recognition.

## **How will secondary education be provided?**

Secondary school education will initially be provided from September 2015 in a wing of the primary school. Students will benefit from the breadth of opportunity from being part of SVC whilst enjoying individual attention being taught in a small cohort - joint educational visits, outward bound, visits to other countries, as well as sharing extra-curricular sport and other clubs.

The secondary education for Years 7, 8 and 9 and will continue through the first three years in the Primary School. The quality of education at both schools will be identical and eventually Northstowe Secondary will be the larger partner!

## **How will the new secondary school students be integrated?**

Initially students will probably be "adopted" by the existing Houses at Swavesey. Starting as students in a single Year 7 form, they will join the successful Vertical Tutoring system at the start of their second year. Whilst they will always be the "elders" of their Houses within the Northstowe Secondary, they will have "buddies" at Swavesey to provide guidance and support in the best traditions of the system.

## **What will the early new secondary school experience be like?**

The initial cohorts of students will be pioneers. The students and their parents will have opportunities to shape their own school - its physical space, curriculum and ethos, the school name, uniform design and so on.

## **What will the new secondary school building be like?**

The school building for 600 students is due to open in September 2018 as a 'four forms of entry (FE)' or 120 students for each of the five years. It will have approximately half of the core facilities (lunch spaces, libraries, and sports Facilities etc) which will ultimately serve the forecast '12 FE' school of the future. The Trust is procuring a Project Management Team to lead the Design and Construct building programme and is exploring opportunities for creating an innovative and sustainable but affordable building through the "Mobilising Local Energy Investment" project.

## **How will the school be governed?**

The Shadow Governing Body will expand this body with applicants from new students and parents. Membership is:

- Mike Fox - former Chair of Governors, SVC, co-author of the Trust's bid to for the Northstowe secondary school.
- Dr Andy Batey - former Chair of Governors at Hatton Park Primary School.
- Mark Woods - former Vice Principal of SVC, Principal of the Trust's Nene Park Academy, Peterborough.

## **What is the role of the School in the Community?**

The Trust is committed to ensuring that the school is at the heart of the community and is looking forward to working out how to create a "Village College for the 21st Century" for the existing and new communities of Northstowe. Should you be interested in exploring the opportunity to contribute, please contact Mark Woods at [mwoods@neneparkacademy.org](mailto:mwoods@neneparkacademy.org)

