Greater Cambridge Local Plan

Regulation 18: Draft Local Plan

Consultation Statement

October 2025

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Introduction and Purpose

1.1 This Consultation Statement sets out how Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council have undertaken consultation, and propose to undertake consultation, in preparing the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

1.2 The Consultation Statement sets out how the Councils have involved residents and key stakeholders in preparing the Greater Cambridge Local Plan in accordance with Regulations 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This statement meets Regulation 22 (1)(c) and demonstrates that consultation on the preparation of the Local Plan has been undertaken in accordance with the relevant Regulations and the Councils' jointly adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2024.The SCI document sets out how the Council will consult and involve the public and statutory consultees in planning matters. Full details of the current adopted SCI can be viewed here.

1.3 The Councils began preparing a new Local Plan for Greater Cambridge after adoption of the previously adopted local plans in 2018. The new Local Plan will set out the strategic vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the area, as well as the planning policies which will guide future development. The Plan will now look ahead to 2045, and identify the main areas for sustainable development growth to meet development needs. It establishes policies and guidance to ensure local development is built in accordance with the principles set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Local Plan will replace the adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 and Cambridge Local Plan 2018 that currently form the development plan, as well as adopted Area Action Plans.

1.4 At each stage of the plan-making process we check to ensure that our consultation approach meets the standards set out in the Statement of Community Involvement. The Consultation Statement is updated and re-published at each stage of plan-making, capturing feedback we received at previous stages and how it has been taken into account.

1.5 This Consultation Statement supports the Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) 2025 stage. It sets out how consultation has been undertaken up to this point, and looks ahead to the Draft Local Plan 2025 consultation stage.

Note about Duty to Cooperate

1.6 The duty to cooperate is a legal test that requires cooperation between local planning authorities and other public bodies to maximise the effectiveness of policies for strategic matters in Local Plans. The Councils have published a separate Greater Cambridge Local Plan Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground to set out the main areas of common and uncommon ground with relevant partners on strategic cross-boundary matters. This can be found on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service website.

Overview of the Plan Making Process

Key Local Plan Stages Undertaken so Far

1.7 The preparation of a new Local Plan requires consultation and engagement, often across a number of stages. This is to enable early and ongoing engagement with the local community, businesses and organisations to develop a comprehensive plan, tailored to the needs of the area in terms of strategy and the policies required.

1.8 The following main stages of consultation have been carried out so far in the preparation and adoption of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

- Workshops and early stage stakeholder consultation (2019)
    - Engagement with key stakeholder to identify approaches to the start of the plan making process.

- First Conversation - Issues and Options Public Consultation - January 2020
    - Public consultation on issues the plan needs to address and options for addressing them.

- First Proposals - Preferred Option Consultation (Regulation 18) - Autumn 2021
    - Public consultation on direction of policy including the preferred option for policy direction for specific policy areas and sites.

Call for Sites

1.9 Alongside and as part of the consultation stages, there have been several opportunities for people to submit site suggestions for consideration though the plan making process.

1.10 A call for sites is a way for landowners, developers and individuals to suggest sites that might be available for development in the future, so they can be considered and tested by the Council. It is a normal part of plan making. Government planning guidance advises that, 'if the process to identify land is to be transparent and identify as many potential opportunities as possible, it is important to issue a call for sites and broad locations for development'.

1.11 There were opportunities to submit site suggestions at the following stages:

- An Initial 'Call for Sites' issued 2019
- A Call for Sites and Green Sites issues as part of the First Conversation in 2020
- A Call for Sites and Green Sites issues as part of the First Proposals consultation in 2021

1.12 All sites received were published on an interactive map on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service website.

1.13 An additional 'Site Submissions Update' consultation was issued between February and March 2025, to ensure we had the most up to date information about available sites in the lead up to the draft plan consultation. The results of this call for sites has been published alongside the draft local plan.

1.14 Sites have been assessed using an agreed methodology through the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, an evidence document published and updated at each stage of plan making.

Compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement

1.15 The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council will involve communities on a wide range of planning matters throughout the planning process. The SCI was adopted in March 2024. The SCI sets out how plan-

making and development management processes will consult and engage with local stakeholders.

1.16 For the Local Plan process, the SCI sets out that for Local Plans at the Regulation 18 stage of plan making, which focuses on engagement and shaping the plan, there will one or more consultations undertaken for a 6 week period each. For Regulation 19, the stage where the plan the councils wish to adopt is published, there will be a pre-submission consultation for a 6 week period.

1.17 The main methods for consulting on the Local Plan include:

- Inviting representations through a notice on the Councils websites, and advertising through other methods such as social media, news releases, Council publications or press adverts.
- Consultations with specific consultation bodies and appropriate general consultation bodies and other relevant stakeholders. A full list of these is set out in Appendix 2 of the SCI.
- Making consultation documents viewable on the Councils websites and by request in different formats.
- Public consultation events of various kinds.

The Local Plan timetable

1.18 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out agreed programme for the preparation of the Local Plan. Since plan making commenced it has been updated serval times to reflect the evolving programme and in response to events which have impacted on the programme. The latest Local Development Scheme can be found here

1.19 During the First Proposals stage in 2021, the Councils made clear that the proposed strategy was contingent upon evidence being available that demonstrates that a sustainable water supply will be provided to support the preparation of the draft Local Plan. In addition, a number of other factors were also impacting on the programme such as planning for transport

infrastructure, and national reform of the planning system. The North East Cambridge Area Action Plan, being prepared ahead of the new local plan, was also delayed, awaiting the outcome of the Development Consent Order process regarding relocation of the CWWTP.

1.20 A Development Strategy update was reported to and agreed by members in 2023, but there remained uncertainty regarding the resolution of some of these issues.

1.21 When we published an update to our Local Plan timetable in March 2024 it was anticipated that changes to the national plan making system would be happening in autumn 2024 with the publication of new plan making regulations. We fully expected that the remainder of our plan making process would be carried out under a new system of plan making, and that we would need to know more about the specific regulation requirements in order to set a new timetable and move the plan forward.

1.22 In Summer/Autumn 2024, the new Government brought out a wide-ranging consultation on proposed amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). As a part of this consultation, the Government announced its aim of implementing a new plan-making system as set out in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act. It identified that plans being prepared under the current plan making system would need to be submitted by December 2026. This date was confirmed when the new NPPF was published in November 2024. The government have yet to publish new regulations for the new plan making system. In January 2025 the Councils updated the Local Plan timetable to clarify our intentions to prepare to submit a Local Plan under the current plan making system by December 2026.

1.23 The current stage taking place in late 2025 is consultation on a Draft Plan Local Plan. This is part of the Regulation 18 stage of plan making, along with the previous public consultations.

1.24 The Proposed Submission Regulation 19 stage is planned to take place in Summer / Autumn 2026. This will involve consultation on the plan the councils propose to adopt.

1.25 Submission to Secretary of State for independent Examination (Regulation 22) is planned for December 2026, to meet the government's deadline for submission of plans under the current plan making system. There would then be an examination, held by an independent planning inspector into the soundness of the plan. This would include considering comments submitted at the regulation 19 stage. If the plan is found to be 'sound' the Councils would be able to proceed to adoption of the plan.

The North East Cambridge Area Action Plan

1.26 Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils have been preparing an Area Action Plan for North East Cambridge. The area is situated between the A14 to the north and west, the Cambridge-King's Lynn and Peterborough/Birmingham railway line to the east, and the residential areas of 13 Chesterton and King's Hedges to the south.

1.27 The adopted 2018 Local Plans identify the area and that a separate Area Action Plan would be prepared to guide development. We held an Issues and Options Consultation in Spring 2019. We then consulted on the Draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan in 2020. A Proposed Submission North East Cambridge Area Action Plan was agreed by the Councils in January 2022 for publication.

1.28 In March 2019, the government announced that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and Cambridge City Council (as part landowner) had been successful in securing £227 million from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) to relocate the Waste Water Treatment Plant off-site, to enable the Area Action Plan area to be unlocked for comprehensive development. The relocation project was led by Anglian Water, who submitted

a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate.

1.29 The Area Action Plan strategy was predicated on the relocation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and proposed submission consultation stage was held back awaiting the outcome of the DCO process. In April 2025 Anglian Water's application for a Development Consent Order was approved by the Secretary of State.

1.30 In August 2025 the Government announced that it will not be funding the relocation of the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant (CWWTP) through its Housing Infrastructure Fund, which means that there is uncertainty as to whether the effective delivery of the Councils' vision for North East Cambridge can take place.

1.31 For the Draft Local Plan consultation in 2025 the Councils have made the decision to retain the allocation for North East Cambridge as previously set out in the Area Action Plan, noting the significant benefits that development at this site would bring, on the basis that other funding may be found to enable the relocation of the CWWTP. Ahead of the Proposed Submission stage in 2026, the Councils will continue to engage with relevant partners to confirm a refined position for that later plan-making stage. The policy would form part of the Local Plan, therefore a separate Area Action Plan will not be taken forward.

Summary of Previous Greater Cambridge Local Plan Stages

1.32 This document includes summaries of representations received during plan consultations, drawing out key issues. The full version of representations received can be viewed on our consultation website: Development Plan Consultations Website

1.33 This section provides an overview of consultation and key stages during earlier stages of the plan making process. It includes sections on the following:

- Consultation and engagement during 2019, prior to the First Conversation (Issues and Options) consultation;
- The First Conversation - Issues and Options (Regulation 18) - January 2020;
- The First Proposals - Preferred Option Consultation (Regulation 18) - Autumn 2021;
- Development Strategy Update – 2023 (Not a formal Regulation 18 stage)
- Local Plan Site Submissions Update – 2025;
- The North East Cambridge Area Action Plan;
- Responding to Comments on the First Proposals Consultation 2025.

Consultation and engagement during 2019, prior to the First Conversation (Issues and Options) consultation

Workshops in summer and autumn 2019

1.34 In summer and autumn of 2019, we held a series of Local Plan workshops across both districts of South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge. The purpose of these events was to involve various stakeholder groups to inform preparation of the Local Plan via open and explorative engagement in line with Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Statement of Community Involvement (2019). These workshops provided an opportunity to explain what a Local Plan was, describe the Local Plan process and understand key aspirations for each interest group through identification of challenges and opportunities. Each workshop involved different interest groups from Greater Cambridge to enable a wide variety of thoughts and ideas to be heard including elected members from both councils, statutory consultees, service providers and other interest groups, landowners, developers and agents, Residents' Associations and Parish Councils, internal officers from both councils, and local businesses.

1.35 While the comments showed some consensus as to the key challenges facing the area, diverging views were shared on a number of potential solutions and the implications of different priorities. In particular, issues around the growth and strategy choices highlighted the need to discuss many issues in greater detail as the plan progresses. The discussions and comment raised at this stage informed the First Conversation consultation. Reflections on the previous Local Plan processes have helped, and will continue to help, inform the preparation of the plan as it progresses, both in terms of plan content and plan process. A full report on the workshops can be found in Appendix A: Report on workshops held in summer 2019.

Call for Sites 2019

1.36 An initial Call for Sites was held in 2019 and was publicised via our database of people, organisations and agents who have registered for updates about the Local Plan, in addition to notifying consultees. We also issued a public notice, and publicised via the Councils webpages. We also asked for further sites to be submitted for consideration as part of the First Conversation (Issues and Options) consultation, and for the purposes of this report, all the feedback received from the calls for sites has been collated into the First Conversation reporting.

1.37 We received 675 site submissions covering 16,359 hectares of land. Based on the figures submitted by site promoters, and GCSP estimates where promoters did not provide estimates, these sites would hold capacity for between 170,000-220,000 homes, and over 6,000,000m2 of employment floorspace. As part of the First Conversation consultation, the Planning Service shared initial estimates that 5,000- 30,000 new homes may be required during the Plan period so it is evident that only a small fraction of this capacity will be required. For comparison, for the equivalent Calls for Sites as part of the development of the adopted 2018 Local Plans for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, we received around 400 site submissions, and we considered many more sites that were identified through other methods. Sites that were considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments (SHLAAs) for both Councils comprised around 5,000 hectares of land. Around 966 hectares were allocated for development in the two adopted Plans.

Call for Green Sites

1.38 21 sites were submitted, including the whole of the Cambridge Green Belt and Cambridge Airport as well as the ‘Cambridge Great Park’ concept. The total area of sites submitted is therefore very large – 28,876 hectares.

First Conversation (Issues and Options) – January 2020

1.39 The First Conversations consultation (2020) introduced seven key overarching themes with issues and options identified for each one. The seven key themes are:

- Climate Change
- Biodiversity and green spaces
- Wellbeing and social inclusion
- Great places
- Jobs
- Homes
- Infrastructure

1.40 The First Conversation consultation also proposed Spatial Options which included:

- Densification of existing urban areas – Providing more homes and jobs on underused land within Cambridge and also potentially in existing new settlements. This could be by building taller buildings, or redeveloping underused sites at higher densities.
- Edge of Cambridge: outside Green Belt – Creating new homes and jobs in extensions on the edge of Cambridge, using land not in the green belt. The only large site on the edge of Cambridge not in the Green Belt is Cambridge Airport.
- Edge of Cambridge: within Green Belt – Creating new homes and jobs in extensions on the edge of Cambridge, involving release of land from the Green Belt.
- Dispersal: new settlements – Creating one or more whole new towns or villages, providing homes, jobs and supporting infrastructure in a new location, and supported by strategic transport infrastructure connecting to Cambridge.

- Dispersal: villages – Spreading new homes and jobs out to the villages, through allocating sites on the edges of villages or increasing the number of homes that can be developed on sites within the villages.

1.41 The First Conversation Consultation ran for six weeks from 9am on Monday 13 January 2020 to 5pm on Monday 24 February 2020. During this period, representations were received via the consultation portal and email, and at specific consultations events, including workshops.

1.42 The First Conversation formed part of the Regulation 18 consultation stage (Issues and Options) under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The purpose of the consultation was to invite broad responses about what should be in the Local Plan, from residents and businesses as well as stakeholders and other organisations. It invited comments on the main First Conversation (Issues and Options) 'document' which was published in a digital format as well as a static pdf and print format. Consultation was also held on supporting documents including the Sustainability Appraisal of the First Conversation document, the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, the Habitats Regulations Assessment Scoping Report, and this included the Call for Sites and Call for Green Sites questions.

Summary of Consultation

1.43 We received 7,874 individual answers to questions (representations) asked in the consultation. This excludes submissions to questions 2 and 3 (Call for Sites and Call for Green Sites). Of these:

- 1,020 were submitted through the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website as 'quick comments';
- 6,588 were received through Opus 2 Consult or via email;
- 226 comments were taken on postcards at events.

1.44 Engagement with higher and further education institutions, specialist schools and, colleges in Cambridge

1.45 A total of 28 responses were received; 24 of these were from UoC Colleges, three from specialist/language colleges, one from higher education institutions. The responses received are included in this report with the exception of two responses that were highlighted as being commercially sensitive. The information from these two commercially sensitive responses has been considered within this section that presents the outputs from the engagement.

Sustainability Scoping Report

1.46 In order to meet the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Regulations, the views of the three statutory consultees (Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England) were sought in relation to the scope and level of detail to be included in the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. The scoping report can be found in Appendix B: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – Statutory Consultee.

Outputs of the First Conversations Consultation

1.47 The First Conversation consultation used a wide range of methods to publicise and engage communities and stakeholders who had an interest in the Local Plan. The full report on the First Conversation consultation, setting out who was consulted, how, and an analysis of the results, can be found at Appendix C: Report on the First Conversation consultation. The feedback from the First Conversation consultation has directly influenced the development of the First Proposals (preferred options stage) Plan published for consultation in autumn 2021.

1.48 The feedback received on each policy area, and how this has been taken into account, is outlined in the introduction to each policy in the First Proposals Plan, and is reported in more detail in the First Proposals (preferred options stage) Consultation Statement (2021). Appendix A of this 2021 report, is appended as Appendix A to this report, and sets out the report on the workshops held in Summer 2019 and the key issues discussed. Appendix B

of this 2021 report, Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – Statutory Consultee Comments is appended as Appendix B to this report, Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – Statutory Consultee Comments, and sets out the report on the workshops held in Summer 2019 and the key issues discussed. Appendix C of this 2021 report, is appended as Appendix C to this report, and sets out the report on the First Conversations consultation held in 2020 and the key issues discussed. Appendix D of this 2021 report, is appended as Appendix D to this report, and sets out the report on workshops held after the First Conversation.

The First Proposals - Preferred Option Consultation (Regulation 18) - Autumn 2021

1.50 The First Proposals consultation built on the responses received at the First Conversations stage and the submissions from Call for Sites to propose a general direction of policy themes and site allocations.

1.51 The First Proposals consultation consulted on a general direction of policy of these themes and spatial options. The First Proposals consultation was open for six weeks from 9am on Monday 1 November 2021 to 5pm on Monday 13 December 2021. During this period, representations were received via the consultation portal and email, and at specific consultations events, including workshops. The consultation was advertised in line with statutory requirements including a public notice, news releases, emails to mailing lists, social media campaigns, posters and handouts at consultation events. The full report on the First Proposals Consultation can be viewed in Annex 1.

1.52 Responses using the quick questionnaire 5,551 answers or comments from 598 unique respondents. A unique respondent is a unique IP address. Responses captured on the Opus 2 Consult system 4131 comments (representations) from 628 respondents Call for Sites information Number of responses New ‘call for sites’ proposals 40 New ‘call for green sites’ proposals 1 Additional information by promoters, including some boundary changes, to previously submitted ‘call for sites’ proposals.

1.53 Additionally, 21 events were held during the consultation period, including events online on specific sections of the plan, with Community Forums, at community centres, South Area Committee, East Area Committee and West Central committee. A series of additional events were held to assist and encourage participation from hard to reach groups including gypsy and traveller issues and issue for young people with Cambourne Soul Youth Club and Milton Youth Club. A full summary of the comments received at these events is set out in the GCLP First Proposals report (2022) in Annex 1.

1.54 The Local Plan webinars provided an opportunity for officers to present information about key themes within the First Proposals. Videos of these sessions can be found on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website. Interactive web tools were used to engage with the watching audience, and the second half of each session focused on responding to questions being posed by members of the public. Questions that were not responded to live were followed up in writing, and issues were also added to the website FAQs. Questions explored key issues around the themes, form the objectively assessed need for homes and jobs, the development strategy, and issues around water and climate change.

