

TWI and Granta Park access

As you all know, this issue continues to cause a great deal of local concern. At last week's public meeting Brian Smith and I presented the local case.

As I said at the meeting, there is a clear and practical solution to part of the problem - an access card for local villages issued jointly by TWI and Granta Park that would enable local residents to access the site through any of the controlled accesses. However, this is only a partial solution since the issue of access via the old Coach Road remains unresolved.

In my view the way forward involves another public meeting, held no later than six weeks after last week's meeting, involving representatives from Granta Park, TWI and the Nutt estate. Only by having representatives from all those involved can we move on. The timescale is necessary for two reasons, (a) because of the need for Granta Park and TWI to meet to consider the matter further and (b) to resolve the matter sooner rather than later and not allowing the matter to drag on over a protracted period.

Local Highways Improvement (LHI) scheme

Together with the Chairs of Little Abington PC and Great Abington PC, I attended a site meeting outside the Primary School about a potential scheme to form a bid for LHI funding.. The meeting was very constructive and, as a school governor, I will be discuss the matter with school governors this week.

With the involvement of LAPC, GAPC, Hildersham PC and the school governors this can be a real and constructive example of partnership working in action.

A1307 Local Liaison Forum

The fifth Local Liaison Forum workshop, bringing together ideas and views from the four previous workshops, was held on 6 September. Three possible strategies were presented and these will be taken to the public meeting of the A1307 Local Liaison Forum to be held on 26 September at Sawston Village College.

There has been further thought to a possible Park and ride site near Four Wentways or off the A505, and the site on land including the organic farm now appears to be a non-runner.

Uttlesford Local Plan (2011 – 2033)

I have attended a number of meetings during August at Uttlesford DC and at South Cambridgeshire District Council regarding the draft Uttlesford Local Plan.

In early August, I was one of the signatories to a joint letter from a number of local parish councils to the Leader of Uttlesford District Council, and my own personal response on 4 September to the consultation is attached. Uttlesford DC will consider the responses over the next two months and the next relevant meeting will be their Planning Policy Working Group meeting in late October or early November.

Abington housing

Following further documentation and local consultation, the **Linton Road, Great Abington** planning application is now expected to be considered at the October meeting of the SCDC Planning Committee.

and finally, the Inspector's report on the **SCDC Local Plan** is awaited but, as far as I am aware, no specific date for its publication has been announced.

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