



COTTENHAM VILLAGE DESIGN GROUP



# Flooding in Cottenham

14<sup>th</sup> September 2004

Cottenham Village College



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## Agenda

7:30 Introduction

7:50 Existing flood defences

– Dave Gillett, Environment Agency



8:15 Development controls

– John Orr, Environment Agency



8:40 The local perspective

– Mike Mason, Cottenham Village Design Group

9:05 Northstowe: The Fairfield Partnership

– Christopher Miles,  
Boreham Consulting Engineers

– Jenny Marshall, Camargue

The Fairfield  
Partnership



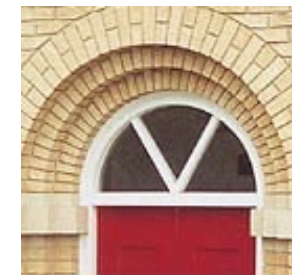
9:30 Questions & Answers (finish 10:00)



## Change of Speakers

*“In view of the current situation at South Cambs District Council resulting from their members decisions taken at their last full Council meeting coupled with the attendance and presentation by Fairfield at the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept meeting we reluctantly have taken a decision that we will withdraw from our presentation and attendance.”*

- David Hunt, **Gallagher Estates**  
24<sup>th</sup> August 2004





# Cottenham Windows

- Competition was held to identify nine pictures of windows in Cottenham
  - Correct entries entered in draw for limited edition print (worth £170)
    - “Church Field” generously donated by Cottenham fine artist Rebecca Tindall
  - Closing date was 12<sup>th</sup> September







# Cottenham Windows



333 High Street



Methodist Church



8 Margett Street



42 Rooks Street



140 High Street



29 High Street



220 High Street



44 Corbett Street



11 High Street



# Cottenham Windows

And the winner is...

**Mrs Andrea Thompson**





# Flooding in Cottenham







## Cost of Flooding

- Flooding, and managing it, cost the UK around £2.2 billion each year
  - £800 million for flood/coastal defences
  - £1,400 million of damage experienced
- Risk is increasing, e.g.
  - Climate change (global warming)
  - Building in flood risk areas
  - Higher property values







# Foresight Future Flooding

Report predicts that by 2080s

- Annual cost of damage from flooding could increase to £25 billion
- Number of people at high risk of flooding could increase from 1.5 million to 3.5 million





# Foresight Future Flooding

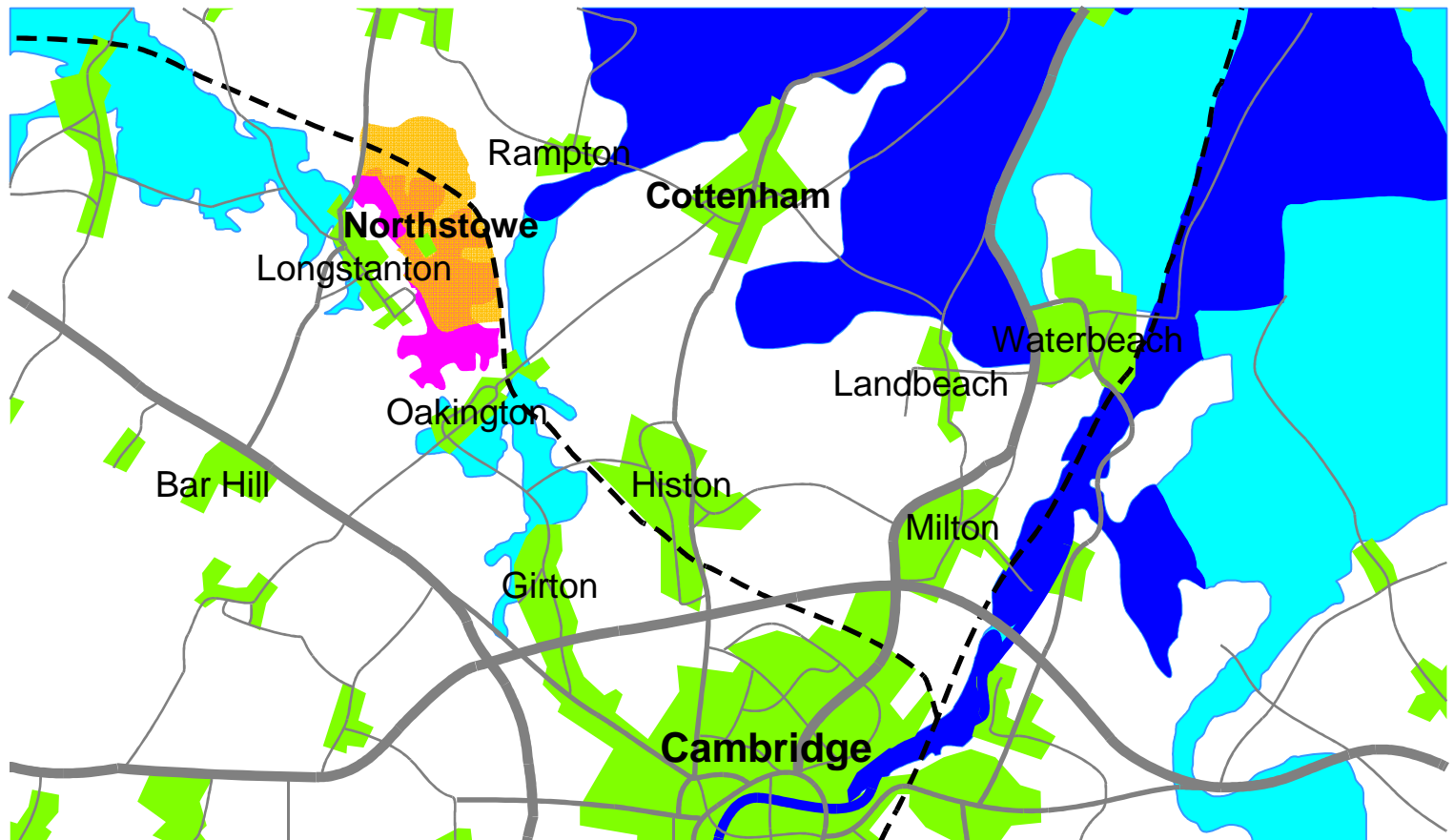
## Report concluded

- Reduce amount of carbon burnt to help slow down climate change
- Spend more on flood/coastal defences
- Need tougher restrictions against building on flood plains
- New developments must be made resilient against flooding





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Flooding in Cottenham - 14th September 2004







# Flooding in...



**Boscastle (north Cornwall) last month**





# Flooding in...



St. Neots last month





# Flooding in Cottenham

What is being done  
to prevent this from  
happening in  
Cottenham?







# Flooding in Cottenham

Q & A





# Thank You

- Environment Agency
  - Dave Gillett
  - John Orr
- Cottenham Village Design Group
  - Mike Mason
- The Fairfield Partnership
  - Christopher Miles (Boreham Consulting Engineers)
  - Jenny Marshall (Camargue)
  - Steve Biart





# Thank You

## Special thanks to:

- Rebecca Tindall
  - Providing refreshments
  - Donating “Church Field” print
- Steven Poole
  - Arranging venue and facilities
- John Williams
  - Event publicity







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**Thank you for coming**

(See you at the AGM – February 2005)