1.55 Officers attended a series of area based forums, including the area committees and residents associations forums in Cambridge, and parish forums in South Cambridgeshire. The format was structured around officers presenting the consultation followed by question and answer sessions. The discussions again focused on the key themes, but also on local issues relevant to each area, for example those focusing on areas west of Cambridge discussed East West Rail, those to the south picked up issues around the Biomedical Campus.

1.56 A number of focused events were held to engage with hard to reach groups. The youth events were very informative regarding the experience of young people living in new settlements and villages, and their experiences of access to services and facilities and transport. A number of drop in events were attended to engage with the Gypsy and Traveller community. Whilst the number of people was low, views were provided on accommodation needs. Further work is underway on a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment which will provide more information.

Responses proposing new or amended ‘Call for Sites’ submissions

1.57 We received 40 new site submissions and 1 new green site, ranging from small villages sites though to major strategic developments. This is in addition

to the 650 sites already received through the call for sites in 2019 and the First Conversation consultation in 2020. Around 170 site promoters submitted further information on their sites. This included revised proposals such changes to site boundaries or different amount or type of development. Some promoters provided additional information to support the case for their site, such as evidence relating to transport access, flooding or landscape impacts. Promoters also reviewed the assessment of their site by Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, and in many cases challenge the outcome.

1.58 The First Proposals consultation also included consultation on supporting documents including the Sustainability Appraisal of the First Proposals document and the Habitats Regulation Assessment.

1.59 Summaries of the consultation comments received can be found in Appendix E.

Development Strategy Update 2023

1.60 In January 2023 the Council's published a Development Strategy Update. This was not a public consultation, but drew on consultation findings, to inform some key decisions that would inform the next stage of the plan. The report was considered by the Councils, who approve the recommendations, which confirmed:

- updated needs for jobs and homes;
- the inclusion of strategic sites as central building blocks of any future strategy for development;
- that the Greater Cambridge Local Plan should seek to provide for the identified objectively assessed needs for housing and jobs, subject to sustainability impacts. At the time, due to water supply and housing delivery uncertainty, it was not possible to confirm a full development strategy; and
- that the development strategy principles that informed the First Proposals development strategy remained valid and we would build on these to inform the identification of any additional sites.

1.61 The Development Strategy update was accompanied by a Consultation Statement. This reported the results of the First Proposals Consultation, and provided a responded to comments received on the issues addressed in the development strategy update. Annex 2 of this consultation statement includes a copy of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Consultation Statement - Development Strategy Update (Regulation 18 Preferred Options).

1.62 The Development strategy Update (2023) set out for members an update on the needs for jobs and homes, the objectively assessed need, development strategy principles and the development principles for strategic sites North East Cambridge, Cambridge East and Cambridge Biomedical Campus. The policy position and therefore the responses to representations was reviewed again in the lead up to the draft plan 2025.

Local Plan Site Submissions Update – 2025

1.63 In order to ensure we had the most up to date site information in the lead up to publishing the Draft Local Plan, the Councils issues a ‘call for sites information update’ between February and March 2025, allowing site promoters to submit new information.

1.64 This information has been collated and reviewed, and published alongside other new site information submitted since the original 2021 Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) was published. The HELAA 2025 will be published alongside consultation of the Draft Local Plan.

The North East Cambridge Area Action Plan

1.65 Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils have been preparing an Area Action Plan for North East Cambridge. In 2021 the Councils agreed a Proposed Submission Plan, that would be taken forward after the relocation of the Waste Water Treatment Works was confirmed.

1.66 Subsequent to this it has been determined that the Local Plan should include a policy for North East Cambridge instead of having a standalone Area Action Plan. The policy proposed in the Draft Local Plan has been guided by the Proposed Submission Area Action Plan, and the consultation that led to its preparation.

1.67 Annex 3 provides a copy of the Statement of Consultation for Proposed Submission North East Cambridge Area Action Plan which summarises consultation and how comments were taken into account when preparing the proposed submission area action plan.

1.68 The document has been updated at each stage of the plan making process. It details consultation undertaken in relation to:

- Research, evidence gathering and front-loading engagement (2014)
- Issues and Options 1 consultation (2014)
- Issues and Options 2 consultation (2019)
- Draft Area Action Plan consultation (2020)
- Other engagement and consultation undertaken between the formal consultation stages.

Responding to Comments on the First Proposals Consultation 2025

1.69 In preparing the Draft Local Plan (2025), the Councils have considered and taken account of representations received on the First Proposals.

1.70 For each policy theme and policy, the Local plan is accompanied by a topic paper. The policies are presented in a consistent format in each paper with information to provide a comprehensive summary of the background to and development of the Policy. They include how representations have been taken into account.

1.71 For full context please refer to the Topic Papers directly. However, the responses to Main Issues Raised in Representations from the topic paper have been provided in Appendix F of this Statement.

Responses to comments on Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA)

1.72 Appendix E of this report sets out responses received and the Councils responses on the SA and HRA. The SA and HRA published for the Draft Local Plan also review the responses made on these documents and set out how these have been addressed.

Responses to Comments on Sites

1.73 The Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) was consulted on at the First Proposals stage. The comments on this report has been reviewed and responded to in the update to the HELAA report for the Draft Local Plan stage.

1.74 The Greater Cambridge Green Belt Assessment was also consulted on at the First Proposals stage. The comments on these reports have been reviewed and responded to in the report for the Draft Local Plan stage.

The Current Consultation - Draft Plan Consultation (Regulation 18) - Autumn / Winter 2025

1.75 The Greater Cambridge Draft Local Plan stage is the third major public consultation on the emerging Local Plan. This feedback received will help shape the final plan that the Councils will propose for adoption in 2026.

The Greater Cambridge Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18)

1.76 The Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) stage is the next major step in our plan making journey. It sets our draft policies, site allocations and approach to the level of growth that should be planned for, and where it should be planned. Moving on from the previous stages of consultation that sought views on issues and then proposed approaches for the plan, this consultation proposes an actual draft plan with the detailed wording of the planning policies that will shape development and guide planning decisions.

1.77 The purpose of the consultation is to invite responses to these proposals and detailed policies residents and businesses as well as stakeholders and other organisations. We want to hear your views before we consult on the final plan that we would like to adopt.

1.78 In legal terms, this consultation forms part of our consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. We want to hear views from as many people as possible and we want it to be easy for you to tell us what you think.

How to comment:

- Comments can be submitted online via our website, www.greatercambridgeplanning.org. You can comment on all or just some parts of the Plan. If you have difficulty commenting online, or you need information in a different format, please let us know and we will be happy to assist. All comments must be received by 30 January 2026.

1.79 We have provided a downloadable Word document to assist you in preparing detailed responses, but please do not email this to us – please input your responses using the online system. If possible please do not email us

comments or documents, as we will have to manually enter them into the consultation system and ascribe them to policies or sites. If you have difficulty using our online system, please contact us to discuss alternative methods for submitting your comments.

1.80 If you wish to comment on a site that has not been taken forward into the Draft Local Plan, please comment against the policy for allocations in the relevant broad location. For example, to comment on rejected sites in the rural southern cluster area, comment on Policy S/RSC – Village allocations in the rural southern cluster.

1.81 We will take all comments into account while developing the next version of the Plan, and we will report on this in the Consultation Statement which is updated at each stage.

1.82 Responses, including names for comments submitted by registered users, will be available to view on the Councils' websites. Our privacy notice for planning policy consultations and notifications sets out how your personal data will be used and by whom.

1.83 We are holding numerous online events and meeting with groups across Greater Cambridge to explain our proposals and hear what you think. These events and meetings will be an opportunity for you to speak to us to find out more about the proposals that we are consulting on and how to comment. The Public events planned during the consultation period will be published on the Greater Cambridge Planning Service website.

1.84 The consultation period will run from the 1 December 2025 to 30 January 2026. The SCI sets out a consultation period of 6 weeks for the Local Plan, but due to the consultation period being over the Christmas Period this has been extended to just over 8 weeks to allow sufficient time for respondents to make comments.

1.85 If you are having difficulty commenting, or need this information in a different format, please email us at localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org, call us on 01954 713694 or write to us at Greater Cambridge Shared Planning, Planning Policy Team; Cambridge City Council; PO Box 700; Cambridge; CB1 0JH

1.86 If you would like to read a paper copy of our proposals, these can be read at the following locations:

- at Cambridge City Council's Customer Service Centre: Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY (phone 01223 457000) during normal opening hours (Wednesdays to Fridays);
- at South Cambridgeshire District Council Reception: South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA (phone 01954 713000) during normal opening hours;
- at Cambridge Central Library (7 Lion Yard Cambridge CB2 3QD) and Cambourne Library (Sackville House, Sackville Way, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6HD) during normal opening hours.

1.87 We can post you a printed copy of our proposals, but there is a charge as the document is long and we want to minimise our use of paper in line with our climate change commitments. If you genuinely need a printed copy, please get in touch using the contact details above.

Appendix A: Report on workshops held in summer 2019

A1: Workshop Structure

The workshops were generally structured as follows:

Welcome and introductions:

The workshop began with Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, Councillor Tumi Hawkins and Executive Councillor for Planning Policy & Open Spaces, Cllr. Katie Thornburrow, who after welcoming the attendees, explained that one role for the new joint Local Plan will be to help meet Greater Cambridge's aim to respond to climate change and manage the transition to net zero carbon.

Both Cllr. Hawkins and Thornburrow stated that the workshops were an exciting starting point to collaboratively explore how to achieve a balanced Local Plan while also addressing various competing issues that affect Greater Cambridge. These Local Plan challenges and opportunities are not just limited to housing, jobs, infrastructure and climate change, but also recreation, the rise of digital infrastructure, health and wellbeing needs and deepening inequality. In other words, the Local Plan affects the lives of everybody who lives, works and plays in the area so is an important document which needs wide input from across our communities.

With this in mind, Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Thornburrow encouraged attendees to freely discuss and debate all aspects of the Local Plan and put forward their ideas. Following this, the workshop agenda was introduced, highlighting the importance of a collaborative high-level approach at this early stage.

Key Issues for Greater Cambridge over the next 20 years:

Using presentation slides, attendees were invited to consider what the future of Greater Cambridge could look like in 20-30 years and how we could respond to the challenges and opportunities these present. Information provided included a map showing the current development strategy and future planned growth. Information was then provided on the policy context the next plan will need to take account of. This included changes at the national planning policy level, but also activities taking

place at the regional level. Some broad spatial choices for future growth were then presented.

The final slide highlighted that the role of the plan was to deliver homes, jobs and infrastructure, but there would be overarching themes regarding how the plan could go about this. The slides accompanying this presentation can be found in Appendix 4.

Attendees were then invited to discuss these key challenges and opportunities within three separate break-out sessions, facilitated by a member of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Team. The first two break-out discussions explored the following topics:

1. **Key issues: challenges and opportunities:**

   Attendees were encouraged to discuss and write on post-it-notes a few words that described key issues for Greater Cambridge over the next 20 years and place these notes onto a group flipchart divided into ‘challenges’ and opportunity’ columns.

   This was followed by a 10-minute feedback session where each facilitator summarised the key points arising from the table discussion and opened up conversation with the rest of the workshop.

2. **What do we need to do to respond to these issues? (How radical do we need to be?):**

   Groups were challenged to explore potential solutions to the challenges and opportunities identified in first discussion exercise. Thoughts and ideas were captured on the group’s flipchart.

   As before, a summary was fed back to the whole workshop in a 10-minute session by the table facilitator which was opened up for discussion to capture wider thoughts on each topic.

3. **Reflections of the previous Local Plan Process:**

   In the final table discussion, groups were given the opportunity to provide honest feedback on the previous Local plan process. Responses were recorded on the table flipchart.

Again, a summary of the discussion was given to the room by the table facilitator and a brief discussion was had on what could be improved for the forthcoming Local Plan process. A summary is provided in Chapter 4.

How will the Local Plan process engage with the key issues?

The workshops closed with a brief presentation about the Local Plan content and process. Attendees were reminded that although the Plan period will likely extend to 2040, the effect of the choices the plan makes will extend far beyond this date. Attendees were thanked for putting forward their thoughts and suggestions as they were valuable information to begin fully exploring the key issues and options facing Greater Cambridge.

Engagement was recognised as being key to delivering the new Local Plan, with Members, Residents Associations, Parish Councils, Neighbouring authorities, Businesses, Landowners, Agents, Landowners, Statutory consultees, workers, Service Providers, Residents and Infrastructure providers all playing an active role in collaborative plan-making.

It was acknowledged that as digital technology develops, so does the ability to engage with harder to reach groups, providing the opportunity to reach people more digitally via social media and in having a strong web presence. It was noted that the more people that are involved in the plan-making process, the more likely we are to create a place that benefits us all.

Finally, attendees were shown the Local Plan timeline included in the adopted Local Development Scheme. The presentation slides are at Appendix 4.

Before leaving attendees were invited to complete workshop feedback forms. These are summarised in Appendix 5.

A2: Summary of Discussions

Attendees were encouraged to put forward and discuss current and future challenges and opportunities, as well as consider how the Local Plan could meet these needs. The comments have been summarised into key themes discussed in more detail below drawing from the summary of comments at .

Housing

In identifying the challenges and opportunities of the Greater Cambridge area, attendees focussed on issues of affordability and the relationship with employment opportunities and housing quality. If people cannot afford to live in the area, they argued, workers would be forced into settling outside of the region, or resist living here altogether, and this would have significant impacts on the wider community. Individuals would commute more, inequality would widen as people are forced into cheaper, low quality, often inaccessible housing and developers would have a preference for smaller homes marketed for those able to afford living in the region, i.e. professionals and students rather than families or lifetime homes.

Attendees felt there was the opportunity for the Local Plan to address these issues. Ideas were put forward for different housing types and tenures, for example, keyworker homes, co-housing developments (like at Marmalade Lane), self-build opportunities and lifetime homes. Equally the dispersal of affordable homes was key, with some demand being expressed for developers to have less control over where affordable homes were sited. There were also many comments calling for the Local Plan to acknowledge the rise in home working and shared working spaces and the need to provide homes that allow for this, i.e. calling for homes to be flexible and more accessible with good digital infrastructure.

Jobs / Employment

A high proportion of comments were related to jobs in the Greater Cambridge area, with over 100 comments in the challenges and opportunities section alone. A key question centred around whether to encourage more innovation, including in the biomedical and technology sectors or dilute them to allow for a more inclusive employment offer to emerge which may help to rebalance inequality and affordability issues. However, there was also a feeling that the Local Plan should not ‘kill the golden goose’ that makes Greater Cambridge such an economic success, and therefore we should plan to build on this success. Another common comment was that increasing jobs in the area would result in significant challenges regarding infrastructure capacity. Additionally, there was also a challenge over whether the Local Plan could respond to the challenge to the High Street and the rise in online

shopping, and how the Local Plan could manage the rise in demand for distribution and delivery options that accompanied this.

Some considered that the Local Plan should adopt a flexible approach and enable multiple use of spaces which enable small enterprises to flourish alongside larger corporations and allow repurposing of buildings and spaces to facilitate a more vibrant High Street. Homeworking and shared space hubs could be encouraged for networking, as well as partnerships between education and businesses to ensure the local workforce have the skills that employers are looking for. The relationship between the location of new homes and new jobs was expressed as being important by many with regard to encouraging sustainable transport.

Environment and Infrastructure

In terms of the environment, there was a general discussion regarding how much sustainable development Greater Cambridge could realistically handle whilst protecting its unique and distinctive character, and the character of its settlements The biggest infrastructure challenge highlighted in the comments was transport, with over 100 comments raising issues including accessibility, cost and reliability as being important. Many considered that the Local Plan needed to enable better access to public and non-motorised methods of transport, for example, better connected and safe pedestrian, equestrian and cycle routes. Additionally, delivering widespread digital infrastructure was viewed by many as a Local Plan priority.

Protecting the character of the wider area while delivering innovative sustainable development is a clear opportunity for the Local Plan. Comments suggested a more controlled approach to developers delivering and funding public infrastructure was needed, alongside clear, concise and enforceable Supplementary Planning Documents. The Local Plan was also considered an opportunity to release brownfield land for development and review the appropriateness of the existing village hierarchies and boundaries. Innovative transport infrastructure was also highlighted, with the focus on being interconnected and green, as well as being cheap and efficient. It was recognised that a behavioural step-change may be needed, such as through a car-free City centre or a congestion charge, but again, this relied on an adequate public transport infrastructure becoming available.

Climate Change

With the declaration of a climate emergency in both Councils, there was extensive discussion about how to meet the target of being zero-carbon by 2050. The identified challenges were energy infrastructure in terms of capacity, availability, and storage, as well as how to manage the finite water sources in the region.

There was discussion that the Local Plan should aim high and attempt to deliver zero carbon ahead of the 2050 goal date. The mechanisms suggested included: new developments to be net zero, existing homes retrofitted to be net zero, funding more greentech and carbon-neutral infrastructure, such as electric cars, and further embracing renewable energy generation.

Biodiversity and Green Spaces

Many attendees commented that one of the things that make Greater Cambridge so special is its abundance of green spaces. However, attendees to the workshops recognised that growth impacts upon green spaces, and there were equal comments on both sides that the Green Belt should either be protected or reassessed. On the one hand, green spaces and the Green Belt maintains separation, gives health and wellbeing benefits and tackles pollution. However, on the other hand, green space provision, especially the Green Belt, prevents sustainable growth. Attendees also pointed out that densification, especially when incremental, also impacts upon biodiversity, creating both a challenge and an opportunity for the Local Plan to address.

It was put forward that the Local Plan could balance these arguments by providing more green spaces in new developments, connecting green corridors to create biodiverse ‘green lungs’ and increase woodlands for canopy cover and climate change mitigation. To allow for flexibility and growth, the Local Plan could relax or assign less green space protections and employ metrics to measure carbon and biodiversity aims and review these regularly, in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. Flexibility could also be given to unused agricultural land to make it a site for occasional leisure use and some could be given over for community use, such as allotments, wildlife gardens and general recreation.

