

Stambridge and Paglesham Parish Workshop

The following notes are a record of the discussions held at the Stambridge and Parish Local Plan workshop on Thursday 6th October 2016. Please also refer to the presentation and maps for a full picture of the topics discussed at the workshop.

1 Summary of Notes and Findings

Comments received during the Discussion

See Map documents for additional notes made at this stage

Pre-schools: At Stambridge Primary Academy and Mini Marvels

- Feed not only into Stambridge Primary Academy but also into other primary schools in the District (Holt Farm, Waterman etc.)
- Children come from as far as Ashingdon and Hawkwell to attend
- Therefore more strategic overview needed on Education situation; not as simple as to only look at the two pre-schools and the one primary school

79% of residents on a recent survey indicated that they would like to have a local convenience store/post office

- Co-operative/local owned?
- Part conversion of existing building?
- Would be used by residents of Paglesham and Stambridge to avoid congestion/effort of Rochford town centre/Golden Cross
- Some groups find it difficult to access current facilities
- Age demographic is increasingly elderly and care rates have also increased. These residents are less able to visit Rochford/Ashingdon stores for basics and would appreciate a small local shop

Option - locate an option for convenience store to help sustain community

Potential for a Farm Shop?

- Benefit to local farmers/producers
- Sell fresh produce, more appealing than
- Could bring customers from local villages/towns into the area and boost local economy
- How can Rochford assist in making this happen? Funding streams?
- Both Paglesham and Stambridge Parish Councillors expressed an interest in a farm shop
- Profits would be retained within the local community

Better Local Transport Links

- 'Parish Community Bus' could operate off timetable/demand-led and provide a means for local residents to access facilities in Rochford/Southend
- Bus could be hired on a subscription basis by the Parish Council? PC funded?
- Pay-as-you-go fare system
- Ultimately would need to be viable – unlikely to be able to sustain super-regular service

Local Internet Provision

- Fibre has reached junction box in Stambridge but 'not fed through.' Could be prior to the 2017/18 specified by Superfast Essex?
- Fast broadband/fibre would be appreciated in Paglesham who currently suffer from low speeds
- Low speeds deter businesses from locating in the area as they depend on reliable internet for their work
- That has a knock-on effect on the local economy and employment

Business Support/Rates

- Local businesses need to be made more aware of the support/funding available to them
- Some suspect that smaller businesses exist, unbeknownst to the Council, who may be liable for businesses rates
- In many cases, the funding available to them may dwarf the business rates due

Highway Signs

- Between Stambridge Road and Apton Hall Road, inconsistent highway signs
- Goes to National Speed Limit when still houses, then to 30mph, then back to NSL then to 20mph
- Very confusing for motorists and may lead to inappropriate speeds in residential areas
- Discuss with Essex Highways?
- Traffic calming measures?

Next steps

- Parish Council and parishioners to be continually engaged and notified of updates
- Issues & Options document Autumn 2016: Open, visioning, range of options. To meet with parish before hand to ensure compatibility