

## CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 14 September 2017

In the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall at Cheddon Fitzpaine

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draft minutes awaiting approval

**Present:** Cllrs Webber, Isaacs, Batsch, Thompson & Woollacott. SCC Cllrs Fothergill (part of meeting) & Frascini, D Cllr Cavill & West Monkton Clerk. Clerk: Mrs J Pearson. Mr Richard Burge, Open Spaces Manager, TDBC DLO, Mr Brian Keal, Lengthsman, and Mr A Keal.

**1. Apologies for absence:** D Cllrs Townsend, Tucker, & Parrish. NP Chairman K Tutill.

**2. Declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests – none**

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 August 2017:** It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. All in agreement.

**Public Question Time:** No issues raised.

**4. Richard Burge, Open Spaces Manager, TDBC DLO** attended the meeting to discuss the Public Open Space management and maintenance at Maidenbrook. Clerk has previously shown RB, & Mark Holloway, DLO Tree Surgeon around the estate, and then shown Parish Chairman the following week. A plan was drawn up, and is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

RB reported his role included managing:

All the open spaces for TDBC, all the parks, strips of grass, sports pitches, 50 miles of hedges. It costs £36 per ton to dispose of waste.

The Cleansing Contract (waste bins) is provided to TDBC by Idverde.

RB has a staff of 80 people; grass is cut between end of February to end of September (though the grass is still growing and may have another cut), and hedges cut from September to March with constraints on what can be done. There is no selective weedkill. Hedge cutting – once per year from September onwards.

Management of future estates/Northwalls – It is thought a Management Company to be set up to charge residents an extra fee. RB suggested TDBC would prefer to manage the sites, as previously companies have ceased to trade which causes further problems to the Borough Council.

Commuted sum: there is an ongoing issue to maintain the standards of grass/hedge cutting for the sum obtained.

TDBC Housing tenants pay a quarter of the cost for open space maintenance compared to a local housing provider.

Football Pitch – grants are available for example for: football posts, white lines, pavilions and RB is keen to support. Contact Debbie Arscott, Leisure Officer for further information when required. Also available is the Parish Play Area Grant scheme. A Baseball pitch suggested to WM Parish Council is a possibility.

Rubbish/litter in grass – Q. can this be picked up before it is mown? A. Litter picks prior to grass cutting would be the answer, but not possible to inform everyone before each area is cut – there are simply too many areas.

Nerrols tall hedgeline: This has been cut back by DLO earlier than in previous years, and to a greater depth resulting in a much smarter appearance. Local residents have commented

favourably, and this information passed to RB. Staff have been reassigned duties/areas and this may be the reason. Darren Hill, for TDBC, is now covering the Cheddon parish area. RB encourages community involvement in the public open spaces but not ditches, with the caveat of using hand tools only. Contact Richard Hopkins, Idverde to arrange for support with litter picks; implements can be provided.

Clerk had sought assistance from the Inland Waterways Association (IWA) volunteers to clear overgrown ditches. Steve Bulgin is the team leader for the Maidenbrook area, and his team happy to assist with this task this year as a 'one-off' only. RB confirmed this assistance is acceptable as the team has undergone the necessary training.

RB explained three grass cutting options: 'cut and fly', 'cut and collect', or 'mulching'. The first leaves grass in clumps, the second costs three times the amount of the cut because of transporting grass to the recycling centre, or mulching which cuts the grass more finely. Tests are being carried out prior to purchasing new machines to provide enhanced cutting standards across the Taunton area.

Cat Lane: flytipping/surveillance – this site receives the highest amount of flytipping across Taunton and it had been reported that surveillance would be carried out. Temporary signs are erected to say the site is under surveillance, according to legal practice, but no one was caught initially. Idverde has purchased the cameras and manage the roving installations. The Parish Council could provide 'This Area Is Covered by Cameras' to leave in place permanently. Clerk to follow up.

Flytipping: if black bags are seen, it is recommended that members of the public do not open to see if evidence can be found to indicate those responsible. Contact TDBC to remove.

RB informed the Community Payback Scheme, where offenders come to work, is undertaken in the Borough.

Garden Town Status suggests standards will be higher, but the cost to the council tax will be greater.