Wellbeing and Equality

Although wellbeing and equality are influenced by jobs, homes, infrastructure and green spaces, many comments from the workshop indicated that the Local Plan was an opportunity to improve wellbeing and equality for many of our residents.

Attendees suggested that one of the biggest challenges for the Local Plan was to encourage and maintain growth and success while ensuring that all residents benefit from this prosperity. Many people recognised that due to the region's reputation as a world-class innovation and technology centre, high levels of wealth in Greater Cambridge were contrasted with areas of deprivation. Access to healthcare, cheap or free leisure, cultural opportunities, meeting the needs of an ageing population, educational attainment and providing for employment choices were discussed as Local Plan opportunities.

Other Issues

Some pointed out that it may be difficult to produce a joint Local Plan that meets the needs of both an urban city centre and a rural region. However, many attendees discussed the opportunity for the Local Plan to have degrees of flexibility so that sustainable growth could be delivered responsively. Many comments also asked if the Local Plan could be easier to read and understand with clear wording, so avoiding ambiguity. The Local Plan would benefit from being properly funded and resourced, which could result in more public engagement.

Despite many challenges ahead, there was a clear enthusiasm for the next Local Plan. Attendees claimed it could be a 'beacon of change' and urged the planning team to 'think big' and look beyond 2040 where possible.

Reflections on previous Local Plan Process

Engagement

- Most people not aware of Local Plan, process, limitations or benefits, i.e. co-housing, growth. Need to educate and promote to people (12)
- Role of everyone to reach out to whole community using a robust strategy. Consult directly within schools, supermarkets, medical centres, libraries, community centres, parish councils – not just the 'usual' people (15)

- Get people involved from the early stage and allow them to informally comment in good time. Implement their responses - not just lip service (8)
- Very long – difficult to communicate about this. Need to bear this in mind when communicating this time around. Danger of burnout (7)
- Engage through apps, social media, online, local television, radio, magazines (6)
- Need more workshops and fewer exhibitions. Provide timetables and consultation process more freely (5)

Content and Evidence

- Need a visual local plan. User friendly, clear. Short and simple. Include a summary. Not too technical (7)
- 5-year supply created lack of confidence, did not meet needs for old / young demographics, was included too late (7)
- More flexibility: housing land supply, Call for Sites (5)
- Need more biodiversity, zero carbon and climate change policies, i.e. drought protection (5)
- Protect Green Belt, landscape and village / City identity and boundaries. Some were overruled by inspector (5)
- Engagement needs to start early and continue through examination once plan is fixed. Did not happen last time (4)
- More transparency, especially through examination (3)
- Actually listen to people and take on board input. E.g. Parish Councils and Residents associations were ignored/overruled last time (3)

Process

- Too long, created disenfranchisement. Need to limit time taken to get through examination
- Be more collaborative (3)
- Mistake to have joint examination. SCDC / CC have different local needs (2)
- Cost of plan process (2)

A3: Record of Joint Members' Local Plan Workshops

4 July 2019:

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Council Chamber, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA

And:

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Council Chamber, Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

4 September 2019:

5:45pm – 8:00pm

Members Room next to Committee Rooms, Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

Personnel:

Welcome and Introductions: Cllr Tumi Hawkins, South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) and Cllr Katie Thornburrow, Cambridge City Council (CCC)

Presentation Chair: Stephen Kelly

How the Local Plan process will engage with this? Philip Bylo

Conclusions and next steps: Stephen Kelly; Cllr Tumi Hawkins, SCDC; Cllr Katie Thornburrow, CCC

Facilitators: Jon Dixon, David Roberts; Stuart Morris; Bruce Waller; Stephen Kelly; Nancy Kimberley Paul Frainer & Philip Bylo.

Scribe: Marie Roseaman

Attendance

Cllr John Batchelor (Linton)

Cllr Anna Bradnam (Milton & Waterbeach)

Cllr Claire Daunton (Fen Ditton & Fulbourn)

Cllr Brian Milnes (Sawston)

Cllr Katie Thornburrow (Trumpington)

Cllr Eileen Wilson (Cottenham)

Cllr Martin Cahn (Histon and Impington)

Cllr Peter Fane (Shelford)

Cllr Tumi Hawkins (Caldecote)

Cllr Peter Lord (Trumpington)

Cllr Carla McQueen (East Chesterton)

Cllr Hazel Smith (Milton)

Cllr Jose Hales (Melbourn)

Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya (Cambourne)

Cllr Alex Collis (Kings Hedges)

Cllr Lewis Herbert (Coleridge)

Cllr Katie Porrer (Market)

Cllr Tim Bick (Market)

Cllr Nick Sample (Shelford)

Cllr Cheney Payne (Castle)

Cllr Sophie Barnett (Romsey)

Cllr Mike Davey (Petersfield)

Cllr Josh Matthews (Newnham)

Cllr Mike Sargeant (West Chesterton)

Cllr Sarah Cheung (Longstanton)

Cllr Graham Cone (Fen Ditton & Fulbourn)

Cllr Richard Robertson (Petersfield)

Cllr Haf Davies (Abbey)

Cllr Pippa Heylings (Histon & Impington)

Cllr Judith Rippeth (Milton & Waterbeach)

Cllr John Williams (Fen Ditton & Fulbourn)

Cllr Nigel Cathcart (Bassingbourn)

Cllr Douglas De Lacy (Girton)

Cllr Bill Handley (Over and Willingham)

Cllr Phillipa Hart (Meldreth)

Cllr Nick Wright (Caxton & Papworth)

Cllr Peter Topping (Whittlesford)

Cllr Grenville Chamberlain (Hardwick)

Cllr Van de Weyer (Barrington)

Cllr Claire Delderfield (Sawston)

Cllr Rod Cantrill (Newnham)

Cllr Neil Gough (Cottenham)

Cllr Kelley Green (Petersfield)

Cllr Dave Baigent (Romsey)

Cllr Colin McGerty (Queen Edith’s)

Cllr Grace Hadley (Coleridge)

Cllr Greg Chadwick (Castle)

Cllr Steven Hunt (Histon and Impington)

Cllr Geoff Harvey (Balsham)

Cllr Peter McDonald (Duxford)

Cllr John Williams (Fen Ditton & Fulbourn)

Cllr Heather Williams (The Mordens)

Cllr Alex Malyon (Longstanton)

Cllr Dave Baigent (Romsey)

Cllr Martin Smart (Kings Hedges)

Mike Hill Interim Chief Executive of South Cambridgeshire District Council

South Cambridgeshire District Council Housing Officer

Group Task 1: Key Issues: Challenges and Opportunities:

Housing

Challenges

Wellbeing and Equality (4)

- Ensuring young residents can afford to continue living here
- Housing security
- Addressing housing inequality
- Lifetime homes

Jobs and Employment (6)

- Enabling people to live close to where they work / services (3)
- How to ensure affordable housing for keyworkers / low income workers / young professionals (2)
- Home/work units

Environment including Infrastructure (4)

- Resisting clone housing estates and retaining local character (2)
- Delivering good housing and mix of tenure (types of building)
- What will visitor accommodation look like in 20 years' time?

Transport (3)

- Housing which also lessens need to own a car (2)
- Homes near to good / cheap transport facilities to workers

Climate Change (1)

- House comfort in climate change

Total comments: 18

Opportunities

Wellbeing and Equality (6)

- Allow for truly affordable housing (3)
- Promotion of co-housing / lifetime homes where old and young can live together (2)
- 20% of the housing delivery to be Council housing

Jobs and Employment (4)

- Integrate employment sites and new homes (2)
- Include more homes tethered to jobs
- Allow for rise in working from home trends

Environment including Infrastructure (2)

- Raise quality of housing
- Think beyond delivering just a housing estate

Climate Change (1)

- Sustainable zero carbon homes

Total comments: 13

Wellbeing and Equality

Challenges

Wellbeing and Equality (11)

- Delivering sustainable growth while improving quality of life (2)
- Proper funding of education
- Delivering primary healthcare
- Maintaining diverse communities and cultural activity

- An aging population
- Isolation
- Addressing inequalities effectively
- Changing composition of family unit
- Integration with existing community
- Spreading benefits of economic growth

Environment including Infrastructure (2)

- Maintaining vitality in small villages
- Digital connectivity

Transport (2)

- Improving accessibility (2)

Other Spatial Issues (2)

- The planning system has not caught up with the way demography and society has changed
- Getting it right – communication vs coordination (between different bodies and with local communities

Total comments: 17

Opportunities

Wellbeing and Equality (14)

- Educational Opportunities: (4):
  - More pre-school provision that creates aspiration from an early age
  - Link people to skills needed in wider area
  - More 6th form provision
  - Introduce a ‘Duke of Cambridge’ award programme in this region, similar to ‘Duke of Edinburgh’ for young people
- Designing places for elderly / young people (2)
- Ensure everyone benefits from growth and success
- Provision for the Gypsy / Traveller community
- Health and Wellbeing

- Safe areas for all to live a healthy lifestyle
- Reduce healthcare costs by improving environment and sense of wellbeing
- Create / foster real communities not just developers promoting this
- Spaces for Art
- Integration with existing community

Jobs and Employment (3)

- Encourage local food supply
- Exciting and innovative shared spaces e.g. Piazzas that can be used for outside (arts, plays, markets etc.)
- Spreading economic growth

Environment including Infrastructure (4)

- Broadband infrastructure (2)
- Opportunity for building cultural centres – outside of the city
- Allow for modern technology to connect people on a local basis

Total comments: 21

Jobs and Employment

Challenges

- Do we try to deliver a thriving local high street or accept rising trend of online shopping? (3)
- Managing employment change (2)
- How to manage vehicular deliveries to homes (2)
- Need to agree on how we want employment to look across Greater Cambridge – Concentrated / distributed etc.
- How to accommodate growth of health and science sector
- What will retail look like in 20 years?
- Explaining to the existing population the benefits of economic growth
- How to manage economic growth which does not end in infrastructure gridlock
- Need to acknowledge that we need to keep employers happy to ensure they stay in area (and provide lower paid employees)

- Appears that large companies can bypass local planning system

Total comments: 14

Opportunities

- Flexible employment space for growth – from small, medium to large and including click and collect opportunities (4)
- Digital infrastructure that supports remote working in co-shared community and shared spaces by reducing commuting (4)
- Partnership between big employees and communities and schools to promote employment Opportunities
- Making sure that local people have the skills that employers need
- Out of town (Cambridge) shopping centre in South Cambs?
- Reduce retail space – make space for gatherings / music / picnics
- Space for small businesses to grow beyond the spare bedroom / shared space activities
- Enable growth of health and science sector
- Opportunity for job creation in housing, planning and building professions
- Jobs should be planned near houses
- Maintain link between university & businesses
- Maintain & promote economic growth

Total comments: 18

Environment and Infrastructure

Challenges

- Keep Greater Cambridge's unique and distinctive character (while protecting the boundaries between city / village) (6)
- More innovative ways of achieving higher densities sustainably while extending urban areas (3)
- Not destroying smaller villages / Cambridge's famous reputation as successful academic / innovation city (2)

- Local build and natural diversity
- Attractiveness
- Viability
- Land supply
- Infrastructure
- Facilities
- Keeping up with technological advances

Total comments: 18

Opportunities

- Capturing and reinforcing the distinctive characteristics of villages and city centre while promoting sustainable growth (3)
- More promotion of the USP of Cambridge
- Modern, sustainable distinct design that uses innovative building materials in future development of building and green spaces
- Developers to deliver infrastructure
- Raise the density in new developments
- Opportunity to review village hierarchies
- Opportunity for enhancing and developing use of technology in built environment
- More effective land value management

Total comments: 10

Transport

Challenges

- Putting high quality active public travel options at the heart of communities (4)
- Accommodating future travel options and uncertainty in Greater Cambridge (Autonomous vehicles; Metro; East/West rail; rise of electric cars). (2)
- How to discourage transport options that have little or no impact on air quality (mass rapid transport vs. personal transport) (2)
- Congestion (2)

Total comments: 10

Opportunities

- Provide facilities that do not need travel (5)
- Provide radical green public / sustainable interconnected transport network that connects home to work, leisure and facilities (3)
- Encourage communities to promote walking and cycling (2)
- Eliminate private vehicles to reduce fossil fuel use (2)
- Make available charging points for electric vehicles and cycles which will accelerate electric vehicle uptake on and off-road (2)
- Address cycling issues: current shared pedestrian/cycle routes are unsafe. Electric cycles and sport cycling speeds excessive
- Enact the ‘last mile’ principle in commuting
- Keeping cars on the outside of development

Total comments: 17

Climate Change

Challenges

Climate Change: (12)

- Delivering the 2050 zero carbon target (5)
- Providing land for carbon offsetting and environment banking / carbon offsetting (2)
- Air quality
- Sea level rising
- Flood risk – changing share of flood zones
- Reduce air pollution
- Climate change

Energy: (6)

- How to provide sufficient energy infrastructure (security, capacity, storage constraints) (5)

- Replacing fossil fuels as a source of energy

Water (7)

- Water supply including potable water provision (4)
- Drainage
- Addressing the water issue. We will need to do it eventually!
- Biodiversity

Total comments: 25

Opportunities

Climate change:

- Carbon neutrality (or better)

Energy: (2)

- Clean, green hi-tech data servers vs carbon-heavy ‘streaming’
- Sustainability / energy efficiency to fuel costs in existing housing

Biodiversity: (2)

- Going green in a practical way
- Delivering more biodiversity in every new development

Total comments: 5

Biodiversity and Green Spaces

Challenges

Biodiversity (5)

- Identifying offsite land for biodiversity / carbon offset and its relationship with space standards and how it impacts quality of life (2)
- Restoring biodiversity
- Protecting biodiversity
- Leading (not lagging) on climate action.

Green Spaces: (9)

- How to increase density while increasing greenspace / natural capital needs (3)
- Encouraging access to the outdoors (2)
- Green natural capital provision accounting for transport
- Management of green spaces
- Growth vs green space
- Tree cover growth

Total comments: 14

Opportunities

Biodiversity: (2)

- Going green in a practical way
- Delivering more biodiversity in every new development

Green Spaces: (10)

- The reform of land from agriculture to amenity use (2)
- Prioritising local food sources (2)
- More local green spaces, vistas, views, cherished places, not necessarily covered by protections (2)
- More access to Green Infrastructure (2)
- Identify land for large scale tree planting
- Enable off-grid / zero carbon communities

Total comments: 12

Other **Spatial** Issues

Challenges

- Funding (2)
- Ability to set a high goal for sustainable growth in buildings, transportation
- How to mitigate Government interference
- Impacts from Brexit
- Planner resource

- Better public engagement How to get people to accept growth

Total comments: 7

Opportunities

- Using Brexit to allow changes in land uses

Total comments: 1

Group Task 2: What do we need to do to respond to these issues? (How radical do we need to be?)

Housing

- Accommodation for key workers
- Marmalade Lane type housing could be replicated (co-housing development)
- Building adaptations for older people into housing from the start
- Lifetime housing

Wellbeing and Equality

- More facilities for older children; alcohol free social spaces, recreation, ball games allowed, prepare spaces for ball games. (3)
- Reduce inequality, but how? Look at the evidence for how other Local Authorities have tackled equality in other areas (2)
- Full time sustainable food officer – education on how to grow own food. Community officers to support education for food growth? (2)
- Multi – generational living (lifetime homes / flexible living units)
- Understanding what levers are available to influence and shape positive behaviours
- Reinforce culture
- Virtual community acknowledgement
- Village hub / networking

Jobs and Employment

- Community office/co-working space/better Wi-Fi/broadband to enable remote working. Smarter distribution between breakout centres and hubs (2)
- Upskilling local people to get jobs in the local economy
- Incentivise businesses to move to certain locations (not just planning)
- Recognise and provide for home working in villages
- More farmers markets

Environment and Infrastructure

- Reconsider Opportunities: for increasing density
- Appreciate diversity between villages and have a subjective approach
- High density orientation: 8 storeys guideline (City) 3/4 storeys in villages (flats)
- Defining priorities that land must achieve to gain permission
- Ensuring all development has good access
- Max permeability of new developments

Transport

- Circular routes around Cambridge
- Excellent public transport and cycling and walking connections (2)
- Encourage reduction in use of the car – subsidise buses, reduce car spaces, mass pedestrianisation (3)
- Rapid transit with parking or stops – See European examples
- Electric car provision
- Good, public transport orientated developments

Climate Change

- Local food opportunities: Have a farming section in the local plan (3)
- Establish renewable energy mechanisms (2)
- Consider moving all cladding
- Reduce water usage
- Flood resilient homes: Raise infrastructure to protect homes?
- Stop plastic bags in superstores / Plastic packaging
- Co-operative energy

- Re-use of water / grey water
- Local energy generation
- Centralised heating system
- No gas boilers in new developments
- Require carbon offsetting for existing housing

Biodiversity and Green Spaces

- Don’t build in the Fens – cost of monitoring drainage and sea level rise
- Afforestation
- Establish metrics for measuring success on carbon / biodiversity aims
- Define purpose of Green Belt
- Public open spaces
- Community woodland / commercial woodland
- Greenways connecting villages
- Build green spaces into development from the start - allotments should not come last

Other Spatial Issues

- Acting together [Cambridge City and South Cambs planning depts] - Use language such as “us and our” not “you and your” (2)
- Allow more localised thinking
- Engagement:
  - Local Members have a key role to play:
    - Mail drops
    - Gather Parishes to say their ideas
    - Need to stress the key time to input
  - Neighbourhood Plans and Village Design Guides
  - Have a specific officer to support and focus
  - Profile is not diverse - we need to engage different groups
  - Neighbourhood Plans not intended for change
- Data-driven decision making: Individual datasets i.e. per village to identify subjective issues

- Simplification in publications avoid limiting conversation. Clear communication – articulating a vision for why the change will help & what it will look like
- Attend Primary schools (fetes/fairs)
- Engage with difficult conversation
- How we communicate – better reach, hard to reach groups, competitions
- Policies – reduce number of executive summaries in digits format

Group Task 3: Reflections on previous Local Plan Process:

Engagement:

