

# OUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please give this leaflet your attention as the deadline for responses to the planning application is **10<sup>th</sup> April 2017**, which is rapidly approaching.

As you will no doubt be aware there is a shortage of housing in the Cambridge area and one of the key sites chosen for development to help satisfy this need is the Waterbeach barracks site.



The Outline Planning Application (OPA) for the Waterbeach barracks development has now been submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council and has entered the consultation phase, during which comments and representations can be submitted regarding the development.



The site for which the application has been made (outlined in red) is for 6,500 new homes, including schools, retail and landscaping, however, the overall site set aside in the strategic plan is for 10,000 homes.

It is estimated that the total population of this development could represent an increase in the population of metropolitan Cambridge of 12-15%.

The documents refer to a build density of up to 60 dwellings per hectare, with building heights up to 30m.

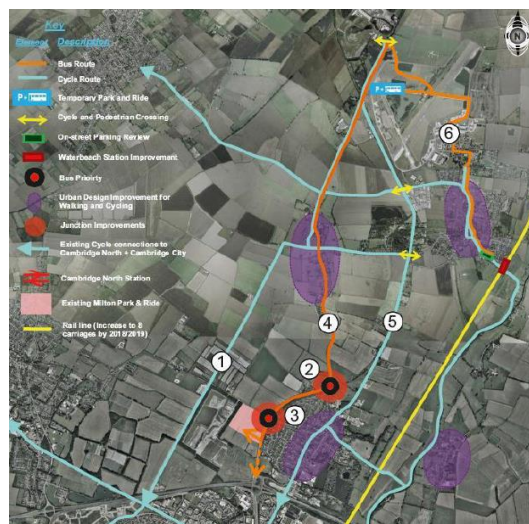
Clearly such a development will provide urgently needed housing, however, there are a number of aspects of the application that raise real cause for concern.

Those who attended the presentation by the applicants Urban and Civic Ltd in the village hall will be aware that there are currently no mitigation plans in place for the impact additional traffic could have on Horningsea other than some basic traffic calming.

The current focus is on making improvements to the A10 and providing cycle paths and bus services.

The application documents conflict with each other. Some assume, implausibly, that this additional housing will not result in any increase in traffic through Horningsea, whereas others state the increase to be just 1%.

The applicant has also stated that residents will not live in Waterbeach and commute to the south of Cambridge.



The recommendation made in the application is to operate a 'Monitor and Manage' policy, to effectively start building and then see what needs to be done, which appears fundamentally flawed.

There have been a number of examples recently in either political elections or referendums where the outcome has been unexpected and many who have decided not to vote or take action have seen an unexpected outcome. It is crucial at this stage in proceedings that the council understands the weight of public opinion and one way to do this is through the number of comments lodged.

Those who have resided in Horningsea for more than 10 years may recall the proposal to relocate the Milton sewerage plant to an area within the Horningsea Parish Boundary. Whilst there were many reasons for the relocation not going ahead, a major contributor was the sheer number of responses submitted to the plans from village residents.

The process for making representations is very simple and is outlined on the following page with links to the sources of information, so please take the time to help safeguard our village from impact.

## Where to find the information and how to comment

The following links provide an introduction to the planning application:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/have-your-say-proposals-new-town-north-waterbeach>

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/waterbeach>

### How do I comment?

The easiest way for you to view the plans and also to have your say is to visit our [website](#) and search for the planning application using the application reference number S/0559/17/OL.

By clicking the [website](#) link, or the link below, this should take you to the planning search page:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/search-planning-application>

### View or comment on a planning application

There are three ways to search for planning applications:

1. [Search by map](#)
2. [Search by reference number](#)
3. [Search by date](#)

This page will allow you to search by planning reference number. It also provides guidance on material planning considerations and the sort of responses that can be made.

The Planning Application number is : **S/0559/17/OL**

The following link takes you directly to the planning search box:

<http://plan.scambs.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/wphappcriteria.display>

By entering the application number and clicking search this should show the application for Waterbeach Barracks and by selecting the application will reach the page below:

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Application Details**

Planning Application Ref: S/0559/17/OL  
Registration Date: 17-Feb-2017  
Decision Date:  
Application Type: Outline Planning (Large Major)  
Extension of time to:  
Parish: Landbeach CP Waterbeach CP  
Main Location: Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield Site, Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire  
Full Description: Outline Planning Application for up to 6,500 dwellings (including up to 600 residential institutional units), business, retail, community, leisure and sports uses; a hotel; new primary and secondary schools; green open spaces including parks, ecological areas and woodlands; principal new accesses from the A10 and other points of access; associated infrastructure, groundworks and demolition; with all matters reserved except for the first primary junction from the A10.  
Status: Out for Consultation  
Comment: [Comment on this application](#)

[Applicant & Agent Details](#) [Decision & Publicity](#) [Plans & Docs \(278\)](#) [Appeal Details](#) [Map Details](#)

By clicking on the '[comment on this application](#)' link, a response box will be provided that allows comments to be typed in or an attachment to be uploaded.

The following link should take you directly to the planning application comments page:

<http://plan.scambs.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/wphmakerep.displayURL?ApnID=S/0559/17/OL>

If you require assistance, do not have access to the internet, or wish to discuss the application further please contact a member of the Parish Council or the residents group 'Horningsea Planning', which has been established to explore these matters further and seeks to ensure the village does not suffer detrimental impact.

Further information is also available on the village website at the following link:

<http://www.horningsea.net/horningsea-planning>

