



Combined Authority Board Meeting

5 June 2024 – Ordinary Meeting

Title: Public Questions

Public Report: Yes

Question 1 – from The Save Wilburton from Overdevelopment Community Group

To Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Question: We write to you as residents of the community of Wilburton in East Cambridgeshire.

In April 2020 the Mayor's office submitted a letter in support of a planning application by the SWCLT and Laragh Homes to develop 'Camps Field' in Wilburton, asserting its 'community benefits'. Subsequently, in 2022, the Combined Authority determined that this 'Statement of Community Benefit' had been improperly submitted, and requested that it be withdrawn from the planning application.

An investigation was initiated by the Scrutiny and Oversight Committee in July 2022 into areas concerning the Combined Authority's governance with specific regard to their housing programme. This investigation has been delayed.

On 26th April 2024 the Camps Field planning application was formally 'Disposed Of' by the LPA under Article 40 of the General Development Procedure Order (2015). With the application now terminated, we wish to ask a public question of the Combined Authority regarding the progress of the promised 2022 enquiry.

Please could you provide an explanation for its delay, an update with respect to the 'Key Lines for the Enquiry' set out in the 25th July 2022 Oversight & Scrutiny Committee Agenda (page 80), and a timeframe for its completion.