- People don't know about it
- More workshops – fewer exhibitions
- Reach whole community
- Consult with schools, supermarkets, medical centres, libraries, community centres – not just the 'usual' people (2)
- Routes to help young people feel involved – go to them
- Education on what local plan is and how it affects them
- Communications – taking residents along on each stage
- Avoid feeling of being 'done to'
- Available as an app as well as online – accessible to everyone
- Need to be more open and provide information during examination
- Co-housing. Tell people about it!
- Direct district Council engagement with parishes
- Facebook engagement with greater / general population
- Capture the views of young people
- All information on a parish should be presented to residents in draft form (Info may late be dispersed around the Local Plan)
- Parish based Local Plan groups would be useful in addition to parish councils
- Community Wattsapp groups (256 residents can fit into one group)
- Community workshops along the same lines as this event
- Communicate through Members

- School newsletters to age 18 (A Levels)
- Parish magazine engagement
- Local TV, radio for publicising Local Plan
    - Consultations:
        - Call for Sites Consultation
            - Provide more information
            - Timetable
            - How sites are tested

Content / Evidence:

- Check robustness of data at each stage of Plan preparation
- Understand housing land supply / delivery test issues
    - Be more flexible in accommodating these

Process:

- Locus of decision-making was very unclear
- Myth-busting / positivity approach
- Members need much more training in the Local Plan process than I had. Everyone seemed to be talking in incomprehensible acronyms
- Lack of joined up thinking between authorities
- Consult using questions that help root the local plan in real situations/real life

Statutory Consultees, Interest Groups and Service Providers Local Plan Workshop

16 July 2019

10.30am-12.45pm

Council Chamber, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA

Personnel:

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Presentation Chair: Paul Frainer

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Carbon Neutral Cambridge

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Conservators of the River Cam

Forestry Commission England

British Horse Society

Cambridge and District Citizens Advice

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

Greater Cambridge Partnership

Cambridge Area Bus Users

The Wildlife Trust

Cambridgeshire County Council

North Cambridge Academy

Camcycle

Cambridge Sustainable Food

Cambridge Area Bus Users x2 delegates

Swavesey & District Bridleways Association x2 delegates

Cambridge County Council x4 delegates

National Trust

Cambridge Past, Present and Future

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

Cambridge Commons

Cambridge Water

Environmental Agency

Natural England

Stagecoach East

Openreach x2 delegates

Group Task 1: Key Issues: Challenges and Opportunities:

Challenges:

Housing

- Affordability (2)
- Overcrowding
- Housing and Jobs and growth need to be co-located

Total comments: 4

Wellbeing and Equality

- Reducing obesity and improving health and wellbeing: Providing Opportunities: for sport & physical activity, manging biodiversity impacts (3)
- Ageing population (2)
- Health: Changing models of NHS long term planning (2)
- Provision of spaces for market gardens. Resilience in local food system (2)
- Supporting new & existing communities and infrastructure impacts of growth (2)
- Access to healthy and sustainable food
- Community buy-in to the growth agenda
- Funding new sites for education infrastructure
- Reducing inequality
- Impact of London overspill

Total comments: 16

Jobs and Employment

- Rate/rent/rebate for sustainable businesses
- Future of farming

Total comments: 2

Environment and Infrastructure

- Renewable & fabric first inclusion/approach to new builds (domestic and commercial)
- Is the level of growth appropriate?
- Engineering of buildings. E.g. sprinkles, density of population, build-up of construction material
- Building quality – lack of understanding on five requirements
- Fast growth, new developments appearing without evaluating the impact on the area/settlements already there
- Funding major infrastructures
- Privacy of developers

- Regional context; how does GC respond to regional drivers
- ‘Don’t Kill the Golden Goose’ keeping what makes Cambridge special

Total comments: 9

Transport

- Mass sustainability transport (congestion can be a barrier sustainable to growth and general movement) (5)
- Increased vehicle movements (albeit on many newly engineered roads)
- Improving Opportunities: for walking and cycling
- Transport connectivity – reconnecting settlement / villages / towns which have become isolated
- Long term implications of transport provision

Total comments: 9

Climate Change

Green Infrastructure (1)

- How does policy for ‘Doubling Local Nature’ endorsed by Nat Cons & Combined Council tally with Arc/Express

Climate Change (9)

- All new buildings/housing to be carbon zero earlier that 2050 (2)
- Environmental degradation from the ox-cam arc including express way
- Loss of countryside and greenfield
- Green/blue infrastructure
- Transmitting climate pledges into action
- Choosing between drastic carbon aims or growth agenda
- Good design in housing, transport
- Net zero carbon vs lifestyle habits

Energy (3)

- Availability of energy infrastructure in the local area, including green infrastructure (2)
- Electrification – Grid capacity. Transport, Housing, Renewable Generation, Electric Vehicles, No Gas

Water (6)

- Water supply – finite resources in South East (2)
- Water supply and electricity for new developments
- Availability of sewerage & sewerage treatment infrastructure
- Pressures from Environment Agency to reduce abstractions for water supply
- Future – proof for better use of utilities in new homes (i.e. allow for water recycling in future, if no new)

Total comments: 19

Other spatial issues

- Governance between councils and other organisations

Total comments: 1

Opportunities:

Housing

- Deliver 1 million homes

Total comments: 1

Wellbeing and Equality

- Community food growing spaces for all new housing development
- Opportunities: for better communities – How to build real communities (addressing transience) (2)

Total comments: 2

Jobs and Employment

- Massive expansion/development of clean tech sector
- New, skilled workforce
- Growth benefitting only R&D level jobs (high skill)
- Flexible work life patterns – designing homes to be multi-functional

Total comments: 4

Environment and Infrastructure

- Opportunities: for integration of urban and rural areas whilst protecting both, creating holistic developments that attract people to live and work (5)
- Work Closely with central government on growth agenda
- Implications of wider site development
- To provide digital, Broadband & Mobile infrastructure
- New building technologies

Total comments: 9

Transport

- Cycling and e-bikes (2)
- Better transport
- Creating more walking and cycling offers

Total comments: 4

Climate Change

Green Infrastructure (5)

- Cambridge Green New Deal
- Building locally & naturally.
- Tree cover – not enough. How to find land for this?
- Integrating green infrastructure in planning new plan

- Using the environmental to prevent ill health

Climate Change (3)

- Utilising the river as a green corridor when looking to offset environmental impact of population growth
- New developments must offset environmental impact @ net zero
- Issues of over-heating – land / house / natural.

Water (5)

- High quality and effective SUD's, water re-use (2)
- Water stressed region, river & stream dying, not enough water, sewage big issue
- Development scale water re-use/recycling schemes (i.e. Eddington)
- Compulsory features such as domestic sprinklers

Biodiversity (2)

- Biodiversity Net Grain vs Growth ambition. Where is the compromise?
- Doubling nature/nature recovery

Total comments: 15

Other spatial issues

- Citizens assembly for the local plan
- Issue and options Paper – How to make the best use of space available
- Governance

Total comments: 3

Group Task 2: What do we need to do to respond to these issues? (How radical do we need to be?)

Housing:

- Less dispersed, denser living
- This Local Plan is so quick after previous adoption. We are yet to understand impacts of housing mix
- Jobs/Location not same as houses
- More housing developments like Eddington. (Higher density development – don't be afraid of this.)
- Tackle affordability – provide land for self-build in every site & role of local authorities as landowners

Wellbeing and Equality:

- Some communities felt not listened to in both City & SCDC
- Welcome the idea of garden communities – mixed generations / housing / density
- Design of communities – key issue
- Well-being of residents – what is successful – feedback e.g. Marmalade Lane
- Rural areas – less travel. Still need facilities – doctors etc.
- Address - to provide more communities benefits (communicate the challenges)
- Supporting local/rural communities.
- Need integrated new urban & rural developments with houses, jobs, retail & services.

Jobs and Employment:

- Some doubts about basic evidence about jobs and homes needed to satisfy economic needs.
- Support small businesses
- More employment in villages – small workshops
- Challenge the viability argument in valuable areas
- Local jobs also important to balance high tech

- Viability – don't compromise & get lower provision

Environment including infrastructure:

- balance taller buildings with green spaces
- Strategy – question dispersed pattern of development more
- Location of developments require more thought.
- Better spatial approach
- Sustainable construction pattern.
- Enable more mixed land uses

Transport:

- Excellent & affordable public transport
- Joined up transport – e.g. cycle, parking, bus stops
- Travel hubs featured more in Local Plan

Climate Change:

- Net zero carbon – Require developers to provide exemplar developments.
- Water – capacity of natural environment
- Biodiversity; protect, link and expand existing sites
- Protect the natural environment – importance of natural spaces for the health and well-being as well as managed spaces
- Green lungs – Green Infrastructure led spatial patterns

Other Spatial Issues:

- Engagement:
- Better engagement with local communities
- Not enough effort made to explain policy choices
- Better methods needed for engagement, such as Citizens Advice
- How to encourage our younger residents to get involved
- Joined up assumptions/at different levels of governments – CPCA/County District

Group Task 3: Reflections on previous Local Plan process

Engagement:

- More workshops please
- Get together a group of related interest groups – so can input into policies from the start
- Involve public more at early stage,
- Use clearer, and less jargon in policy wording
- Wider consultation – lots of people don't even know what a local plan is so tell them
- Outreach – Need a robust communications strategy to reach hard to reach groups
- Include a greater proportion of community and keep them engaged (need to bring the Local Plan to life
- Streaming ads – Facebook, YouTube?
- Examination: advice/training per community groups to know how to represent
- Consultees provide opportunity to comment informally on early draft policies
- Innovative engagement with hard to reach groups
- Need to communicate associated implications of growth sites
- Allow time for experts to input to the process
- Ensure Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority input as new key producing relevant strategies

Content / Evidence:

- Not enough inclusion of biodiversity net gain
- Objectively Assessed Need for housing / standard methodology was OK
- Housing need / shelter? Important issues that need attention in this Local Plan
- Rural developments/allocations need to have alongside them the necessary range of infrastructure
- Climate changing - increased drought risk to already dry land
- Irrigated agriculture – appropriate crops in dry region
- Urban sprawl and SW run-off taking rainfall away from the rivers/groundwater
- New developments to have water consumption lower

- Need to include more up to date evidence on the three strands

Process:

- Process took too long. Will there be similar problems with a combined plan?
- Disenfranchisement due to length taken in creating and examining the plan
- Collaborative approach to sports
- Provision should be made for equestrians at the outset
- Transport authority should be informed at an early stage in intensifying growth sites – need an integrated process
- Set clear policy targets e.g. % sustainable transport & developments
- Contributions should be on an area basis – not individual sites
- Put the right policy requirements in the Local Plan and don't leave important requirements to an SPD – how to make sure it has right DM process
- Consistency throughout Local Plan

Landowners, Developers and Agents Local Plan Workshop

17 July 2019:

10:30am - 1:00pm

Council Chamber, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA

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Infinity Architects

Barton Willmore x2 delegates

Hallam Land Management Ltd.

Grosvenor

Deloitte x2 delegates

Scott Properties

Sherwood Architects

Strutt and Parker

Quod x2 delegates

Axis Land Partnerships

Bidwells

Cheffins

Pelham Structures

Turley

Barker Storey Matthews

Bloomhall

Axis Land Partnerships

Carter Jonas x2 delegates

Endurance Estates

Rapleys

Orchestra Land

Brown and Co.

Kings Gate Management Company (Cambridge) Ltd.

Sphere 25

Savills

Bryant Land and Property

Lichfields

Orchestra Land

Gladman

Eclipse Planning Services

Planning and Architecture

CHS Group

Taylor Wimpey East Anglia

University of Cambridge

Durman Stearn (Civil Engineering Limited)

Pegasus Planning

Heydon Grange x2 delegates

Heydon Grange

Landowner at Papworth Everard/A1198

Countryside

Developers x2

Group Task 1: Key Issues: Challenges and Opportunities:

Housing

Challenges

- Addressing the housing crisis: Providing a choice of houses, not just for tech sector but for home working etc while at the same time supporting innovation reputation (4)
- Increase housing supply in time to meet needs and housing delivery dates (5)
- Housing tenure models – are attitude to rentals changing? (2)
- Affordability compared to commuting costs / time (4)
- Too much reliance on new settlements.
- Question delivery dates and 5-year Land supply.
- A more balanced distribution – less reliance on large new settlements

Total comments: 18

Opportunities

- Meeting changing housing tenure models and housing market supply better (3)
- Being creative on housing types on sites such as custom and self-build and give preference to promoters doing this (2)
- Focus housing near employment and vice versa
- Recognising housing models beyond housing standards can deliver high quality
- Building houses in a way that they consume less energy, make efficient use of energy and use renewable energy

Total comments: 8

Wellbeing and Equality

Challenges

- Ageing population; how do we plan for this?
- Urban centres diversification away from retail to social interaction centre
- Population growth

- Delivering the growth needed but which impacts positively on transport, environment, design, wellbeing and the needs of the community
- Keeping residential amenity

Total comments: 5

Opportunities

- Delivering the growth needed but which impacts positively on transport, environment, design, wellbeing and the needs of the community (2)
- Grow small villages as they already have the start of a settlement
- Urban centres: diversification away from retail to social interaction centre
  Well-designed new neighbourhoods

Total comments: 4

Jobs and Employment

Challenges

- Meeting need for skills / trades / workforce
- Land value/Development cost
- Supplying the rural economy
- Flexible labour market.
- Travel to work
- Future of manufacturing and distribution
- Equitable and flexible employment offer
- Difficulties recruiting and retaining staff due to high cost of living
- Employment: need sites for business relocations from Cambridge (and NE Cambridge for example). Small scale, affordable – B1/B2. NOT just large-scale Science Parks.
- High land value – provides Opportunities: in Cambridge
  Cambridge economic success is spatially concentrated on the City – does not readily disperse

Total comments: 10

Opportunities

- Promote flexible R&D employment space – especially zero carbon industry and reinforce tech development (2)
- Land value: set out realistic expectations. Plan meeting stage to ensure that landowners have realistic expectation of value if allocated (2)
- Embrace technology in job growth: Home working/flexible hours
- Marshall relocation – lots of potential on land but may lose major employer
- Re-purposing town centres to return to a thriving economy
- Use the plan to support national and regional objectives for Cambridgeshire to be an 'engine' for growth – post Brexit
- Supporting innovation with a flexibility in policy
- Unique knowledge economy with huge potential

Total comments: 10

Employment and Infrastructure

Challenges

- Deliverable and realistic timescales, managing growth successfully, ie: delays in discharging planning conditions. No encouragement for pre-apps given huge delays, Committee referrals, streamlined planning process (5)
- Balanced spatial approach needed. Need planned undispersed village growth as well as urban growth – more deliverable, village vitality. For example, overcoming small village nimbyism, but keeping villages as villages (4)
- Making more sustainable development
- Increase planning resources
- Problem of success – how do we keep it up?
- Macro growth vs micro impacts
- Infrastructure, especially making timely decisions on preferred options so not to impact on delivery
- Off-site infrastructure
  - cost/options.

- Resilience testing, flexibility testing -robustness clarity / certainty

Total comments: 16

Opportunities

- “Improve” Greater Cambs
- Looser boundaries
- Deliver better digital networks
- Attractive environment
- Drafting succinct planning policies which are positively worded yet enable flexibility and options in the delivery of appropriate development
- Willingness and ability to embrace technology and new approaches to living / working / moving

Total comments: 6

Transport

Challenges

- Delivering sufficient transport infrastructure to achieve sustainability objectives as technology improves (4)
- Transport too expensive and unreliable (3)
- Congestion. Leads to difficulties in recruiting; impacts on air quality. We need better links (2)
- Rural transport with Greater Cambridge. Support rural communities
- Green belt transport
- Connecting homes and jobs

Total comments: 12

Opportunities

- Last mile infrastructure - coordinate delivery
- Aligning transport and growth

- Changing transport technologies
- Rural transport with Greater Cambridge. Support rural communities
- Have more distribution hubs
- Transport development into eco-friendly modes of movement
- Cycle culture

  Connectivity – between Oxford and London needs improvement

Total comments: 7

Climate Change

Challenges

Green Infrastructure (8)

- Green belt does it need a review? (7)
- Getting greener infrastructure into design from outset, not as bolt on

Climate Change (3)

- Implementation of net gain. How will this be achieved?
- Costs of net zero Carbon Dioxide
- Balancing carbon agenda with heritage concerns

Energy (3)

- More coordinated district energy scheme
- Electricity grid – electric cars
- Utilities infrastructure capacity

Total comments: 14

Opportunities

Green Infrastructure (3)

- Releasing green belt on the edge of settlements. It should not be sacrosanct, should be reassessed (3)

Climate Change (2)

- Encourage greater sustainability
- Using innovative technology in planning

Energy (2)

- Try to encourage car clubs/charging points. Brighton has over 200
- More coordinated district energy scheme

Biodiversity (3)

- Embed net biodiversity gain into all developments
- Enhance biodiversity
- Make greenbelt work for biodiversity. Net gain/Carbon dioxide

Total comments: 10

Other Spatial Issues

Challenges

- Joined up thinking – SCDC/CCC - resolving 'overall process' (2)
- Drafting succinct planning policies which are positively worded yet enable flexibility and options in the delivery of appropriate development (2)
- Competent personnel Council side
- Community opposition
- Big issues first
- National policy is too blunt
- Governance issues: GCP, CA, LPAs, CCC not joined up. Confusion and delays
- Heritage Assets – move away from focus on preserve to enhance

Total comments: 10

Opportunities

- Longer planning horizon. Don't just plan for the minimum Local Plan period (2)
- 'Giving the LPA a chance by being properly funded and resourced' (2)
- Establish new set up (Greater Cambridge)
- Regain confidence of developers/promoters/Agents
- "Correct" process and speculative successful applications
- Planning Services resourcing and experience.
- Working partnership between Local Authority and the development market to be established. Meeting regularly during plan process

Total comments: 9

Group Task 2: What do we need to do to respond to these issues? (How radical do we need to be?)