**After the above discussion, it was agreed by those present that the Plan/Schedule put forward for the Management of the Public Open Spaces of Maidenbrook be accepted. If all Authorities undertake their tasks, with the support of volunteers in a one-off blitz in autumn 2017, then the Lengthsman to provide mid-year assistance, prior to TDBC undertaking their annual autumn vegetation clearance from 2018 onwards.**

**Lengthsman Brian Keal** explained about protecting water voles; regarding new developments – they are removed from site and returned once the building works have been completed.

A Turftec 'bramble' cutting machine could be hired to facilitate cutting the brambles alongside the canal.

BK has the necessary Highways Chapter 8 training, including Health & Safety. It is expected that greater compliance regulations will be brought in in 2018 resulting in further costs to working practices.

Clerk to walk Maidenbrook with Lengthsman to advise areas to be maintained, and report back to Parish Councillors.

BK advises he is still locating drains within the parish, will clear drains by Field Cottage, and undertake to clean the phone box. As noted above, the Compliance for Chapter 8 is expected to disallow a single person working on the highway on their own. New legislation will require training.

Chairman thanks BK for his excellent work on the Fingerposts – they have been admired. (Parkgate post has a triangular top indicating a Stagecoach stop in the past).

Chairman thanked both Richard Burge and Brian Keal for attending the meeting, and for the exchange of information.

**SCC Reports:** SCC Cllr Frascini reported improvements in the transfer of care, and Secretary of State Hunt noted Somerset as the Best Improved County Council. CQC has 87% of providers are reaching a good or outstanding standard. Ageing Well is being considered by the NHS Health & JSNA committees. Public Health is also running weight management programmes and stop smoking campaigns. Children in social care will receive an Ofsted inspection.

SCC Cllr Fothergill reported St Augustines School to be demolished within the next few weeks. It is allocated for education and must remain so. £9m is required for rebuilding and for part of Selworthy School to be relocated to this site.

Busgate on A38 at Milton Hill: have been installed and the cameras to be switched on shortly. There is no vehicular traffic allowed on this section of road to the new WM junior school; traffic routed round the Eastern Relief Road (ERR). Money raised from fines will be used for traffic management. Western Relief Road (WRR): the land has been bought and work is expected to be undertaken soon.

**TDBC:** D Cllr Cavill reported the renovation to Deane House is being undertaken and will become a paper-free office. Descriptions of the layout were given. The Police will move in in 2018. The Gazette's reporting of the Council borrowing money for the Thales site was not favourable, and could have been written more clearly. The legal papers to allow Conquest move to Cheddon Parish are ongoing. The spare land by the WRR will be green wedge. The Local Framework Development meets today.

**5. Neighbourhood Plan:** Persimmon (Developers for Phase 2 at West Monkton) have requested a week's extension to the Public Consultation of the NP from Friday 15 Sept to 22 Sept 2017. Ann Rhodes, TDBC NP Officer has accepted the request; NP Chairman has expressed his displeasure at the delay to the process.

**NP External Examiner:** AR had provided both Clerks with the names of two available NP Examiners. These had been circulated to the NP Group and Parish Councillors prior to both PC meetings. WM have supported and approved the recommendation of Ann Skippers whose background in NP is considerable. It is hoped work could be undertaken by end of October 2017 and completed prior to the end of 2017.

It was **resolved** to appoint Ann Skippers: All in agreement: Proposed Cllr Woollacott, seconded Cllr Batsch. Clerk to inform the TDBC NP Officer.

**Nexus 25 Consultation:** The Parish response is attached as Appendix 2.

## **6. Cheddon Ward:**

**Residents welcome letter:** Print costs have been obtained on card. It was **resolved** that Cllr Batsch would contact TDBC Print Room to finalise details and for expenditure of up to £50 be approved. All in agreement.

**Defibrillator/s:** Cllr Batsch reported information was gathered from suppliers, installers, and possible grants to be obtained. Considerations include: Duty of Care towards the Community, where the item is located (inside or outside the hall), how many defibs (1 or 2?) located at the hall and/or Cheddon village (or Phone Box if permission is granted). Access to training was discussed; if inside the hall no funding is available. Options include the hall requesting a grant from the PC, or for the PC to underwrite the consumables.

