# The next chapter – Supporting Northstowe's Growth

**Community Forum 4<sup>th</sup> December 2004** 



## **Northstowe Neighbours**

Quality of Life Research at Northstowe survey feedback



## NORTHSTOWE NEIGHBOURS - RESEARCH OVERVIEW

186
PEOPLE
COMPLETED
THE SURVEY

#### INTRODUCTION

In May and June 2024, Homes England ran a research exercise to uncover the lived experience of residents in Northstowe.

Based on the Quality of Life Framework (see themes below), the identical online and off-line questionnaires investigated different aspects of residents' lives and was completed by 186 people – this is a statistically significant sample.

The purpose of the research was to benchmark current attitudes and perceptions and to understand the key elements which impact people's quality of life.

The research can, therefore, be used to track liveability in Northstowe in the future.



allows residents a sense of agency over their surroundings



delivers a sense of delight and fun



provides a local environment that supports good health



encourages walking, cycling and minimises the negative effects of cars



with nature and respects the environment



fosters a sense of community and neighbourliness

#### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Moving to Northstowe has improved the quality of life in four of the six categories the framework examines.

#### **OVER HALF**

of residents reported that the town provides housing to meet current and future needs and that access to outdoor space had improved.



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of residents are either satisfied or very satisfied with the Control, Health and Nature elements of the town covered in the poll.

## LARGEST • IMPROVEMENT

40% of residents said that well-being and access to nature had improved since moving to Northstowe.



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Those decreasing relate to parts of the development which have yet to be delivered – healthcare and retail provision in particular.

#### OVER TWO THIRDS

of parents with school age children say that their child attends school within Northstowe and

75% say that schooling is equivalent or better than their child received in their previous location.

# A Refreshed Identity - for a place with a great future

Changing the narrative,
Moving the story to the next chapter.



## Why?

To build somewhere businesses and people want to visit, live and do business

Build on the great community emerging and attract future;

- Retailers
- Workforce
- Residents
- Developers
- Service providers



#### **Process**

#### Consultation with stakeholders

- Northstowe stakeholders; Cllrs, community leaders, council officers
- Wider business community; Cambridge
   University, Greater Cambridge Partnership,
   Clean Tech community, and Cambridge Science
   Park
- Developers and developer partners
- **40 x 1:1 conversations** with Homes England and other partners
- 3 x Steering Group Meetings circa 20 people
- Resident feedback
- Workshop with Homes England consultants

### **Output**

#### What people said

daring to be different

multi-cultural

forward looking

green

stories within stories

communities

colourful

growing

Cambridge

fresh

young

bold

pioneering

friendly

diverse

international

active and healthy

# Northstowe, Cambridge: breaking boundaries, daring to be different

Championing our pioneering, independent and international spirit

Growing a fresh green future

Home to an active, healthy and fun lifestyle



Working examples













## Working examples









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#### Welcome

Welcome to the Northstowe Secondary College, part of the wider Northstowe Learning Community and Meridian Trust. This is an exciting time for our students moving schools and we want to ensure that the transfer into the College is both a smooth and stimulating experience for every individual. It is an especially exciting time for...

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#### Our Values

 $Meridian \ Trust\ exists\ to\ provide,\ support,\ and\ champion\ high-quality\ education\ at\ the\ heart\ of\ local\ communities.$ 



Achievement for all



Valuing People



learning environment



The pursuit of excellence



Extending the boundaries of learning





### **Next steps**

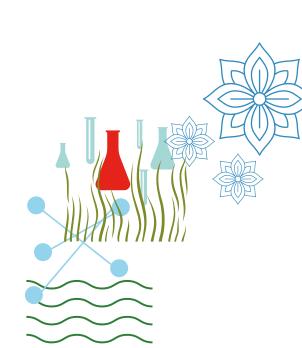
Talk to partners / stakeholders / residents

Series of Masterclasses have taken place for community groups and developer partners

Brand toolkit: Marketing materials will start to be produced this new way

But so much more than that!

Bins, benches, seating areas, wayfinding, buildings.....



## **Questions?**





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## NORTHSTOWE CAMBRIDGE

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