Housing:

- Support custom build, housing models and self-build, plus different affordable models
- Provide target numbers for housing in more sustainable villages
- Densification in housing: Height/mansion blocks. More accessibility
- Wider scope for affordable housing provision – not just through market housing

Wellbeing and Equality:

- Higher level of engagement with communities throughout the process (2)
- Schools provision: needs to look further ahead – positively plan – early investment and timely provision
  - community use of schools
  - need to identify land early and get money early
- Grow small villages – Community led housing
- LAs to take greater role in influencing national policy to capture key local objectives

Jobs and Employment:

- CAM-OX corridor essential for Cambridge

- Employment – qualitative and location more important than quantitative.
- Give serious consideration to private sector business needs and recommendations from Cambridge Ahead and CPIER
- Land value capture/CIL/will affect land availability

Environment including Infrastructure:

- Allocate specific sites / Over allocate sites to improve delivery/including more smaller sites in the villages (2)
- Implement Design Codes
- Better digital infrastructure
- Reserved sites should be prioritised over allocations
- Growth in new settlements; urban but also villages
- Settlement boundaries: be more flexible to allow determining inspectors to acknowledge sustainability
- Cambridge fringes are the best locations for sustainable development

Transport:

- Think strategically with transport infrastructure
- Improve public transport and consider new transport technology
- Also consider transport in light of Ox-Cam corridor
- Transport from Park & Ride – city centre – key area to improve
- Incentives for getting out of cars, e.g. free Park & Ride buses
- Need Green Belt review around transport nodes
- East – West rail transport hubs – but what will the needs be in 15 – 20 years' time?
- Developers contribute to major new transport infrastructure

Climate Change:

- Energy Company for Greater Cambridge – robust and affordable – boosting solar PV including energy storage
- Greentech
- Carbon neutral – cost burden, viability
- Redistribute GB – off set carbon – areas for trees and net gain for biodiversity

- Get infrastructure providers on-board in Local Plan process to understand how impacts on development strategy and costs, e.g. water, power, including new technologies. Potential role for Cambridge Peterborough Combined Authority? Local infrastructure forum? Role for connecting Cambridgeshire.
- Local energy generation on strategic sites
- Categorise Greenbelt status
- Opportunities: to fund low carbon infrastructure
- Roll back Green Belt – or redistribute to allow development closer to Cambridge

Other Spatial Issues:

- Engagement: engage with wider cross-section of community (include young people) and how to meet their needs (not just those who shout loudest) (4)
  -more digital
  -commitment from members and Parish Councils to be community leaders and not just blockers – education required
  - building a community conversation (does not work up commuter dormitories?)
  -connect into primary schools (key part of community) and engage with their needs
- Neighbourhood plans: look at wider area? – i.e. masterplan for villages?
  - be more positive. What do they want from development?
  - delivery of homes?
- Local Plan
  - more core strategy and CDF type approach = more flexible and supported by more detailed evidence
- Greater role for Neighbourhood plans
- Local Plan should provide more certainty
- Planning decisions more policy led and not political. Committee members need to endorse officers' recommendations more
- Dedicated team to implement the plan
- Plan should cover 50 years
- Longer term strategy with policies reviewed regularly to deliver the strategy
- Flexible policies
- Empowerment of Planning Officers

- Buy in from the public
- More informed members
- Members to trust Officers
- Raise profile of Planning within the Council (s)
- Increased resources in Planning Department
- Early infrastructure funding and delivery
- Dedicated steering groups set up as soon as site draft allocations – Parish Councillor, Developer, LPA
- More joined up and effective governance (GCP/CA/LPAs, etc)
- Encourage more Neighbourhood Plans
- Simplified planning zones (or similar – Bicester ex)
- Longer term planning – 2050/60
- Shame that we do not have regional plans
- Consider annual review of specific policies to help keep up with fast changing world and national policy/guidance
- Focus on local policies needed – rely on national policy where appropriate to help achieve streamlined plan

Group Task 3: Reflections on previous Local Plan process:

Engagement:

- Local plan engagement – needs to continue through examination once plan is fixed
- Difficult to communicate why Plan took so long. Need a better strategy this time around (2)
- Be positive about the good things
- Consultation with all areas/groups listening to people
- Understanding of strategic process? Getting to key local organisations
- Refusal to listen to local knowledge in allocations – agents need to be prioritised

Evidence / Content:

- Documents – visual local plan. User friendly with clarity, summary/technical, not too heavy / technical. Perhaps include a concise summary? (4)
- Evidence – focus by priorities discussed not just generic
- Need to state what a Local Plan is and what's in an SPD? To give more flexibility in going forward
- 5-year supply created a lack of confidence
- Are we checking we are making the most of permissions – are we monitoring all conditions? Are some key assets being lost? What does that mean for local plan?
- Influence developers to create a playing pitch strategy / indoors sport
- Flexible plan needed
- Overall objectives – happy/healthy communities
- Conversation in Local Plan about realities of economic growth (international nature of tech sector reinforces economy but also limits opportunity for low income groups) (3)
- Retrofit of existing homes – can we fund this through developer contributions
- Not enough land for housing
- Need more thorough evidence
- Protect our green belt & village identity
- Need new plan that meets anticipated needs of area & stick to it
- More landscape strategy
- Undermined by 5-year supply issues. Standard method should help (2)
- Transport evidence: Not integrated, too late (2)
- Challenges through delay and examination as most policies were focussed on delivering the minimum (2)
- Did not meet housing needs to older/younger people
- Numbers driven – too focused on targets
- Inconsistencies between City and SCDC evidence documents, e.g. green belt study update
- Greater range of sites would be good
- Late integration, e.g. housing trajectory
- Infrastructure reliance on large sites

- Need to look further ahead
- Lack of consideration of walking trail in previous Local Plan
- More certain policies – do not want to be able to read in different ways
- Shorter and simpler – fewer options which conflict less with other policies in the Plan
- Too wordy, especially Cambridge City Local Plan
- Need more opportunity Areas in Cambridge
- Consider carefully any DPD/SPDs after Local Plan as they slow down delivery
- Proportionate/timing of evidence

Process:

- Objections to development thrown out by inspector who has little local knowledge
- Mistake to have joint examination. SCDC / CC have different local needs (2)
- Should East Cambs have been linked through the Cambridge/SCDC examination?
- Rank sites according to suitability, so you can add sites if needed
- High cost of plan process (2)
- Sensible development commencement needed
- Development search – had not genuinely followed a sequential approach
- Need enough clarity in Local Plan policies for land value purposes, but not too much detail

Cambridge Residents' Associations and South Cambridgeshire Parish Councils Local Plan Workshop

17 July 2019:

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Shelford Rugby Club, The Davey Field, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5JJ

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Abingdon Piggots PC

Hills Rd Area RA x2 delegates

Queen Edith's RA

Cambridge PPF

Haslingfield PC

Duxford PC

Linton PC

Fowlmere PC

North Newnam RA

Whittlesford PC

Balsham PC x2 delegates

Cottenham PC

Swavesey PC

Grantchester RA

Trumpington RA

Barton Parish Council x2 delegates

Lt Gransden PC

Teversham PC

Milton PC

Cambourne Town Council

Cambridge Commons

Caldecote Parish Council

Willlingham PC

Sawston PC x2 delegates

Hardwick PC x2 delegates

Foxton PC

Weston Coville PC

Hinxton PC

Little Abington PC x2 delegates

Histon Rd RA

Little Shelford PC

Hurst Park Estate RA

Pampisford PC

Harston PC

Group Task 1: Key Issues: Challenges and Opportunities:

Housing

Challenges

- Lack of real affordable housing (5)
- Better housing – bigger inside, gardens, less density (2)

- National policy (remove Right to Buy)
- Is there a limit to the rate of increase of housing?
- More village housing
- Age of village housing
- Lack of trust regarding unwanted housing development
- Social housing

Total comments: 13

Opportunities

- Design: Build more houses with gardens, more bungalows, retirement villages (3)
- Better housing standards that are zero carbon
- Making new housing developments look less like student flat boxes

Total comments: 5

Wellbeing and Equality

Challenges

- Distribution of population profiles: Lack of children in some villages = school pressures (2)
- Sustainability for future – needs to be suitable for aging population (2)
- Better village health: Schools & health provision lag behind
- Individual local communities should be preserved; some villages would struggle to maintain a local community with continued rate of development

Total comments: 6

Opportunities

- More Opportunities: for smaller families not just executive / professionals / students (2)
- Maintain and strengthen communities
- Planning for an ageing population

- Villages are not appealing for young people (prefer city Life)

Total comments: 5

Jobs and Employment

Challenges

- University/colleges too strong influence
- Is there a limit to the rate of increase of employment?
- non-tech employment needs consideration
- Boost local tech employment

Total comments: 4

Opportunities

- Enable people to live close to where they work by establishing digital infrastructure and village hub space

Total comments: 1

Employment including Infrastructure

Challenges

- Imbalance about where growth is loaded at present – do we need to restrain rate of growth? (3)
- No infrastructure for current growth (2)
- Feels like we are just London overspill
- Need to maintain identify & character
- Developers do not deliver on their promise's example: NIAB vs Trumpington Meadows. Can we do better?
- Cambridge should remain a low-density city, even at North East Cambridge
- Keep the rural areas rural
- Encouraging group villages to thrive
- Stopping villages becoming car parks for the City

Total comments: 12

Opportunities

- Village and City character and design – needs understanding and respecting (2)
- Re-asses village envelopes (settlement areas)

Total comments: 3

Transport

Challenges

- High cost of public transport (2)
- Rural transport to Cambridge: unreliable and too dispersed (2)
- People living in areas of cheaper housing leads to wider congestion
- Develop junction 9 on the M11 to relieve pressure on the A505
- Delivering effective public transport

Total comments: 7

Opportunities

- Public transport improvements:
- Rail: Build or re-open railway stations and relocate some to do better – Whittlesford or a new South Cambridge Station for example. Electrify railway lines (to Peterborough) (5)
- Embrace transport technology: better sustainable transport links, hubs, use the UBER type model for personal mobility (5)
- Better cycle, bus and train routes to link housing & employment (2)
- Develop restricted road system to link up the various research establishments to provide public transport
- Behavioural changes needed to boost public transport and cycling. Get them by offering high quality speedy and reliable cycle routes

Total comments: 14

Climate Change

Challenges

Green Infrastructure (9)

- Green belt: Retain or release, is it worth reassessing? It should be preserved to maintain village separation (5)
- Not enough green spaces (4)

Climate Change (5)

- The need to be carbon neutral by 2050 (5)

Water (4)

- Sewerage – infrastructure is ageing (2)
- Whole region water stressed. River Cam lowest flow since 1949
- Water companies' growth may not be appropriate to water availability

Total comments: 18

Opportunities

Green Infrastructure (7)

- Provide more / prevent loss of green spaces in the city (4)
- Establish and reinforce green linkages
- Biodiversity
- Greenbelt review?

Climate Change (2)

- Sustainability & Carbon Neutral – Greater Cambridge & City
- Need to retrofit existing housing stock with low carbon tools

Total comments: 9

Other Spatial Issues

Challenges

- Speedier process needed – two Local Plans may delay events
- Simpler local plan could speed things up
- Avoid repeating NPPF/NPPG
- Do not use out of date evidence
- Central government figures/targets need to be considered

Total comments: 5

Opportunities

- Governance: Competing between Cambridge City & South Cambridgeshire; Need for more Duty to Cooperate with neighbouring District and County Councils (3)
- Need for close & co-ordinating working by members as well as officers

Total comments: 4

Group Task 2: What do we need to do to respond to these issues? (How radical do we need to be?)

Housing:

- Affordable housing that STAYS affordable
- Accommodation for older people – assisted time, phased, community environment

Wellbeing and Equality:

- Schools/Infrastructure – provide allowing for further growth
- Land value capture – to be used to gain community benefits
- Making new settlements better such as with cultural provision

- Northstowe: Deliver more infrastructure – employment / facilities / park

Jobs and Employment:

- Location of growth – satellite employment locations to lessen pressure on Cambridge
- New settlements to have mixed retail? With retail on the ground floor and housing above
- Economic growth – is it a good thing?
- Country needs Cambridge as a key growth location

Environment including Infrastructure):

- “Taking the steam out of City Centre” How?
- Peripheral corridor – 7/8 miles from centre
- Waterbeach – opportunity for balanced development
- Danger of falling victim to own success?
- 2040 natural limits to growth + 100,000 population
- Work hard on infrastructure first approach
- Feels like a concrete jungle, need outside space/storage

Transport:

- Routes between towns – direct & from villages
- Get people out of cars – clear the roads
- Congestion charge – push people to Park & Ride
- Funds towards sustainable transport
- Needs to be accompanied by excellent public transport
- Could we create too much congestion?
- Not too much parking
- Transport – joined up systems

Climate Change:

- Parkland to the North of A14
- Tree planting at significant scale – air quality, even around existing development, plant semi-mature trees
- Higher water efficiency – grey water, standard as standard

Other Spatial Issues:

- View the Local Plan in terms of 4 functions – students, tourism, hi-tech employment, regional centre
- Unify responsible bodies

Group Task 3: Reflections on previous Local Plan process:

Engagement:

- Lack of communication during examination
- Transparency
- Raise profile to general public
- More engagement – Parish Councils not listened to Residents Association don't allow them to be over-ruled
- More workshop dates fixed as soon as possible – create a timetable
- Engagement wasn't early enough last time round – this is better
- Is consultation lip service?
- Need a Citizens Assembly

Content / Evidence:

- Village boundaries not changed without consultation – RA's & PC's ignored and over-ruled by policy inspectors
- Is there any Local Plan "strength" to stop development?
- Stop reactive approach to transport
- Is the Local Plan Call for sites led?
- Neighbourhood plan vs Local plan?
- How long to plan for? 2040/2050, Mayor looking for 2050
- Connections to new growth areas
- After development delivery of infrastructure "teeth"
- Local plan took too long last time
- Pleased to see City and SCDC planners working together

- Need to listen and act on technical requirements - don't bury your head in the sand

Process:

- Inspection issue resulted from a poor plan
- Consultation should not be a talking shop – must have impact
- Big picture approach is important
- Planning Team reluctant to make changes to draft plan

Internal Officers Local Plan Workshop

22 July 2019

10.00am-12.30pm

Council Chamber, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA

Personnel:

Welcome and Introductions: Cllr Tumi Hawkins, SCDC; Cllr Katie Thornburrow, CCC

Presentation Chair: Caroline Hunt

How the Local Plan process will engage with this? Philip Bylo

Conclusions and next steps: Caroline Hunt, Philip Bylo; Cllr Tumi Hawkins, SCDC; Cllr Katie Thornburrow, CCC

Facilitators: Jon Dixon, David Roberts; Stuart Morris; Caroline Hunt, Philip Bylo

Scribe: Marie Roseaman

Attendance: South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council Employees

Group Task 1: Key Issues: Challenges and Opportunities:

Housing

Challenges:

- Housing that meets the needs of employment and workforce respectively (2)

Total comments: 2

Opportunities:

- Affordable housing: what other products could be offered?
- New flexible models of accommodation co-housing/sharing

Total comments: 2

Wellbeing and Equality

Challenges:

- Supporting health – older people/others (2)
- What will be in the heart of our communities?
- Enabling new types of living e.g. older people living options.

Total comments: 4

Opportunities:

- Community / resident led development important /encouraged (3)
- Resident buy in – sharing the vision
- Inequality issues – whole place issues benefit everyone
- Retaining the attractions of the area
- Social interactions important to reinforce / maintain

Total comments: 7

Jobs and Employment

Challenges:

- Flexible plan that does not stifle technological innovation
- Delivering more jobs outside the City?
- Disconnect between some employment sites in south of District and housing to the north
- What is the future of retail?
- Maintaining / growing existing

Total comments: 5

Opportunities:

- Existing employment areas in city hinterland
- Jobs with the rising trends in remote working & IT connectivity
- Marshalls – relocation issue, mitigating job losses?
- Hub in City, peripheral office locations needed. What do businesses want?
- Job and homes matching employment requirements

Total comments: 5

Environment including Infrastructure

Challenges:

- Uncertain pace of change: How will the Council manage and fund provision of infrastructure, including digital infrastructure? (3)
- Maintaining identity
- Role of villages in terms of wider technology character
- Public services to support growth
- Resident buy in – sharing the vision
- Vision for size of Cambridge – what kind of spatial strategy do we undertake?
- Are we learning lessons from previous developments?

Total comments: 9

Opportunities:

- A holistic vision and strategy for size of region
- Retaining identity of City / Village spaces

Total comments: 2

Transport

Challenges:

- Need excellent public transport in terms of service and cost (which are currently lacking), including buses. Look to London for solutions (4)
- How to manage car free in the city
- Imagining future mobility
- Primacy of driving into the city from South Cambs area

Total comments: 7

Opportunities:

- District/National policy to promote sustainable transport/travel and integrating it into new development, i.e. car parking issues (3)
- Electric vehicles / autonomous vehicles /other technology impact on style of economy/jobs. How do we enable these and the benefits they bring? (2)
- Congestion charging (need better public transport)
- Bring / limit densification and their impacts
- Public transport – new routes, extension of times and travel

Total comments: 8

Climate Change

Challenges:

- Changing attitudes re. environmental behaviours (4)

- Grid capacity (3)
- Densification: incremental, lots of Green Biodiversity loss (3)
- NPPF measurable biodiversity net gain: 10% - 20% - 25%? (2)
- Doubling nature vision
- Low carbon construction
- Impacts from development infrastructure (how can this be measured / addressed?)

Total comments: 15

Opportunities:

- Biodiversity loss; NPPF measurable biodiversity net gain 10% - 20% - 25% (2)
- Zero carbon homes and commercial buildings opportunity (2)
- Meeting the Doubling Nature vision (2)
- Climate change – zero emissions. Diesel phase out. Electric infrastructure issues.

Total comments: 7

Other spatial issues

Challenges:

- Wealthier areas should incur developer contributions
- Becoming a beacon for change at SCDC
- Just building to targets – we can achieve more than this

Total comments: 3

Opportunities:

- Local Plan to be beacon for change for SCDC
- Use evidence-based approach
- Level of ambition needs to be confirmed

Total comments: 3

Group Task 2: What do we need to do to respond to these issues? (How radical do we need to be?)