An agreement to have at least one defibrillator within the community was agreed in principle, and the PC would support at both locations. Cllr Batsch to take the matter to the Memorial Hall meeting on 18.9.2017 (as a Trustee of the Hall) for further consideration. Chairman recorded thanks to Cllr Batsch for the considerable effort undertaken to produce the reports on defibrillators.

## **7. Maidenbrook Ward:**

**Composting smells from Viridor/Recycling Centre:** Information and reports had been exchanged between a resident and Matthew Lawson, Compost Manager during August. The centre works hard to avoid work which causes smells when the wind is in the wrong direction; work ceased before the Bank Holiday weekend, though occasionally work must go ahead.

**Notice Board for Northwalls:** Information obtained suggests DWH will provide in due course.

**Possible upstream attenuation pond** (on Maidenbrook) – location near A3259. Flooding at West Monkton can occur as a result of run off from Cheddon area; hence a meeting with two WM residents and Clerk to visit the site to see the geographical topography. WM to follow up and keep Cheddon informed.

**Taunton Park & Glide:** a new section of canal is proposed from Norton Fitzwarren to French Weir. Clerk attended as a volunteer and reports here acknowledging the link from Taunton to the Parishes with watercourses, the NP, and promoting the Garden Town Status. The promoter is an engineer who designed Longrun Meadow attenuation pond – this contact could be useful for the previous item listed above.

**Bovis-Taylor Wimpey update:** Clerk to follow up.

**Taylor Wimpey:** Legal papers at with Sharp Legal who act for TDBC.

**Pond/Old Sheep Dip:** removal of the tree trunk has been undertaken by DLO

**Bench:** Clerk to show Lengthsman the location.

**Wall adjacent to No. 80 Waterleaze:** The building materials have been removed by DLO.

## **8. Highways:**

**Bus Shelter cleaning:** held over to next meeting.

**Noise Complaint from Cashford Gate:** overrunning SCC Highways works on the Toucan Crossing at Nerrols Drive has caused distress to local residents. Information surrounding the works, and an apology have been received. The work was due to be completed prior to the start of term, and is now nearing completion. A second toucan crossing is planned for the A3259 from near Crosslands to the Waterleaze estate.

## **9. Planning Applications:**

**34/16/0007 and 34/16/0014** - Staplegrove east and west plans have been received and will be considered at a public meeting on 20 September 2017. Clerk offers to attend.

**Planning Enforcement case** ref E/138/08/16: TDBC Enforcement Officer has investigated the hedge removal at Brook View, Tudor Park. A letter has been written to the developer outlining his obligations, a new planning application is expected to be submitted, and enforcement will be acted upon in March 2018 if the work has not been undertaken as agreed.

#### 10. Planning Decisions:

**08/17/0019** Construction of dormer roof and erection of raised balcony to the rear of Orchard Lodge Rowford, Lyngford Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

**08/17/0021** Alterations to vehicular access at 4 Park Gate, Volis Hill, Cheddon Fitzpaine **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

**08/17/0022** Replacement of conservatory with part single and part two storey extension to rear of 93 Waterleaze, Cheddon Fitzpaine. **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

**08/17/0026/T** Notification to fell one Pine tree within Hestercombe Conservation Area at Hestercombe Gardens, Hestercombe –**NO OBJECTION - TREES**

#### 11: Reports:

**Church:** Cllr Thompson reported the advertisement has been placed for a half-time priest. It is a new pioneer role with the aim of reaching out into the community. The Heritage Trail was launched on 9.9.2017 'Ride & Stride'. A booklet is available in the four churches and is ongoing. A coffee morning will be given by Mary Gunning on 23.9.2017.

**Memorial Hall:** Cllr Batsch reported the matter of defibrillators (as above), and the Trustees meeting to be held on 18.9.2017. Everyone is welcome.

**School:** Cllr Woollacott reported new pupils arrived and settling in. 149 out of a maximum of 150 children. Headmaster is in school for a 2 ½ day week. Ofsted expected this term.

