

# Arbury Camp Newsletter

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## Key milestone reached (cont)

to a Section 106 agreement on a range of community benefits to be negotiated between the developers and the District Council. These benefits are to include:

- 30% affordable housing provision
- provision of a new Primary School
- a wide ranging transport package including reservation of land for the Rapid Transit System
- sport and public open space provision, including equipped play areas
- appropriate community provision to meet local needs.

On completion of the Section 106 agreement, the SCDC Planning Director has been authorised to grant planning permissions, subject to a range of further conditions. It is expected that this process will take up until the end of this year.

For more information log on to the Arbury Camp website at [www.arburycamp.co.uk](http://www.arburycamp.co.uk) from 1 September or contact Gallagher Estates on 01223 309027.

## The site today

Over the past year or so people living around Arbury Camp may have noticed a number of activities to clear and make the site safe. This has included the demolition of all the buildings on the site and the removal of gas canisters found there.

Further planning applications will be submitted over the summer by Gallagher Estates, which will cover other site remediation measures, including the removal of an underground tank and a hard standing area. The concrete from this area will eventually be reused in the building of the new development. This will mean that later on this year piles of crushed concrete will be visible on the site.

## HRCC update

### Outline Planning Permission Granted

On 2 July 2003 Outline Planning Permission was granted for a new Heritage Resource and Cultural Centre (HRCC) at Arbury Camp.

The HRCC is due to open in late 2005 and will bring together experts in Archaeology, Arts, Archives and Museums and showcase Cambridgeshire's unique historical collections in a high-quality building, with excellent visitor facilities. Visitors will be able to gain access to previously unavailable archives and archaeological material and view these within a specialist environment.

Cambridgeshire County Council was awarded £10.7m of Private Finance Initiative funding from the Department of Culture Media and Sport for a flagship project to design, build and operate new, purpose built storage facilities to accommodate documentary and archaeological material for at least 25 years.

Three private sector Consortiums have now been selected by Cambridgeshire County Council to prepare detailed bids to show how they would design and build the new HRCC and also how it will be maintained. It is hoped that it will be possible to appoint the preferred Consortium and sign a contract with them in the Spring of 2004. Work will then start on constructing the new facility.

More information is available on the Cambridgeshire County Council website at [www.camcnty.gov.uk](http://www.camcnty.gov.uk) or by contacting the Kathy Chapman, HRCC PFI Project Manager on 01223 717123 or via her e-mail: [Kathy.Chapman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Kathy.Chapman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Community Facilities Study reports findings

One proposals to emerge from the Arbury Camp Community Planning Day held last year was for an audit of community facilities before decisions are taken about what new provision should form part of the new Arbury Camp development.

A study was commissioned by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) and jointly funded by Gallagher Estates and key issues to emerge included:

- Arbury Camp will not be large enough to warrant major stand alone services and potential contributions from existing, neighbouring facilities will therefore be important
- the idea of placing more than one service in the same location, particularly for children and families, should be embraced
- community facilities need to be available from the day the first new residents move in.

The outcomes from the audit will now be used to help determine the future of community provision in and around the new development at Arbury Camp.

The final report has been completed and copies can be viewed at Arbury Court and Histon libraries and also on the SCDC website at [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

## Rapid Transit System (cont)

Stops will serve main residential and employment areas and it is proposed that stops will be have real time information systems. Vehicles will be air-conditioned, low-floor, and offer a high degree of passenger comfort.

There will be at least six services per hour each way between St Ives and Cambridge and more on sections closer to Cambridge, with almost 20,000 estimated journeys per day made on the system by 2016.

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