Housing

- Older peoples housing – centralised and accessible
- HMO – good provisions needed (5-year tenancy option)
- Housing choice to enable movement important.
- How we think about relationship between jobs and homes

Wellbeing and Equality

- Sustainability communities/health issues key
- Hubs for community/health centres
- Seasonal food/local provision
- Live nearer work
- Local Plan to take communities with it as it drives forward
- Work with communities – bottom up, neighbourhood plan? New ways of enabling difficult discussion
- Health objectives at care of plan

Jobs and Employment

- New patterns of working – different working week? Home working space
- Economic capacity? Transport capacity? Rural area capacity?
- Future of employment – do we understand our area?
- Flexible working space
- Live/Work units?
- Scope to work in villages using shared space facilities

Environment including Infrastructure

- High density living would help
- Requiring high quality sustainability measures/design in buildings and can we make sure people use them

Transport

- Sustainable travel – behaviour change, cycle footpath provision, Electric Vehicle provision
- 30 minutes cycle ride to key areas
- Reduce car dependency? Targets.
- Cycle routes – safe & attractive
- Autonomous transport issues
- Local bus services/private services would be good
- How to spend business rates – public buses?

Climate Change

- Clear vision – agreed with all e.g. net zero carbon to then set the planning framework
- Net zero carbon ambitions stated by councils are helpful starting point
- Zero carbon – ambitions targets for buildings. Can we include lifestyles?
- Call for green infrastructure
- How to approach green belt? Understand biodiversity/landscape benefits
- Co-ordinating green infrastructure into overall development strategy, from strategic to local scale -supporting healthy lifestyle – absolutely key in hand with development
- Metric for green canopy over green roofs etc?
- How to net zero carbon?
- Farming/Solar/Wind farms for electronic provision
- Tree planting/offsetting/zero carbon delivery
- Green belt? Challenge the concept? Good quality design in this area. No bio/landscape value here in GB. Parkland/recreation better in GB areas

Group Task 3: Reflections on previous Local Plan process

Engagement

- New political context. Need to manage member expectations
- Communications – role of everyone in the council to support the local plan and instigate discussion with contacts / all areas / groups
- Engagement needs to continue through process and examination once plan is fixed (2)
- Need to convey to local organisations understanding of strategic process and benefits / constraints of economic growth (2)
- Benchmarking Local Plan Document at each stage of the process
- Parish Councils and Residents Association not listened to. Don't allow them to be over-ruled
- Engagement wasn't early enough last time round – this is better
- Scepticism that hostility/opposition is ignored
- Is consultation lip service
- Citizens assembly
- Consider the organisations power structures around the plan
- Lack of honesty/transparency

Content / Evidence

- Need a visual local plan. User friendly, clear. Include a summary. Not too technical (2)
- Evidence – Need more thorough evidence based. Focus by priorities discussed not just generic (2)
- Need for clarity & eligibility but conciseness
- Need to explain difference between what is in LP & what is in SPD?
- More flexibility (2)

- Government policy for economic growth needs reconciling with international competition for economic growth (2)
- Protect our green belt & village identity. More landscape strategy (2)
- How challenging should we be?
- What other mechanisms/structures do we need to ensure ongoing maintenance/management of funds/land/facilities

Process

- Very long – difficult to communicate about this. Need to bear this in mind when communicating this time around. Danger of burnout (4)
- Team worked very hard – back into challenging programme. Need proper resource. Focus on priorities. Acknowledging or addressing limited resource (4)
- Get as much buy-in from stakeholders before the plan is fixed
- Learn from what caused the length of examination. Was mainly the strategy.
- Make sure you learn lessons – different at different locations.
- Leadership of low carbon/future, project management process
- Managing expectations for members
- Need new plan meets anticipated needs of area & stick to it
- Objections to development thrown out by inspector who has little local knowledge
- Big picture is important
- Issue of 4-year election cycle
- Pleased to see City and SCDC planners working together

Businesses Local Plan Workshop

5 September 2019:

8:30am – 10:30am

Innovation Centre, British Antarctic Society, Madingley Road, Cambridge

Personnel:

Welcome and Introductions: Cllr Bridget Smith SCDC; Cllr Tumi Hawkins SCDC

Presentation Chair: Stephen Kelly

How the Local Plan process will engage with this? Caroline Hunt

Conclusions and next steps: Caroline Hunt, Philip Bylo; Cllr Tumi Hawkins, SCDC

Facilitators: Paul Frainer, Ryan Howsham, Jon Dixon, Philip Bylo

Scribes: Johanna Davies, Vicky Christley

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Asset & Support Management

Paragon Land & Estates

Millers Group

TTP Group Plc

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Babraham Institute

PPD Global

NFU

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Group Task 1: Key Issues: Challenges and Opportunities:

Housing

Challenges

- Affordability. Means people migrate to cheaper areas without facilities (3)
- London magnet effect inflating housing

Total comments: 4

Opportunities

- Availability / providing affordable/mid-range/high end homes (2)
- Converting retail to residential e.g. Grafton Centre, central City locations (2)
- Homes/Jobs balance

Total comments: 5

Wellbeing and Equality

Challenges

- Group tourism – nowhere to stay so therefore don't spend as much as possible in the area (2)
- Lack of community

Total comments: 3

Opportunities

- Improved healthcare in new communities (and existing)
- Improve schools as people will locate where there are good schools

Total comments: 2

Jobs and Employment

Challenges

- Employment Sites Vs Labour – work currently concentrated in South & West, people need to travel (3)
- Availability / affordability of economic opportunities. Development other than housing. Start-ups need premises too! (2)
- How do we meet economic demands, e.g.do we focus on specialist or generalist businesses? Need to determine what makes Cambridge so competitive. (2)
- Affordable land / availability - other services important for locals. Cost of operating in centre of City is driving out some businesses (2)
- Power of Universities – influence they have (2)
- DNA of Oxford & Cambridgeshire / London effect – Dilute it? Or Keep it? (2)
- How to negotiate changes in retail habits
- Construction disruption for long period is negative for businesses (e.g. A14)
- Cost of living effect on disposable income
- Economic success strangled by lack of transport
- Attracting staff to the area due to transport/housing costs

Total comments: 18

Opportunities

- Need more inclusiveness to ensure existing population are skilled / trained or attracting blue collar employers (2)

- Lots of employment opportunities, e.g. Cambridge / Oxford ARC. Need to build on this
- There is huge international interest in the innovation coming out of Cambridge which can be capitalised on
- Jobs – closer to work/linked to salary
- Deliver more of what makes Cambridge a special place (culture, green/open spaces)
- Business rates need evolution
- Growing workforce availability
- Providing food for the nation
- Enabling space for lower value-added businesses
- Employment areas take staff from a wide area
- Development will generate retail opportunities. We need the local economy to benefit from this opportunity
- Can we tackle inflation caused by purchase /investment by foreign investors 'buy to leave'

Total comments: 13

Environment including Infrastructure

Challenges

- Better digital infrastructure needed. Virtual meetings require excellent internet (3)
- Environment; enhancing it but remembering national significance
- Are we building without infrastructure? Demand is so high on infrastructure service levels reduce

Total comments: 5

Opportunities

- Release land in the right places: Utilise assets; brown field sites of all sizes (2)
- Infrastructure before development and ensure infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of business (2)

- Density – ambitious, tall buildings at same time as green space. Embrace infilling (2)
- Balance areas for development with areas for food production

Total comments: 7

Transport

Challenges

- Long commutes: Cross City transport challenging / no transport around fringe of City. Assumption that traffic is inbound to City only. Needs to be affordable and efficient (8)
- Challenge of congestion / rush hour traffic (2)
- Transport allowing all users/movements of all types (e.g. ageing population) (2)
- Consider East-West rail impact on transport network demand etc
- No matter what, is it realistic to think people will be able to live near work any time soon – and are we planning accordingly?
- Traffic infrastructure doesn't match traffic 'demographics'
- How can we pull the complexity of transport into Local Plan – education example of bussing people in from other counties
- Zero emission cars or a carless society
- Electric charging point infrastructure
- How to get relatively low paid workers into the City? (transport/cost of housing)
- Local movement of freight
- Long term disruption from road improvement – key issues for businesses
- Planning assumptions about low levels of car use are unrealistic

Total comments: 22

Opportunities

- Improve transport corridors & transport hubs: Park & Rides & Buses; Park & Cycle; Rail links to Oxford & other cities and Cambridge South. Commuting is inevitable (8)

- East West rail, GCP Schemes to better transport offer
- Invest in high quality public transport (carrot)and congestion charge (stick)
- Align growth with transport opportunities
- Opportunities to use transport technology
- Enable distribution hubs

Total comments: 13

Climate Change

Challenges

- Green Spaces are important
- Sustainability of businesses & capacity to be more self-sufficient. Renewables, embedded renewals, integrated sector

Total comments: 2

Opportunities

- Best use of renewable energy to offset running costs
- Management of public open spaces for appearance/health/wellbeing

Total comments: 2

Other Spatial Issues

Challenges

- Need for aligned governance (2)
- Lack of planning capacity (officers)
- Lack of planning consistency
- Complex, opaque & lengthy planning process
- Businesses being stuck by lack of system responsiveness. Ebbs & flows of planning prevent long-term planning
- Look to joined up plans e.g. Bedfordshire

Total comments: 7

Group Task 2: What do we need to do to respond to these issues? (How radical do we need to be?)

Housing

- Use levers. We have to be firmer with developers on affordable housing and have more control over development – too much allowance on developers to choose. I.e. Affordable housing should be shared equally. We need innovative ways of delivering affordable homes e.g. build to rent, self-build etc, need a blend of options (4)

Jobs and Employment

- Businesses will come and fill the space, so do not resist development. Space availability in the past has been good e.g. science park (2)
- Better relationships with agencies e.g. HA, Rail to deliver infrastructure
- Think 2050 and Cambridge as the next big employment area
- New economic centres away from Cambridge centre – incentivise move to Cambourne etc
- Cambridge needs conference centre facilities
- Debate around emphasising new economic centres vs realising that people/businesses won't move, and dealing with that
- Need to determine what type of growth? Not all is desirable

Transport

- Busways and public transport – connectivity through centre is important with stops that make sense location wise. Needs to be practical, sustainable, effective and cheap (6)

- More secure cycling to support infrastructure. Get bikes on guided bus for multi-modal integration or get bike hire. Improve cycle lanes, routes, better movement around, separate cycles & cars for better uptake – plan space (4)
- Motorways junctions need investment
- Railway infrastructure e.g. ease of rail travel between South of City & Cam North and connections at Fulbourn, Six Mile Bottom (2)
- More focus on walking/sustainable modes to school – better routes/more schools/adjusting school start times
- Introducing a shared transport initiative
- Electric scooters – legal restrictions. However, are electric vehicles effective? (2)
- Less road closures to stop traffic
- More spaces to leave cars & use bikes

Environment including Infrastructure

- Re-use of space needed, i.e. smoother Change of Use process, re-look at planning change of use 'flexibility' (2)
- Commitment to Infrastructure up front is key
- Solar – integrated into infrastructure / new developments
- Green buildings & sustainable businesses
- Repurposing buildings & retro fitting
- Regeneration of existing assets
- Subsidies for re-use of existing site Brownfield/Better use of assets
- Shared workspaces at villages (reduced need to travel)

Climate Change

- Supply chain businesses providing cleantech
- Opportunity for renewables

Other

- Orientation to growth – positive approach
- Use behavioural insights to understand consequences of last Local Plan

Group Task 3: Reflections on previous Local Plan Process:

- This question was not asked at this workshop.

Presentation slides from workshops

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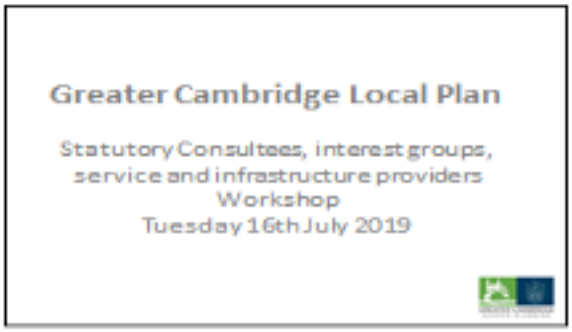

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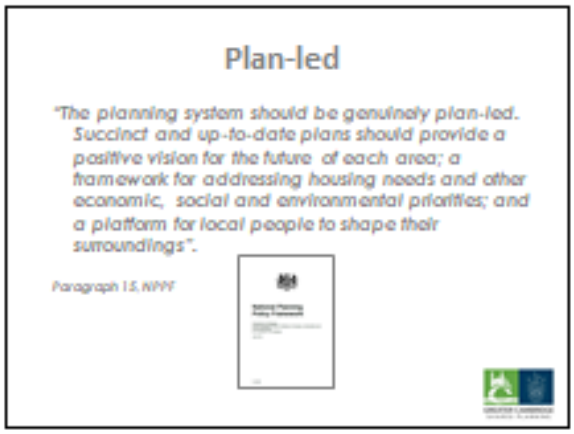

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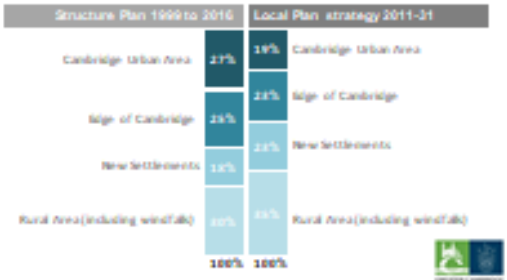

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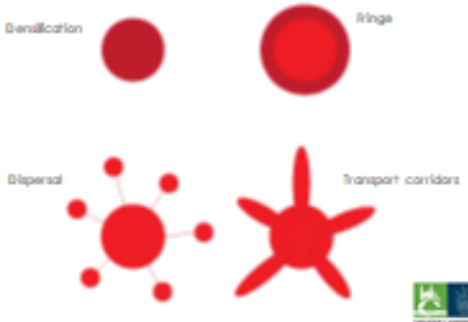

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Planning for the Future – The Issues

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Key issues: challenges and opportunities

Plenary:

Write on post-its a few words that describe key issues for Greater Cambridge over the next 20 years. Stick up your challenges and opportunities on the relevant flip chart.

20 mins

Summary and discussion of key points arising

10 mins

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What do we need to do to respond to these issues?

(How radical do we need to be?)

Group exercise:

In groups, discuss potential solutions to the challenges and opportunities identified (to be captured on flip charts).

20 mins

Plenary: each group to feedback on key issues arising

10 mins

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Reflections on the Local Plan process

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Reflections on previous LP process

Group exercise:

Within the groups to which you've been allocated, discuss key issues under broad categories of content/process; good/bad (to be captured on flip charts).

10 mins

Plenary: each group to feedback on key issues arising

5 mins

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How will the Local Plan process engage with the key issues?

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Greater Cambridge Local Plan

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Engagement

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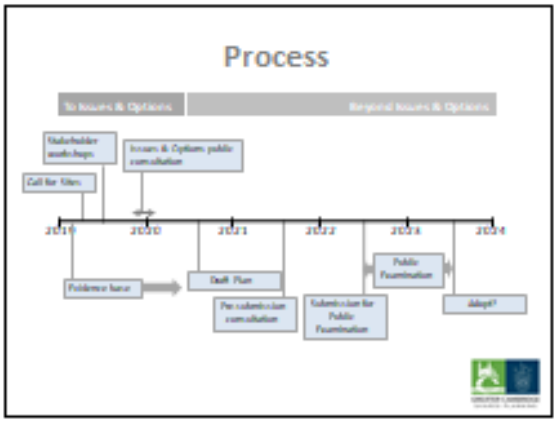
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Pre-submission consultation
Submission for Public Examination
Adopt?

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Conclusion

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Feedback summary

At the end of each workshop, attendees were invited to anonymously fill in a feedback form. A summary of the feedback comments is given below.

Question 1: Rate how useful you found today's workshop (0 = not useful at all; 5 = very useful)

Number of people who scored the workshop 1: 0

Number of people who scored the workshop 2: 2

Number of people who scored the workshop 3: 18

Number of people who scored the workshop 4: 43

Number of people who scored the workshop 5: 45

Question 2: What was the most useful part of the workshop?

Attendees cited the following:

- Being engaged early in the Local Plan process and having their views listened to and recorded;
- An opportunity to learn more about the Local Plan process and timeline and actively participate in early engagement with each other, Planning Officers and Members;
- The space to have an open forum with a wide range of people and discuss key challenges and opportunities the Local Plan could address;
- Putting forward what is important and hearing a diverse range of ideas and views from both people in their interest group and different sectors;
- Having an early input into the Issues and Options process and feeling genuinely involved in influencing the outcome.

Question 3: What aspects of the workshop were less useful?

The feedback forms indicated the following:

- The workshop table discussions and the facilitator feedback were too short: This limited the ability to fully discuss some topics and it felt rushed;
- Some of the attendees would have appreciated a brief outline of what a Local Plan was; what it could achieve and how it would be implemented. Some of the content assumed people understood the planning process;
- Some felt that the workshop was too high level and could have benefitted from a tighter focus on specific matters affecting Greater Cambridge;
- Some comments proposed that having the group task questions beforehand would have enabled people to be more prepared with their answer.

Question 4: What issues would you like to explore further next?

Attendees stated that they would like to explore:

Engagement:

- Holding regular workshops and being actively involved in the whole Local Plan process;
- Having more detailed and longer workshops that focus on specific themes;
- Advice on how to engage with local communities / businesses / developers / Agents / Parish Councils / Residents Associations etc. and understand how their views will be considered

Other specific issues attendees would like to discuss further include:

- The Local Plan process; How the spatial strategy is going to be developed;
- Specific workshops on homes; jobs; zero-carbon target by 2050; Biodiversity and green infrastructure; design; infrastructure (including how transport impacts on the area; Wellbeing and Equality and implementation.
- The Call for Sites process and how sites are selected;

- Expectations of stakeholders and how to balance these;
- Hear more about the council's priorities and how the joint Local Plan will co-create policies;
- Evidence base: What evidence base is needed, why it is needed and how it will influence the Local Plan
- How review mechanisms are chosen and implemented.

Keeping Cambridge Special workshop

28 September 2019:

9:00am – 13:00pm

Centre for Mathematical Sciences, Cambridge CB3 0WA

Attendance – Please note that due to data protection rules, attendees' names cannot be included in this list. Therefore, only those with organisations stated are given below. This list was provided to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning by Cambridge Past Present and Future.

