COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITY AT SPRINGSTEAD VILLAGE

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Introduction - Doing things differently

- In growth areas we recognise that there are multiple stakeholders that exist in and around where new communities are emerging. They all have a role to play and an interest in building a strong, supportive and welcoming community.
- By bringing stakeholders together and supporting each other, we are hoping to help create a positive and fulfilling environment for everyone.
- The intention is to recognise and build on the strengths of those living and working in Springstead, Cherry Hinton and Teversham, to ‘do with’ and ‘do alongside’ these communities
- We have thought about the most effective ways to utilise developer contributions (S106) in this space, as the City Council infrastructure changes to focus on more enabling and convening approaches to working with communities.

Identifying common goals - community development action planning group

In March 2024 key local groups were invited along to the first action planning group for Springstead, where we discussed things that people were looking forward to, things that they were expecting to find challenging, and to generate ideas for activities to welcome new residents. This group now includes representatives from;

- Local authorities - Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Teversham Parish Council
- Schools
- Health - Social prescribers and Integrated Neighbourhoods
- Faith spaces
- Residents association
- Cherry Hinton Hub
- Developers - Bellway and Latimer

Identifying common goals - community development action planning group

- This group has since met in June and September, to revisit the action planning document that was developed at the first meeting and update each other on key activity. Useful connections and relationships have developed between partners, enabling actions to move forward with fewer barriers and blockers
- Between these meetings smaller working groups have emerged focusing on
    - Developing and delivering a welcome pack for new residents at Springstead
    - Activities to welcome new residents and link them in to existing activities in surrounding places and spaces
- At the start of the year this group were also invited to comment on early plans for the Temporary Community Facility. This allowed for the voices of potential users of the space to be listened to and for community members to tangibly effect change to ensure the space was what local people want and need

Key themes for collaborative working in this space

- Creating space to understand each others priorities, always with the common goal of ensuring a happy and welcoming environment for new residents.

- Creating a space where we can support each other to achieve that common goal, where we can identify strengths and who's best placed to do what

- Enabling connections and effective/open communication

- Sharing relevant information and knowledge about the wider Cambridge East development and opportunities to be involved in engagement and decision making

Contact

If you'd like to learn more about the approach we're taking here, be involved in the work or connected to those involved already you can contact me on

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Question Time