

SOHAM

Masterplan Vision



Shaping Soham's Future

The debate on the future of Soham is now underway with the appointment of Entec as consultants to lead on the Soham Masterplan Vision.

How can we enhance Soham as a special place to live and work? What are our aspirations for the town over the next 20 years? How can we encourage industry and employment into the area? How can we ensure that housing, employment, leisure and transport developments are delivered in a coordinated way?

A range of events are being planned, to allow as many people as possible to be involved in shaping Soham's future development.

How you can get involved

- Attend the forthcoming Public Consultation Session on the 11th February 2009 at the Pavilion
- Write to Soham Masterplan, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4EE
- Contact any of the Soham Masterplan Vision Working Party
- Ask to be added to the Soham Masterplan contact database via sohammasterplan@eastcambs.gov.uk or by telephoning (01353) 665555
- Send your thoughts and ideas via email to sohammasterplan@eastcambs.gov.uk

- Visit the ECDC website homepage www.eastcambs.gov.uk and complete the on-line survey

Soham Masterplan Vision Working Party

The working party was set up by the Strategic Development Committee at ECDC to ensure that the masterplan progresses in a structured and open manner.

Their role is to ensure a coordinated approach to the long-term development of Soham, and to ensure effective and meaningful dialogue and consultation during the development of the Masterplan.

Working Party Members are:

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Councillor Rosemary Aitchison
(Soham Town Council) is a co-opted member 01353 720 177
Councillor John Powley (Cambridgeshire County Council) is a co-opted member

The next Working Party meeting is scheduled for Tuesday **10th February at 4pm at East Cambridgeshire District Council's Offices, Ely.**

What is a Masterplan?

A masterplan is a plan for major change in a defined physical area. A masterplan sets out proposals for buildings, spaces, movement and land use, matching these aspirations to a delivery strategy.

A masterplan can

- Show ways in which new neighbourhoods can be integrated into existing communities, and built and natural environments
- Show how streets, squares and open spaces of a neighbourhood are to be connected
- Set out suggested relationships between buildings and public spaces
- Determine the activities and uses which will take place in an area
- Identify the movement patterns for people on foot, or by bicycle, car or public transport, as well as looking at the needs of service and refuse vehicles
- Set out the basis for the provision of utilities and other infrastructure elements

Why produce a Masterplan for Soham?

There has been rapid growth in Soham over recent years. There is continuing pressure for further growth and we need to ensure that we obtain the benefits from this

How will the Masterplan be used?

The final masterplan document will identify actions and developments that will improve Soham and cater for sustainable growth. Once the masterplan document is completed, work will then start on the implementation phase with the delivery of projects. This is likely to take a number of years. Four towns in the East of England have recently produced masterplans; Chelmsford, Gunnels Wood in Stevenage, Felixstowe and King's Lynn. A masterplan is also currently being developed for Ely.

For more information on Masterplans visit www.cabe.org.uk