Chair of Harston Parish Council

HRARA

Sohnius & Perry Limited x2 delegates

Fowlmere Parish Council

Foxton Parish Council

Stapleford Parish Council x4 delegates

Linton Parish Council

Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF) x8 delegates

Smarter Cambridge Transport

Cam Rollers

Cambridge City Councillor

The Whittlesford Society x2 delegates

Journalist

Borough Architects

Milton Road Residents' Association

North Newnham Residents' Association

Retiree from Oxford University

Natural Cambridgeshire and Cambridge Conservation Forum x2 delegates

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Cambridge and Peterborough x4 delegates

Hardwick Parish Council

MPC x3 delegates

Montreal Square Residents' Association x4 delegates

Resident x2

MA Page Consultancy Services

Hanover and Princess Courts Residents' Association / Elected tenant rep on City HSC

RAON

North Cambridge Community Partnership x2 delegates

Landmark International School

Studio 24 Architects

Vecta Consulting Limited

CPPF Planning Committee

Bidwells

Cottenham Parish Council

Cambridge County Council

Bango

Conservatives

Fulbourn Forum for Community Action

Cam Valley Forum

CoFarm Foundation

BCR Infinity Architects x2 delegates

AKT II

Cambridge City Councillors x2

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning attendance:

Stephen Kelly: Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development

Paul Frainer: Assistant Director for Strategy and Economy

Sharon Brown: Non-Executive Director of Planning

Philip Bylo: Planning Policy Manager

Agenda:

Keeping Cambridge Special

The new local plan for Cambridge and South Cambs: Come and make early input

Saturday 28 September 2019, 09:00 – 13:00

Centre for Mathematical Sciences, Cambridge CB3 0WA

Free event, donations appreciated

09:00 Registration and coffee

9:30 Introduction:

- Cllr Lewis Herbert (Cambridge City Council)
- Cllr Pippa Heylings (South Cambs DC)

9:40 Though-provoking presentations:

- Spatial Implications of zero carbon – Dr Elisabete Silva (University of Cambridge)
- Implications for biodiversity – Dame Fiona Reynolds (Emmanuel College)
- What Housing will we need? – Stephen Hills (Cambridge Housing Society)

10:30 Coffee

11:00 Give us your views

- What might a zero-carbon future mean for how the city will relate to its green hinterland?
- How can the Local Plan help us to achieve the target to double the amount of species rich habitats by 2050?

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11.45 Report back and discussion: Cllr Pippa Heylings

12:50 Conclusions: Cllr Lewis Herbert

Question 1: What might a zero-carbon future mean for how the city will relate to its green hinterland?

The biggest topic for attendees in considering a zero-carbon future was around development and growth. Some questioned whether growth was always a good thing and whether a joint local plan could realistically meet the development needs of contrasting rural and urban areas. Some suggested a policy preference that allowed for the retrofitting of existing housing and infrastructure with zero carbon technology. Many preferred a Local Plan that retained the separation between the city and the surrounding rural villages. Growth should focus on limiting travel associated with it and should only be allowed when supported by solid evidence that it is needed. This should help prevent undesirable growth and support an approach towards zero carbon.

Attendees highlighted the need for efficient, cheap and reliable public transport from the rural hinterland into the City centre as being key for a zero-carbon future. The Local Plan should also be flexible enough to allow for the development of future sustainable transport technology and limit congestion by using higher parking prices

and better transportation links, such as a comprehensive, safe and segregated cycle and walking routes.

Green spaces, and the Green Belt in particular, were popular issues of discussion. Some called for the Green Belt to be released for development, probably incrementally, to allow for exceptional zero-carbon only development, while some stated that Green Belt should still be preserved for nature, recreation and biodiversity. There was some suggestion for more urban greenspaces to allow for local food production and rewilding and some asking for brownfield land to be released before building on open spaces.

Climate change was also discussed. It was felt that an evidence-based approach to mitigation was needed and more tree planting, redistribution of energy supply and local food production could be reasonable remedies for climate change.

Question 2: How can the Local Plan help us to achieve the target to double the amount of species rich habitats by 2050?

Establishing the city as a nucleus with an enhanced network of interconnected open green corridors and woodland areas would be a good approach to adopt, as well as a specific green infrastructure policy that shows preference for habitat-rich provision. Some comments indicated that diverse habitats could be achieved in part by building upon some non-species rich green spaces such as some farmland. Similarly, small-scale community greenspace schemes, such as shared spaces, gardens, composting, birdboxes, trees, hedges and allotments were important areas that could improve species-rich habitats.

It was mentioned that rigorous studies by experts should be conducted to provide a full picture of existing habitats and effective mitigation and encouragement schemes to determine best-practice metrics and a suitable approach. Biodiversity targets should be exceeded, and attention should also be given to how to get landowners and farmers to contribute to species rich habitats. Developer contributions could fund species and habitat creation via the Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy mechanisms and a priority hierarchy should be established.

Question 3: How can the Local Plan better provide for the housing needs of key workers and older people?

The greatest focus of discussion was on how to ensure development created mixed communities where older people, families and keyworkers could live in the same area together, rather than separate areas specifically for high earners and temporary students, for example. However, it was noted that the Local Plan cannot affect tenure directly and it was suggested that perhaps another approach could be adopted, such as market intervention to rebalance affordability via developer subsidies and contributions.

It was also recognised that there was a need for adaptability of accommodation to meet needs of a range of residents. Older people, for example, should be able to downsize easily while families should have a wide array of options to stay in an area. There was the opinion that developers currently prefer to concentrate on small dwellings marketed for profit and often use viability when deciding on housing types and levels of affordable housing. Attendees thought that there may be capacity to have a planning mechanism that has a presumption in favour of lifelong standards, so that development would be steered towards bungalows, lifetime homes and co-housing for example. This would allow for an intergenerational housing mix and a local community that resists isolation. However, there was also a recognition that the Local Plan is limited in its influence regarding populations and that defining terms such as ‘local’ or ‘keyworker’ can be difficult.

Access to facilities was also a common theme of discussion to try and reduce commuting levels into the city, and to plan for jobs close to homes. This would perhaps influence the need to travel outside of the local area. Again, there was commonality of thought that all policies concerning groups such as older people, keyworkers and those on low incomes should be longer term, and have a thorough evidence base to support the needs of these groups and how they should be addressed in the Local Plan.

Workshop Notes:

Question 1: What might a zero-carbon future mean for how the city will relate to its green hinterland?

Transport

- Governance. How much influence does local planning have on transport?
- Need to provide for electrification – affordability of electric cars likely to encourage more use
- Need realistic consideration of connectivity between the City and South Cambridgeshire

Public Transport

- Make Public Transport in and within the city: attractive, affordable, reliable, easy to use, safe, quicker (12)
- Consider Metro / park and ride connections within Greater Cambridge (2)
- How do we encourage the required modal shift? - Need evidence to determine how people will benefit from improvements (2)
- How much power has the Local Plan to improve the rural and city bus network (2)
- Major national plans – CAM sustainable transport plans and East West rail will have a big impact on spatial planning

Private / Commercial vehicle use

- Carrot vs stick approach to congestion
- A car free / coach free city? Road space is taken up by cars
- Reduce need to park all day. The issue is with tourists and commuters
- Nil parking provision for new building and raised parking pricing – matched with carrot of better public transport

Cycleways

- Need to create more cycle paths, segregated from roads, bus lanes and pedestrians with better links (4)
- Need to address current safety issues with cycling; which are influenced by levels of parking available and future safety in the rise of electronic bikes (3)
- Need to encourage active travel – implement a cycling hierarchy
- Excellent cycleway opportunity is next to the guided busway network.

Responding to Climate Change

- Carbon impact of data servers – how can we mitigate? Or capture heat and reuse e.g. server heating in buildings (3)
- Need comprehensive data on 'Cambustion':
    - Where are the most Co2 emissions
    - Effect of cremations
    - Carbon mapping of vehicles, emissions movements
    - Food production, supply and distribution – carbon impacts on local provision (2)
- Be more ambitious than the previous plans
- Water is a big issue – we are losing water and need urgent mitigation (2)
- Fund tree planting
- Corporate Social Responsibility – could be used to fund schemes
- Reduce energy consumption – not just sharing it around. Co-location of schools, GP's shopping etc.
- Cost of embedded carbon in redevelopment – cost of pulling down and up.
- How rapid will the withdrawal be from fossil fuel infrastructure? i.e. petrol stations
- Energy hubs creation needed

Green Spaces

- Should we make Cambridge concentric with nucleus or wedges / corridors? (3)

- Enable more market gardening, “Keep the peat” (2)
- Green areas within development, such as roof gardens (2)
- Better / improved access to existing green spaces
- Re-wilding of areas
- Re-use and re-purposing to create open spaces from brownfield, e.g. Marshalls Airport
- Mustn't forget the green inner land and using existing spaces within the city
- LP should encourage landowners to set aside land through policy and enforce this through policy.
- Do not have balconies as substitutes for gardens. Balconies should not face the street but be over courtyards

Green Belt:

- Preserve and reinforce Green Belt for nature. Green Belt release maybe not the solution (3)
- Are we stuck with the Green Belt? Can we plan to release some / review it? (2)
- Need to decide whether development will be concentrated in the city or outside the Green Belt?
- Can we identify sites for brownfield development before we look at Green Belt?
- Planned release of the Green Belt to enable people to work where they live

Employment / Jobs

- Persuade jobs and employment to be located where they are needed (nearer homes), rather than wait for employment to ‘arrive’. It is wrong to build houses to meet jobs that do not exist yet (6)
- Need policy to defend and encourage industrial strategy / employment. Inside or outside the city (3)
- Impact of farming and agriculture needs of the future. Small farming development to be less than 20ha (2)

- Need to plan for future rise of home / mobile working
- Management of growing Tourism industry important

Development and Growth

- Less or no growth, retain satellite villages. Is growth a good thing? Should we concentrate on quality over quantity? Retrofit existing stock is key. We need engineering solutions rather than more development (11)
- What level of growth are we talking about – we need the facts. The Growth Agenda is not scrutinised properly (2)
- Need to decide whether we build around “new towns” or corridors to new towns or on fringe, or create transition towns (2)
- Should we work backwards rather than start where we are and clarify what we cannot have so our vision is realistic (2)
- Need to mitigate carbon emissions from existing buildings / development as they embody carbon. Incentivise clean development villages – tax benefits? (2)
- Our infrastructure is not performing adequately. Need to make more intelligent use of land (2)
- Compact city should be kept
- Decentralisation to cut travel down and no need to come into Cambridge. For example, self-sufficiency in Northstowe
- Considering both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire districts together creates too large an area for planning policy to manage effectively
- Bigger vision: Cambridge City or Cambridge Region?
- Making attractive developments is important
- Need to make clear what developer responsibilities are
- Consider who is making the money out of growth. The University is making money out of it

Housing

- Affordable housing. Why is it an add-on, it is not just a percentage but is important? (3)
- Housing materials - mapping where gas boilers are? Private rental sector often has poorer environmental performance (2)
- Sustainable homes: Can local authorities enforce a higher standard of building (2)
- Why are housing targets so modest?
- Funding structure should be challenged
- Housing retrofit – large amount of housing not properly insulated. There should be no difference in Council tax to implement

Wellbeing and equality

- Access to local facilities (2)
- Making space for people – reversing the hierarchy and putting people first (2)
- Increase vibrancy of city centres

Other Spatial Issues:

- Does the current Local Plan have effective existing studies and reviews? The way we evaluate evidence may need review (2)
- There is a danger that the length of the Local Plan may not align with the economic cycle
- How can we introduce mechanisms to enforce policies to lessen the amount and cost of legal challenges?
- The deterioration of infrastructure currently is an important issue
- Danger the plan will be too city centre focussed
- Can we consider adding land swap concepts to the Local Plan?
- Colleges play a key role. Is this good or bad?
- Will need funding may not come from central government
- How far is the hinterland? Need more information of this
- Need solutions from the ground up

- How do you make land set aside add up?
- Better governance needed in the joint planning authority

Question 2: How can the Local Plan help us to achieve the target to double the amount of species rich habitats by 2050?

Green spaces:

- More urban agriculture: Issue that private gardens cannot be used to grow / garden by tenants. There is also no availability for Allotments. Gardens and small-scale community schemes are important. Need more local-level improvements (8)
- Establish nucleus and green corridors with nature reserves and a network of open spaces – to walk out from city to enjoy (6)
- Where are the new green spaces going to be – i.e. the new Wandlebury? Do we disperse or concentrate green spaces? A 'Call for Green Sites' a good idea (5)
- Towns and villages are a green oasis at present
- Need to make sure size and type of spaces are suitable for biodiversity in City and on fringes
- Need to keep environment and green infrastructure open - resist enclosing open space
- Cambridge needs to double the number of parks through new planned development
- 'Manicured' public areas – maybe needs reviewing and limiting
- Greenways, footways and cycleways need implementing to allow better movement and limit car dependency
- Green space cannot be an afterthought to growth

Planning Policy and implementation

- Define metric and ensure enforceability and accountability for biodiversity valuation. Are existing studies fit for purpose – CPIER, ARC – do they include

biodiversity as fundamental concepts? What are the big things we are doing that are large and significant? Need more open studies (4)

- We need a much more detailed plan backed by clear, enforceable policy – the principle of improved species is not enough (3)
- High density policies are land sparing so more space for nature (or food growing) (3)
- Long term vision would be beneficial and not just by 2050
- Partnership with Botanic Garden and employ ecologists to give guidance? (2)
- Concern about “greenwash” – developers not effectively mitigating a new development – how do we check for superficiality? (2)
- Cambridge Ahead too powerful (2)
- Joined up thinking between City, County and South Cambridgeshire councils is required
- Importance alongside Green Infrastructure strategy of looking at joined up governance. Projects not happening because of lack of joint land ownership.
- How should we fund farming subsidies going forward?

Development

- Understanding existing natural assets – Where are the deficits? Phenology Centres to monitor climate change and challenge to get landowners / farmers on board (4)
- Need to impose obligations on developers for biodiversity and green spaces (3)
    - Land requirement for nature as part of development equation?
    - Design of new developments – nature surrounds nature as a starting point
    - CIL and S106 could help fund (2)
    - Green Streets could be developed
- Levels of growth questionable. There is no environmental capacity for this CPIER growth. How can we stop growth? (3)
- Developer contributions to deliver more habitats. Need to determine priority in what gets funding (2)

- We need to carbon offset better- especially during construction
- Cynicism – is net gain a get out clause for developers?
- Growth yes, but balance with biodiversity measures, e.g. conditions
- Where are the deficits – how can we encourage landowners to get on board?
- Local Plan should also focus on affordable use of land.

Biodiversity

- Look after what we have already and enhance further. University land, villages, can be used to establish biodiversity. Wicken Fen can offset biodiversity but not forever. Consider birdboxes (5)
- Concern that environmental mitigation schemes do not address species diversity. Need more mitigative policies with active interventions to increase biodiversity, such as linear paths (4)
- Composting and interconnected spaces are both key to rich habitats, i.e. good soil and country parks. Need to encourage right species for climate change (4)
- Measurement of biodiversity key to finding out if it is increasing or decreasing – need genuine net gain in biodiversity. 5% biodiversity gains too low, should be higher (4)
- Identify and review exemplar studies (Kingfishers Bridge; Trumpington Meadows; Darwin Green) and understand the metrics needed to implement good practice: (2)
- Making sure focus on diversity of species in new and existing sites, onsite and offsite (2)
- Idea of connectivity and wildlife corridors – hedges important for biodiversity (2)
- Where land ownership is a barrier, species rich places do not exist (2)
- Should allocate land for biodiversity – corridors and networks
- Look for strategic approach to green space and connectivity in the spatial strategy. Refresh green infrastructure plan for this.
- Planning policy should be flexible to change with ongoing needs

Green Belt

- Enrich existing spaces in the Green Belt to increase biodiversity by active interventions to increase biodiversity, and improved access
- Can Green Belt land be released?

Forests and water:

- Incentivisation needed for afforestation and community forests. Plant more trees generally. Local Plan needs expertise from Ecologists to advise them on suitable trees. Some trees planted are not suitable (4)
- Could site a new forest in Trumpington
- National Forest company as an example to implement this?
- How is afforestation paid for? – Are there commercial opportunities?
- Cambridge internationally renowned for boulder clay woods (Chalk down lands)
- Increase wetlands: restore wetlands
- Lot of discussion about water capacity and environmental capacity generally – needs to be balanced going forwards
- Water levels: difficult issue as CPIER levels of growth will put water levels at dangerous levels
- Water is fundamental (aquifer problems); 120,000 litres a year?
- Water issue is already an issue. Opportunities for nature as well as threats
- Landscape resilience: Woodland; grassland; wetlands

Health and Wellbeing

- Development in hinterland has created land with little public access around them. These sorts of spaces affect opportunities for leisure and wellbeing (3).
- Especially affects skills gap, poverty and poor housing – we need to plan for more housing and open spaces
- Strengthen importance of nature to people; Health benefits and cost savings of doing or not doing (physical and mental) (2)

- Need quiet places as well as space for activities
- Concentrate on access to nature standards or amenity space

Question 3: How can the Local Plan better provide for the housing needs of key workers and older people?

