

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL ADDRESS TO SCDC PLANNING
COMMITTEE 14th JULY 2021 – INNOVATION PARK PLANNING REF
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Waterbeach Parish Council (WPC) notes that SCDC Officers have agreed a lump sum payment of £22000 as sufficient for WPC to maintain the bus stops for the development in perpetuity.

WPC notes that a contribution of £10,000 is sought for street lighting for Denny End Road and is being allocated to the future phase S106 agreement. It is clear no money has been allocated for such improvements in phase 1. WPC specifically requested that a lit footway be provided to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists from the beginning if this application is granted approval.

WPC is unclear when councillors were formally approached to be party to the S106 agreements as there appears to have been no formal invitation for these and other S106 agreements for the development. WPC when requesting conditions (page 27 para 22 of the agenda pack) asked that the drainage ditch and bus stops were the responsibility of the Innovation Park.

There is no provision for a pedestrian footway along Denny End Road from the development to the A10 junction and South of the development on the Western side towards the village as requested by WPC. This entrance is subject to speeding vehicles accessing and exiting the industrial estates and Waterbeach village. It is especially dark and dangerous for pedestrians particularly in the winter months.

It is further exacerbated by Urban & Civic's original proposals for a temporary access for construction traffic accessing the site via Denny End Road to become permanent. Originally this was temporary until the Northern access from the A10 was constructed. This will further increase traffic numbers and risk to pedestrians and cyclists.

WPC notes that by way of S106 Phase 1 will give £70,000 to the Waterbeach to Cambridge Greenway and a future phase will give a further £54000. WPC understands that is a Greater Cambridge Partnership initiative funded by the Cambridge City Deal not developer contributions?

WPC considers the proposed package of funding for this development does not serve the interests of Waterbeach residents. WPC's requests for S106

contributions to the village sadly appear to have fallen on deaf ears in favour of the Greenway?

WPC would like to add a note of caution regarding the provision of potable water, electricity, sewage and broadband for the parish. After years of speculative development WPC is concerned that due to information received many required essential services are now at capacity. Although utility providers have a legal obligation to provide their services does SCDC have any checks in place to ensure supply and demand is met?