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## **GROSVENOR & USS PLANS APPROVED FOR WILDLIFE TRUST BASE AT TRUMPINGTON MEADOWS**

**March 19, Cambridge:** Detailed plans for a hub for The Wildlife Trust and community allotments at the new Country Park at Trumpington Meadows have received planning approval this week (Weds, March 18).

The planning approval will enable Grosvenor & USS to deliver the new hub for The Wildlife Trust, which will manage Trumpington Meadows' 58-hectare Country Park. It will also enable plans to provide allotments, orchards and community gardens along the northern edge of the park to be implemented. Once established, the allotments will be handed over to Cambridge City Council who will manage their allocation and upkeep alongside the Wildlife Trust.

The Country Park is an important part of integrating the Trumpington Meadows neighbourhood with the existing Trumpington village and surrounding countryside. The park will open up access to the river corridor and a range of recreational areas including a more formal kick about area, meadows and natural play areas.

Andrew Sharpe, Technical Director at Grosvenor, said: "The Wildlife Trust base and allotment area are the final piece of the jigsaw in our preparation for the opening of the County Park.

"As the custodians of Trumpington Meadows, Grosvenor and USS are very pleased to be providing the new base for the Wildlife Trust, who we are confident, will be safe hands for the day to day running of the park and ensuring that the amenity is enjoyed by the widest community.

"The new base will provide the essential operation and maintenance facilities

required by the Wildlife Trust and storage facilities for the allotment users. We cannot wait to see people down here exploring the park and using the allotments.”

Martin Baker, Wildlife Trust Conservation Manager for Cambridgeshire, said, “We are looking forward to welcoming people to enjoy the Country Park. The completion of our new office in the autumn will provide a base for our work to inform, educate and inspire visitors to the site.”

Grosvenor’s and USS’s vision for the award winning Trumpington Meadows development is taking shape on Cambridge’s Southern Fringe, where 1,200 new houses and flats will be delivered. More than 330 families have already moved into the new housing.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **Grosvenor Britain & Ireland**

Grosvenor Britain & Ireland aims to create value through its skills in place-making and design, repositioning locations in ways that change customer perceptions and deliver results for our stakeholders. We own and develop an exceptional range of properties and locations in Britain and Ireland through two business units: our London estate, responsible for assets across 300 acres of Mayfair and Belgravia, and Grosvenor Developments, responsible for all off-estate activity in Britain and Ireland. Both teams have a common goal: to create great places for people to live, work and visit. As at 31 December 2013, Grosvenor Britain & Ireland had assets under management of £5bn.

### **USS**

Universities Superannuation Scheme was established in 1975 as the principal defined benefit pension scheme for universities and other higher education institutions in the UK. It has over 330,000 scheme members across nearly 400 institutions and is one of the largest pension schemes in the UK, with total fund assets of approximately £48 billion.

The scheme's trustee is Universities Superannuation Scheme Limited, a corporate trustee which provides scheme management and trusteeship from its offices based in Liverpool and London. The trustee company delegates implementation of its

investment strategy to a wholly-owned investment management subsidiary company - USS Investment Management Limited - which provides in-house investment management and advisory services.

For more information on Universities Superannuation Scheme please go to [www.uss.co.uk](http://www.uss.co.uk)

### **The Wildlife Trust**

The Trust is an independent local charity dedicated to protecting all kinds of wildlife in our three counties. Together with the other 46 Wildlife Trusts it forms a powerful national force with a strong voice on nature and conservation issues.

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire manages 126 nature reserves covering 3,395 hectares within the three counties. They are a volunteer-led organisation with more than eight active volunteers for each paid member of staff.

In addition to monitoring and protecting wildlife, the Trust provides opportunities for thousands of people to enjoy and connect with wildlife every year. This includes running inspiring events, workshops, schools programmes and activities for volunteers across the three counties.