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Subject: CIL provision for temporary provision during construction

Good Morning,

Having been very much involved in the planning and development on the Southern Fringe both as an elected councillor and as a resident, I am writing to emphasise the need for CIL agreements to include appropriate infrastructure as soon as new residents move in. As we know, larger developments can take decades to complete, and even longer for adoption to be resolved. This leaves many new residents without even basic health and education provision, or in competition for resources with 'older' residents of nearby settlements.

It is well recognised that a few simple provisions can make a great difference in the early days of a new housing development. For example.....

*Temporary areas of hardstanding can be used by mobile libraries, foodvans, and healthcare units, minibus pickup and visits by fish or vegetable vans, especially if some basic seating, (solar-powered) lighting and a noticeboard are added.

*Temporary portacabins are immensely useful and can be shared by a variety of public and community projects, especially with basic power, water and drainage if possible. These can be moved on as the construction progresses

*Shared use of show homes has been very successful, providing accommodation for community development workers as well as comfortable venues for leisure&wellbeing such as toddler groups, stitching clubs, book clubs, prayer groups, community cafes and popup pubs. Marketing suites can be designed to include spaces for local meetings bringing new and old residents together.

There has been much discussion about the problems that inevitably arise when the more substantial infrastructure is not built for many years after the first residents buy their homes and move in. Studies of relatively low cost 'meanwhile' provision demonstrate its significant benefit for community development, and I would strongly urge the Greater Cambridge Planning Authority to include this in their strategy and detailed planning.

I would welcome further discussions on this subject.

best wishes



