

Public Meeting 25th November 2019

Comments from Residents

Notes from the floor:

- What does SCDC consider to be "Community". Northstowe appeared to not be represented at the meeting (except for Maria).
 - How will the boundary review affect Hatton Park School and other similar resources. (SCDC comment was Schools are County responsibility etc.)
 - What about land ownership in the village that may be affected? (SCDC comment was ownership/title won't change, just which parish it lies in may)
 - A resident from Station Road that has been in the village 70 years commented that the Mereway should stay the boundary.
 - Northstowe is creeping closer and closer to Longstanton. I chose to live in a village and it will be swallowed up!
 - Rampton Drift resident was very vocal about them NOT being considered as part of the review.
 - Hilary Stroude encouraged those present to think "longer term".
 - One resident questioned whether we could contact other places that have been through this exercise (SCDC commented that it is very individual to each situation so nowhere really has the same experience)
 - One resident asked "what do you mean by a clear difference"?
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Notes from the papers laid out for comments after the presentation:

Joining With Northstowe:

- I moved to a village and I want to stay in a village + not a town!
- I want to stay in a village but also it would be nice to be "friends" and perhaps mix at times. After 50 years here it's always had a nice friendly feeling. Not sure what happened at Crabtree Corner development as this is definitely built on Longstanton Land. Make the corridor to go there too.
- Is it inevitable if Northstowe grows we're effectively a suburb as it stands. What happened to separation between Longstanton and Northstowe?
- What will happen to Rampton Drift? What is the timetable for RD becoming part of Northstowe? Is there any feasible scenario where RD could stay part of Longstanton?

Staying a Village:

- The village has a "history". Northstowe does not. I would not want to lose what is "treasure". I would prefer to see a clear "green" border between obvious that what is LS and what is NS just like the difference between LS and Oakington. (Heather LS)
- The "old" boundary has done well for hundreds of years. Leave as is (B1050-Mereway). Would live in a town if I wanted town life. (Pat Sheridan)
- The Vote (65-2) said it all.
- More voices representing Longstanton on a Parish Council means better representation of views than 1 "rep" on Northstowe council?

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Transport:

- Do we lose OWLS?
- Any effects on bus provision and costs (Citi 5 and Busway)

Employment:

- Employment opportunities have already been turned down and Northstowe sites as one of the reasons. e.g. retail outlet at Bar Hill + change of use of business premises at the business unit. This should not be the case as town centre Northstowe is many years away + locals should be given these opportunities rather than made to wait for Northstowe

Well Being:

- I left Bar Hill to improve my wellbeing - I needed to be in a village with its history, livelihood and definition. I don't want to have my house swallowed by another urban expansion.
- Green Space is essential to well-being
- More trees

Conservation:

- This is key. The loss of the golf course and its wildlife is a significant loss. The village must have the ability to make decisions about the conservation it wants.
- Green Space - necessary for general mental health and well-being. Looks like we are losing more from plans?
- Displaced Wildlife - need to ensure preservation
- Problems with Drainage and Watercourses in Longstanton due to Northstowe Dev
- Large green demarcation between LS & NS -> need to still hear the twany owls at night. Its good for the soul to do a great birdcount every week - never managed this in Bar Hill in 20 years. Glad I moved.
- Replace lost hedgerows on Rampton Drift

Facilities:

- Need stuff for kids/teens to do . Already getting some bored Northstowe youths causing issues in Longstanton.

History:

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- Church Preservation - which option serves better? Are diocese affected?