**Footpaths:** Clerk reports ongoing requests to landowners to clear hedges or footpaths. Aphemol opposite the CMC has cleared the footpath beside the bus shelter.

**Police:** Report received from PCSO Wearmouth for recent months. Extra patrols were undertaken during August regarding youths in the area.

**SLCC Area Meeting:** 1.9.2017. Both WM & Cheddon Clerks attended.

**12. Administration:** October Newsletter draft is progressing.

**13. Finance: The External Audit for 2016-17** has been successfully completed by Grant Thornton and the statutory duties undertaken by the Clerk. The Notice has been posted on the notice boards and website for transparency.

**Auto Enrolment Pension provision:** The Clerk has replied to the Chairman's offer of a pension contribution, and has accepted postponement at this point in time. Clerk to enter details on government online; the matter can be reviewed at any time, and must be reviewed within three years.

#### Bank Reconciliation to 15 August 2017:

22/06/2017	Brian Howe	Internal Auditor (2016/17)	646	£30,914.88	£246.00
30/06/2017	NatWest	BACS charge		£30,914.48	£0.40
30/06/2017	P J Pearson	Clerks Salary	Internet	£30,387.95	£526.53
13/07/2017	HMRC	VAT repayment 2016-2017	Internet	£30,557.88	£0.00
14/07/2017	P J Pearson	Clerks mileage May	Internet	£30,519.53	£38.35
14/07/2017	Brian Keal - lengthsman	Fingerposts/strimming	Internet	£29,669.93	£849.60
28/07/2017	P J Pearson	Clerks salary & NP	Internet	£28,922.23	747.70

28/07/2017	HMRC Somerset County Council	Tax & NI July	Internet	£28,902.38	£19.85
01/08/2017		Sign Post to Church	647	£28,640.20	£262.18
11/08/2017	P J Pearson	Clerks mileage June Newsletter	Internet		£55.25
11/08/2017	TDBC (Apr/Jun/Aug)	printing/various	Internet	£28,281.05	£303.90

#### 14. Payments for Authorisation:

##### Payments 14 September 201

		Pay Date
Mrs P J Pearson – Clerks July & Aug expenses	£65.87	15 September 2017
Mrs P J Pearson Apr-Sept 2017 BT phone/internet	£110.00	15 September 201
Mrs P J Pearson – Clerks September Pay	£574.60	30 September 2017
Neighbourhood Plan hours July & Aug (£149.16 – NI £5.25)	£143.91	30 September 2017
HMRC NI employer £6.04 & employee £5.25 (September)	£11.29	by 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2017
Grant Thornton – external audit 2016-17	£100.00	15 September 2017

**Total: £ 1,005.67**

It was **resolved to approve payment and pay** by internet banking:

Proposed: Cllr Woollacott    Seconded: Cllr Batsch

**15. Matters raised by Councillors:** Clerk had received information regarding the proposed bus shelters on Nerrols Drive as part of the Northwalls S106 agreement. To be considered at the next PC meeting.

**16. Correspondence:** circulated:

Meeting closed: 9.55 pm

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Chairman

## **Appendix 1**

### **CHEDDON FITZPAIN PARISH COUNCIL**

**VISION:** To maintain Maidenbrook Public Open Spaces, including the Attenuation Area, as a flood zone, and also to enhance flora and fauna in the area.

**AIM:** To produce a schedule of maintenance work to be undertaken throughout the year.

**OBJECTIVES:** To arrange volunteers, and associate Authorities, to undertake the maintenance of vegetation.

Parish Clerk

August 2017

## **SCHEDULE OF WORK:**

### **MAIDENBROOK ATTENUATION AREA**

**'BROOK'** - This is the responsibility of the Environment Agency to maintain throughout the year. Clerk informs EA when vegetation requires clearing. Generally, June and October annually.

Flood Zone area: Assistance to be sought from Swaines Lane, Wellington, Somerset Wildlife Trust, Taunton in Transition, Inland Waterways Association, Neroche Woodlanders, Scouts, QAONB, to produce a working plan, and for specific projects to be allocated to specific groups depending on ability.

