

SOHAM EASTERN GATEWAY



20 November 2018

Dear resident,

Soham Eastern Gateway – vehicle link to Soham town centre

This Land's™ proposals for the residential-led development of Soham Eastern Gateway are almost complete, having benefitted from the input received throughout the various public consultation events that were held earlier this year. A further exhibition is planned in the New Year to showcase the final plans to the community before a planning application for Soham Eastern Gateway is submitted. Details of this exhibition will be publicised as soon as dates have been arranged. Before the exhibition takes place, we wanted to let you know that as part of the forthcoming planning application we will be proposing a new vehicular access route through Soham Eastern Gateway from the roundabout planned on the A142, to the town centre. A link was called for in the 2010 Soham Masterplan and has since been recognised as policy within East Cambridgeshire District Council's Local Plan. The idea was also strongly supported by many respondents to our public consultation.

As you may know, two potential solutions were initially considered to facilitate road traffic access to the town centre; via either Pratt Street or Brewhouse Lane. Pratt Street was rejected early on in the consultation process by the County Highways Department, primarily due to concerns about the safety implications for Weatheralls Primary School, whilst Brewhouse Lane was regarded as difficult because of the access that would be required through the health centre.

Recently, however, This Land™ has reached an agreement with the owners of the health centre to allow a vehicular route to the town centre via their site and Brewhouse Lane without affecting the business of the health centre. This solution has been the subject of preliminary discussions with the Highways Authority, which has said that it is content with the approach in principle.

Between 26 November and 2 December 2018, our highways consultants, WYG, will carry out existing traffic surveys in order to determine their recommendations for any necessary improvement works to the roads and/or junctions in the Brewhouse Lane area. We will report back to the community on the results in the forthcoming exhibition in early 2019. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us. Further details of the Soham Eastern Gateway project can be found on the project website at: www.sohameasterngateway.com.

Yours sincerely,

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