

## **County Councillor's report**

### **Tall Chimneys**

Those who have lived in Cambridge for more than 50 years will recall the first phases of the Addenbrook's hospital development on its new site on Hills Road. One of the iconic structures has been a landmark 60-metre-high concrete chimney constructed in 1962. But, subject to planning, a new 60-metre-high ventilation building is proposed to be erected as part of a new energy centre on vacant land to the south of the existing development. However the existing concrete tower will remain for limited ventilation.

The reasons for these proposals are;

- Existing plant on site is aging
- Increasingly difficult to meet carbon reduction and sustainability targets
- Challenging environmental standards
- Requirement to invest in energy efficient measures in existing hospital

An integrated energy strategy for a sustainable future is planned. The new facility will provide low carbon heating, hot water and electricity to the hospital and future developments on the site. The energy centre will be saving almost 30,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> every year, equating to a 47% reduction in Addenbrooke's current carbon emissions. The onsite energy generation will deliver secure, reliable and predictably priced energy whilst helping the Trust surpass its NHS sustainability targets by 27%.

These proposals go for consideration to the County Planning Committee, of which I am a member, in July.

### **New Members' induction**

As reported last month this is well under way. I have attended briefing and training in the following: Standards and Governance, School Transport Appeals, Diversity and County Planning.

The County also has five Overview and Scrutiny committees. These are to "Hold the Executive to Account" and "Undertake performance reviews both of the County and its partners". I have attended briefings of: Overview and Scrutiny, Safer and Stronger, Resources and Performance and Enterprise and Growth.

### **Northstowe Transport Working Group**

This group has been set up to review and advise the Northstowe planning committee on all traffic issue that will affect Northstowe and the many surrounding villages, which include Bar Hill, Dry Drayton and Girton. The Group has now met twice and has: set up a traffic monitoring area with 10 permanent traffic flow recording sites which are now in place; set up mobile recording equipment that can be used in the area; and received and reviewed an updated road layout of the B1050 in the area of the phase 1 development.

The group will be meeting on a monthly basis to provide information to the Planning Committee as require. I am a member of the group representing the County Council.

### **North West Community Forum**

For some year the City, District and County Councils have held meetings for representatives from communities living near the proposed development sites. This covers the NIAB, University and Darwin Green developments. I have attended many of these meeting which give opportunities for informal dialogue. The recent June meeting focused on the Community / public art, past, present and future. The event started with a drop in section for any resident to view the current plans and to raise questions with developers. This was followed by detailed presentation from the University and Darwin Green architect, followed by questions. I am Chairman and member of this Forum

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