**MAIDENBROOK – UPSTREAM/DITCHES THROUGHOUT THE ESTATE** All ditches and watercourses are the responsibility of TDBC to maintain: Clearance annually in the autumn by TDBC. Parish Council to provide Lengthsman assistance to trim ditches approx. June/July to reduce autumn workload.

**TREES:** assistance to be provided by Mark Holloway, TDBC Tree Officer to maintain trees from a Health & Safety point of view. Generally, trees will not be cut or pruned if healthy. Branches or limbs overhanging property may be cut. Willows to be pollarded on a bi-annual basis. Barbers Mead tree shelter belt, and trees alongside brook/ditches to be reviewed annually.

### **PUBLIC OPEN SPACES – CANAL-SIDE**

Under discussion (at August 2017). Cranes Close (No. 31 & 32) properties being offered the strip of land beside their houses by Bovis. If legalities completed, these would then be maintained by the respective properties.

### **TDBC:**

- 1. to cut grass throughout the growing season**
- 2. to annually maintain the following areas in the autumn:**
  - Shrubs in front of 34- 28 Cranes Close
  - Shrubs in front of 21-23 Cranes Close
  - Shrubs surrounding bench at approx. 20 - 15 Cranes Close
  - Shrubs in front of 112-118 Waterleaze
  - Shrubs by No: 80 Waterleaze (corner triangle)
  - Hedgeline beside No: 37 Waterleaze (near Sheep pond)
  - Shrubs near 26 Barbers Mead
- 3. to maintain Footpaths hedges:**
  - Notice Board north beside Maidenbrook towards Barbers Mead
  - Hale Way/Sheep Pond/Football pitch footpath (beside 51 Waterleaze)
  - hedge beside 37 Waterleaze
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**CYCLEWAYS:** SCC Highways annually – volunteers to assist June/July with trimming (in order to maintain accessibility, and reduce autumn workload).

**LENGTHSMAN:** to assist in reducing brambles along the length of the canal – supporting the work undertaken by residents at No: 48, 52 & 54 Waterleaze who currently clear 50/75 yds of bankside.

To reduce brambles in attenuation area, and ditches

**VOLUNTEER GARDENING GROUP:** to be set up to keep shrubs in a manageable condition throughout growing season.

## Neighbourhood Plan – July 2017

**Preface** (page 2) states:

The advantages of having a NP are that community assets, such as conservation areas, remain protected and community aspirations, such as improved leisure access to parks, open spaces, sports areas and footpaths, become more achievable.

The aspiration for the NP area is that it becomes a place where families and people can grow and thrive in a sustainable and ecologically sensitive community.

Responses to the residents' questionnaire (March 2016) demonstrate strong support for: (page 86)

- measures within development proposals to encourage wildlife such as 'nature buffer zones' around developments to protect/enhance wildlife;
- maintaining verges in the interests of wildlife (although maintenance/management considerations cannot be NP policies);
- defining wildlife areas in the NP area, with a number of locations suggested;
- the preservation or creation of traditional Somerset orchards in new developments.

**Policy Recreation** (page 87) states:

### **Policy R2: Green Space and Wildlife**

Subject to a viability assessment, new major\* residential developments of 10 or more net additional dwellings (or if the site area is more than 0.5 hectares if dwelling numbers are yet to be agreed) will only be supported if proposals for new green space and/or wildlife areas are included to meet demonstrated local needs and/or to improve local biodiversity.

Specifically, developments which include the following will be supported:

- proposals to create new, and to protect existing, wildlife habitat/networks which enhance and protect local watercourses for wildlife and flood attenuation purposes;
- new residential and commercial buildings which incorporate bird boxes;
- proposals for public open space areas which include, where appropriate, new seating and litter/dog waste bins;
- proposals to protect and create hedgerows, woodlands, individual specimen trees and orchards;

linked to Policy R3, new flood attenuation ponds and areas of recreational green space will be expected to be designed to encourage nature conservation and biodiversity.

(page 88) The vision is to provide quality green space that will help to improve the health and well-being of local people.

Furthermore, the proposed policy will help to deliver the recreation and environment objective by helping to provide a suitable mix of private and open space uses which meet local needs, including children's play areas, sports pitches, allotments and amenity green spaces and which safeguard and enhance the natural environment by promoting connectivity for people and wildlife.

Extract taken from email on Wed 16/08/2017 12:51

From Richard Burge to Clerk

'With regard to the waterways, the streams and banks are our responsibility to maintain (under the maintenance contract with the developers and would continue to be once adopted) and I'll be meeting with the Area Works Manager's responsible for this work to plan how we will tackle this. I don't want to set your expectations too highly, we won't be landscaping these areas, but we will begin a program of practical clearance and ongoing maintenance.'

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## **Appendix 2** – submitted 23/8/2017 to talkingtomorrow@tauntondeane.gov.uk

Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council is responding to the Nexus consultation as it has undertaken a joint Neighbourhood Plan (NP) with West Monkton Parish Council which incorporates part of the site area.

The view is to support Nexus, provided steps are taken to ensure that it will not negatively affect Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish, its existing businesses and employment plans already in place for the future. To this end, we would suggest positive and pro-active joint marketing of employment land in neighbouring parishes alongside the Nexus opportunities.

The joint NP submission regarding employment in Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish sets out aims and opportunities. Nexus is broadly complimentary and may offer expansion opportunities for businesses who outgrow their premises on the Crown Industrial Estate/Priorswood Industrial Estate.

**Employment:** The requirement for sites within the two parish areas to provide employment opportunities for local residents is a prime consideration. Currently the Crown Industrial Estate & Priorswood Industrial Estate (CIE/PIE) serve predominantly larger units. Smaller units are also available at CIE and PIE, and also across the parish in mainly rural locations. New or expanding existing businesses are to be welcomed and encouraged to the area, particularly to provide independent services, all based on the aim of reducing car journeys by shortening commuting distances. When planning the employment sites, consideration is imperative to keep 'local' traffic local, ie residents travelling short distances to work, and for the main Nexus site to provide for retail or distribution employment opportunities using the M5 corridor.

**Connectivity:** To encourage and facilitate Cheddon Fitzpaine residents working at the Nexus site, a sustainable commuting route needs to be put in place. It is vital that connectivity between the employment sites is linked into local residential areas, including additional links to good cycle and pedestrian routes alongside the Railway, Canal & Toneway linking into West Monkton parish. The Underpass under Toneway is not a welcoming area to be especially on dark winter nights; therefore, better design is required to encourage people to use these routes.

The 'rapid' bus service from the proposed Park & Ride at Walford Cross into Taunton town is a key factor in facilitating traffic movements. The main vehicular traffic 'flow' at present is along the east/west corridor, being the A3259, A38, A358 at Toneway; also the railway, the river and canal. Specific consideration should be placed on the 'north/south connectivity' to allow 'local' walking and cycling routes to be enhanced or created. This needs to be in place before further development is undertaken, in order to encourage users out of their cars. The over-riding need throughout Taunton is to reduce traffic jams, not add to them.

**Medical Centre:** Currently, the Crown Medical Centre (within Cheddon Fitzpaine parish boundary) and Lyngford Surgery (a short distance from the parish boundary) serve parish residents, and both are approaching capacity. Any proposals for the provision of primary medical services within the Nexus development which could relieve this pressure would be timely in view of the rapidly-increasing local population. The assessment of the situation

made by the JSNA\* (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) is not a perspective necessarily endorsed by the Parish.

Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council would support the suggestions put forward by West Monkton Parish Council in their submission.

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Page 11, Conclusion: para 7.4.1

Taunton and Area appears to have adequate provision of pharmaceutical services. It is perhaps surprising that, as the county town, the level is not higher, but that is not to suggest a gap in the existing services. The latest pharmacies open on a Saturday close at 9PM, and on a Sunday all are closed by 6 PM (please see section on opening times). Whilst there is no indication that this is creating a gap in provision, it might 'normally' be expected that the county town would have the most services. The town of Taunton is expected to grow during the PNA, particularly to the east. There is no indication that existing providers could not cope with this continued growth. However, if a gap is to emerge it is most likely to be in such peripheral housing estates where access to existing providers is, for whatever reason, difficult. As this depends on details of the design of housing estates and development that are not yet certain, it cannot be said that a definite gap has been identified here.)