- Population: Needs to be more balanced, different options needed to create a sense of a real mixed community, not simply a keyworker / older people's island vs higher earner / student districts. For example, Cambridge Station is bought and let by overseas and often is left empty, Eddington only for academic-related people. Working classes ignored (18)
- Affordability for families including suitability and security of private and council housing available. Current "affordability" not affordable! Policy tends to be tenure blind. Can this be changed? Should the Local Plan intervene in the market and stop housing being at the mercy of developers? Tighten up affordable housing requirement: How do we make sure all developments contribute – reduce threshold or seek financial contributions? CIL, S106 and subsidies for developers may help. Marshalls site will be full of buy-to-let (18)
- Local Plan needs to be able to adapt to changing needs of residents, i.e. older people living, dementia care, children - options for downsizing, lifetime homes as a standard. Actively resist isolation / need to move elsewhere. Can we control types of housing to match needs? Introduce socially acceptable form of Air BnB to help young people rent rooms from the old; Policies could allow more conversions; allow more bungalows; stop developers from resisting (15)
- Homes must be near to jobs, transport and facilities. Build above schools and / or public services to allow keyworkers to live close to work. Eddington is a good example of key worker provision for the university. Extend to Addenbrookes? (7)
- Social support: Old-young scheme, generational mix, co-housing like Coin Street and Marmalade Lane. Active role for council to acquire property and

recycle homes. However, danger of pampering older people at expense of keyworkers and families (6)

- Discourage housing for investment and areas that attract those commuting out. Can we realistically restrict a percentage for local occupancy? How do we define a 'local'? What are the limits of what the Local Plan can do? (6)
- Needs careful consideration and technology to unpick analysis and statistics of needs vs desires. How do we determine real demand? CPIER report (in particular, its concerns about levels of growth) good place to start. However, CPIER did not go under public consultation so locals do not get a say (4)
- Include a definition of what a key worker is (not just public sector staff) and why they need to be prioritised (e.g. hospital staff - they often work shifts so need to be close to their work) (4)
- Growth: Expansion of villages and densification could help but needs control. Is it sustainable? How can we make development attractive to current residents? (4)
- Local Plan has failed. Has allowed huge investment in job creation but not enough on housing. Need to separate planning from marketing. Need to compare how much social housing was actually delivered versus what was planned and how much letting is happening (4)
- Design: How will the Local Plan enable cost effective technology advances, i.e. low carbon housing? (3)
- Housing that addresses inequality, concentrate on those below £30k – can the lowest paid live in the city? (3)
- Local Plan to focus on integration, inclusion and cohesion (2)
- Local Plan targets not being upheld. Learn from its mistakes (2)
- Stop developers refusing to build by claiming viability issues (2)
- Lifelong standards in housing – delivered by a sustainable housing design guide and policy, and a presumption in favour of new forms of housing (2)
- Is there an ability for Local Authorities to borrow money / compulsory purchase to address keyworkers and older people's needs? (2)
- Enhance the assets we already have – Cambridge Quality Charter – don't throw baby out with the bathwater, but recognise its limitations (2)

- Need a long term strategy rather than short-term solutions. Policy must be crystal clear (2)
- Introduce a type of land value to help fund social homes
- Bring back council homes. It was wrong that land and money was sold off.
- Private market can help to finance social housing needs
- Options heavily constrained by government policy – what can we achieve locally?
- Mutual sector – work with them to see how they can address social housing needs
- Plea to put not just GDP as a measure of success but also wellbeing as a measure of success

Appendix B: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – Statutory Consultee Comments

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – Comments Received from Statutory Consultees Prior to Issues and Options 2020.

In order to meet the requirements of the SEA Regulations, the views of the three statutory consultees (Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England) were sought in relation to the scope and level of detail to be included in the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

The comments received are reported and responded to the in the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report itself.

The Environment Agency

The Environment Agency welcomes the opportunity to feed into the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal at this early stage.

We refer to the draft SA scoping report prepared by LUC.

In scoping the issues and assessing the wider context and some cross-boundary issues, we recommend referring to the emerging draft shadow SEA for the OxCam growth arc when it is available. This may provide a succinct and comprehensive assessment of some of the high level issues and have a high degree of relevance to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan area and related cross-boundary/larger than local planning issues.

In 2.5 the NE fringe AAP is potentially significant.

In 2.6 Waterbeach is nearer 11,000 homes taking into account planning applications, one of which is approved in outline.

Structure of Air, land and water topics relative to natural capital

In relation to the structure of the report, we appreciate that Natural Capital is a current and future focus, and advise that this should be reflected in the SEA process and report. Whilst a broad topic, Integrated Water Management can be a sub-topic.

Air quality is the least related in the current chapter and we recommend it could be moved out (better paired with transport given intrinsic links and lack of 'industry-related' air quality issues around Cambridge). Land and water have substantially more in common with biodiversity and green infrastructure which we would like to see these more closely linked for ease of cross reference and cross-cutting issues.

Section 6: Air, Land, Water

Objectives for water bodies in the Greater Cambridge plan area and targets for achievement of good status by 2027 are set out in the current Anglian RBMP. These objectives and targets are important considerations for growth planning due to the impacts of treated wastewater from new development and, to a lesser extent for planning, changes to agricultural land use and development run-off. Agricultural land use changes may be influenced by an exit from the EU and the impacts are therefore not yet clear. However impacts from climate change are rather better understood with predicted lower overall precipitation, particularly in summer months along with wetter, stormier winters.

There is a close relationship between water resources (with abstraction for domestic consumption and agriculture, along with climate change) and water quality. If there is less dilution in the watercourses (whether year round or seasonal), wastewater may need treating to a higher standard. An integrated study will need to consider these factors in the Greater Cambridge context.

Integrated Water Management

Given the integral nature of water resources, water quality, flood risk and drainage, the Environment Agency advises that these issues are indivisible in the context of Greater Cambridge. We strongly recommend an Integrated Water Management Study (IWMS) that combines a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Water Cycle Study (WCS) as a combined project, parts of which could run in parallel with other parts integrated. Given the breadth and overlap of stakeholders in managing water, it is likely that these will need to be elements of strategy in the evidence to illustrate how infrastructure and mitigation might be delivered between partners.

CIRIA is about to produce some guidance on integrated water management planning, which includes both technical recommendations (scope, evidence, policy content, structure etc) and also organisational recommendations around ‘critical success factors’ governance, leadership, breadth of stakeholders. We recommend that these critical success factors should be planned into both the scope of the project, its steering membership, governance and commitment.

In 6.6 the RBMP needs to make reference to enhancement and the objective for all water bodies to achieve good status by 2027.

Climate change

The most appropriate NPPF Paragraphs to list in 6.9 are:

149: Plans should take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change, taking into account the long-term implications for flood risk, coastal change, water supply, biodiversity and landscapes, and the risk of overheating from rising temperatures.

Policies should support appropriate measures to ensure the future resilience of communities and infrastructure to climate change impacts, such as providing space for physical protection measures, or making provision for the possible future relocation of vulnerable development and infrastructure.

150. New development should be planned for in ways that:

a) avoid increased vulnerability to the range of impacts arising from climate change. When new development is brought forward in areas which are vulnerable, care should be taken to ensure that risks can be managed through suitable adaptation measures, including through the planning of green infrastructure;

Paragraph 170: Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:

d) minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures;

e) preventing new and existing development from contributing to, being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of soil, air, water or noise pollution or land instability. Development should, wherever possible, help

to improve local environmental conditions such as air and water quality, taking into account

In 6.10 the relevant sections of the PPG to water services infrastructure should be listed/summarised.

After 6.33, Catchment Abstraction Management Plans need to be listed and the pertinent issues summarising.

6.34 is out of date

6.35 – Adding Affinity Water and Anglian Water WRMPs is also important because they do not operate in isolation and abstraction by one can significantly affect the environment in another water company area.

After 6.36 – list Anglian Water's 'Long term water recycling plan' – a voluntary 25 year plan for water recycling infrastructure taking into account relatively up to date (2018) growth figures.

6.48 – see Groundwater and contaminated land commentary below.

6.50 Over-abstraction is a key issue. Please note that the 'moderate water stress' classification for Cambridge Water's supply area relates to a specific assessment that was principally designed to guide water company decisions around compulsory customer metering. The term should be omitted in the growth context as it is not reflective of the environmental situation in Greater Cambridge's area. We suggest that Water Resources East would be a relevant partnership to describe in the SEA. A description of the 2019 drought would illustrate the vulnerability of chalk streams and the related water environment to prolonged dry weather.

7.29 – the current WCS is out of date.

Sustainability Issues:

As mentioned earlier, we advise that air quality is separated from land and water.

Some key questions for the plan and SEA to assess:

1. The quantum, location and phasing of growth and its relationship with the water environment, along with related agriculture and water dependent industry. This assessment should be in combination with:

- how phasing compares with the implementation timescales for any new strategic schemes that water companies may require.

- climate change adaptation, taking a ‘no regrets’ approach to irreversible decisions, and a managed adaptive approach to monitoring and review.

- considering the cross-over of water resources and water quality in the above context

2. The SEA should consider the impact of not planning for the impacts of growth. This should be in combination with climate change given that unplanned growth and is the most likely ‘what if no plan?’ scenario, and climate change adaptation is the government planning scenario.

3. The extent to which evolution in the current system of regulation through planning, Building Regulations and water industry regulation may facilitate more sustainable growth that can adapt to climate change.

Evidence base:

To inform the plan and SEA, as a minimum, a Water Cycle study [and strategy] will be needed to evidence and tackle some key questions around water resource availability to serve the growth ambitions and related water company plans, bearing in mind other growth in the catchments and climate change. This is both within the plan period, and for the lifetime of the planned development that would ‘lock in’ water demand over a longer-term period overlapping with the more advanced impacts of a changing climate.

Given the overlap with drainage (SuDS), wastewater and flood risk management, these issues are indivisible and could not be tackled by individual evidence topics in isolation. An Integrated Water Management (IWM) study [and strategy] is the most suitable tool in our opinion (see IWM commentary).

The Environment Agency recommends Greater Cambridge working closely with water companies (Cambridge Water [South Staffs], Affinity Water, Anglian Water) CPCA, Water Resources East and the Environment Agency to consider the overlap extent and transferability of the scope and assumptions in the emerging water company Water Resource Management Plans (WRMPs).

We are mindful that a significant part of water abstraction and conveyance issues are a regional scale issue (broadened by connected aquifers and water transfer). Thus the issues do not follow local authority or even water company boundaries. We advise that there is a duty to cooperate with local authorities sharing related water resources. Whilst ultimately this duty in respect of growth falls to the LPAs as plan makers, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) has the potential to play a key role both in assessing larger than local scale needs [via the NSSF], evaluating approaches and brokering solutions. This is particularly important given the scale of the challenge in meeting growth demands with locally and sustainably sourced water using the existing regulatory systems. It is possible that significant new infrastructure and regulation tools could be part of the solution.

It is further possible that new approaches will be needed to more sustainably manage existing abstraction, particularly when looking ahead beyond the plan period within the context of climate change projections showing reduced annual precipitation and mean river flow. Carbon-intensive technologies may not present a sustainable solution to alternative supplies (such as desalination or long distance water transfer). Nevertheless these options are reasonably foreseeable long term possibilities and thus may need to be assessed as options as part of SEA.

Water quality and water resources as integrated issues

There is a close relationship between water resource availability and water quality. This is due to the ambient diluting effect of the river base flow being a factor for the vulnerability of the river ecology to pollution, such as from treated effluent permitted to be discharged. In short, the more water resource there is in the river environment, the more flexibility there is to accommodate treated effluent from extra growth and adaptation to climate change.

The Water cycle study [and strategy] will need to look at various growth options to test these interrelationships cumulatively) alongside other LPA plans and water company plans (such as the Anglian Water Long Term Water Recycling Plan/Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan [DWMP]). This will ensure that the objectives set out in the Anglian River Basin Management Plan are not compromised. The WCS will also inform the Habitat Regulations Assessment and any other legislative requirements for protecting SSSI's, SAC and RAMSAR sites.

To bring the SA Objective SA10 in line with NPPF and the Anglian RBMP, we advise that it should be amended as follows: 'To achieve sustainable water resource management and ~~promote~~ enhance the quality of Greater Cambridge's waters'.

SA10.3: 'Does the plan ensure there is sufficient wastewater treatment infrastructure and environmental capacity to accommodate the new development in a changing climate?'

New Appraisal question SA10.1 (would be more appropriate to add as a first question that n as a new 10.6). 'SA10.1: Does the plan ensure there is sufficient water to serve new growth for the lifetime of the development in a changing climate without negatively impacting on the environment or other existing water users such as agriculture and employment?'

Water quality

Water quality will be a significant issue for the plan and SEA to address. With proposals for a new and relocated wastewater treatment works (WwTW) for Cambridge, there is potential for a satisfactory long term infrastructure solution. However there is also a possibly of a temporary shortfall in capacity at the existing Milton works whilst the new works is being built. This is particularly significant in view of the Waterbeach New Town which has no approved infrastructure once the existing village works capacity is exhausted. This issue has not yet been assessed with SEA in any current development plan. The WCS, Plans and SEA should address this outstanding risk.

Growth served by WwTWs discharging to smaller watercourses (tributaries or IDB drains) is likely to be more variable in terms of the feasibility of providing

infrastructure that does not deteriorate the water body, cause non-achievement of good status or lead to significant adverse flood risk. The Uttons Drove catchment is one such example where further growth is likely to be extremely challenging and where the SEA should consider whether it is desirable or realistic to pursue further significant growth.

Water quality is to some extent a linear issue because the discharge from one WwTW impacts the pollutant load further downstream. This in turn affects the ability of the watercourse to withstand further effluent from growth in areas served by other WwTWs. The WCS should inform the SEA of this issue and how the plan responds to it spatially as part of a catchment based approach.

There is some crossover with phosphates and nitrates arising from growth and development and those from agriculture, and the SEA should consider how the plan might influence agricultural inputs in tandem with wastewater management. This will be a significant issue in the HRA to consider the in-combination effects of development in other plan areas (duty to cooperate) and other pollutant sources including nitrates from air pollution.

Sustainable drainage systems are critical to manage diffuse pollution from new development, therefore the overlap with surface water management will need to be picked up in the SEA.

Groundwater and contaminated land

Given the scarcity of water in the catchments serving supplies for the Greater Cambridge area, protecting water resources from pollution and contamination is a critical issue. In most cases development can be part of the solution to remediating land and water affected by a legacy of pollution. However in some cases land contamination is particularly acute or difficult to deal with, and proactive planning solutions may be necessary to bring about solutions that do not fall back on the local public purse through Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act.

One measurement of the plan is whether it achieves this aim through effective development management policies, and through pro-active strategies and partnership approaches – for example tackling development-lead remediation of

former landfill sites, tanneries, airfields or agricultural pesticide/herbicide manufacturing sites. This could be picked up through an integrated water management strategy that looks at land contamination and water resource impacts arising to identify sites and aquifers that may need a pro-active or site specific policy approach.

Climate change and flood risk matters:

Technical issue: 6.32, the description of the Anglian River Basin District Flood Risk Management Plan (2016) (FRMP) appears to be for a River Basin Management Plan rather than a FRMP.

Technical Issue: 7.41, the major watercourse in the area is the Great Ouse. There are multiple rivers that have Ouse in their name so it needs to be clear that you are not referring to a river that flows through York.

General comments:

Currently the assessment of flood risk is focussed within the climate change section. Flood risk is primarily an economic risk issue.

Flood risk should not be treated just as a consequence of climate change, there are areas at flood risk now even if climate change has no impact – the risk is projected to increase spatially, in frequency and magnitude. The best place would likely be a subsection of the Land and Water section, with Air having its own chapter, being the least related.

Adaptation measures needed to reduce the impact of increased flood risk, due to climate change, could be separated out in the climate change section, however it is advisable that the plan itself deals with these as matters of integrated water management.

The current climate change sections on flood risk need to represent the climate changes impact on flood risk. For example. Section 7.42 and Figure 7.1 refer to the flood map for planning, which reflects the current flood risk and the future flood risk. In the climate change section it would be relevant to demonstrate the known impacts of climate change on flood risk through the use of modelled outputs, and set out

which risks are not currently mapped/modelled (e.g. surface water in some catchments).

Biodiversity

In summary we advise that aquatic and wetland habitats have insufficient coverage and focus in the baseline commentary, particularly given the significance of water's contribution to most of the designated sites, and compliance with the Anglian RBMP. The RBMP embodies the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive – or successor UK legislation should the UK leave the EU.

As well as designated ecological sites, consideration should be given in proposed developments to avoidance, retention and protection of existing habitats found across the wider landscape, and the natural resources that support biodiversity. The water environment is a conspicuous absence in this wider context too.

The plan should be assessed for how it delivers habitat enhancements that link up with existing habitats and are in keeping with the local landscape character, as highlighted in Figure 8.1 Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping of the SA Scoping Report. This needs to further recognise the impact on biodiversity from climate change with or without new development, and the need to plan for climate change adaptation in any event.

To follow the NPPF (and the Environment Bill, if it achieve Royal Assent) biodiversity net gain (BNG) should be a clearer objective, and options for achieving that set out – both in terms of the levels of BNG but also the target categories to be measured (metrics) and priorities amongst those in view if the Sustainability Appraisal. This may consider cross-cutting themes, so for instance woodland holds carbon, and can also improve water quality and reduce flood risk, in the right locations.

We advise that 8.24 should list the Cam Washes SSSI and describe its significance.

Fragmentation of existing habitats should be covered with a view to avoidance, and strengthening existing links through BNG where possible. This is in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, which states that Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment, minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity, including by

establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures.

In the scoping report section 8.14 – 8.21, the Anglian River Basin Management Plan is highly relevant to setting and improving the ecological status of watercourses. It also sets out targets, the baseline from which no deterioration is allowed and a series of measures in related catchment strategies. We advise that it is a wealth of information for the Sustainability Appraisal and local plan. The Environment Agency can help Greater Cambridge to interrogate the RBMP and pin-point any relevant projects to link up with in respect of BNG and Green Infrastructure. The impacts of potential over-abstraction or unsustainable impacts on water quality link in here too so should be cross referenced.

In addition to the assessment requirements for designated sites, Water Framework Directive (WFD) assessments are likely to be required for development plans and projects that could impact on WFD waterbodies. Future development projects should not lead to a deterioration in current waterbody status (as a red line) or prevent a waterbody from achieving the required status – subject to tests.

Management of invasive non-native species (INNS) and the importance of biosecurity is a consideration in future plans and developments. The presence of INNS can lead to impacts on native species and habitats. There is also an economic consideration as the costs associated with managing INNS can be very high. Adopting appropriate biosecurity measures can help to reduce the spread of INNS, helping to protect biodiversity.

Historic England

Thank you for you notification of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal draft scoping report for your Local Plan. As a statutory consultee, our role is to ensure that the conservation of the historic environment is fully integrated into planning policy and that any policy documents make provision for a positive strategy for the preservation and enjoyment of the historic environment.

We have produced a number of detailed Good Practice Advice and Advice Note documents. We recommend that you review the following as part of your sustainability appraisal scoping:

The Historic Environment in Local Plan - Good Practice Advice in Planning 1

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/gpa1-historic-environment-local-plans/>

HE Good Practice Advice in Planning 3 - the setting of heritage assets:(Dec 2017) <https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/gpa3-setting-of-heritage-assets/heag180-gpa3-setting-heritage-assets.pdf/>

The Historic Environment and Site Allocations and Local Plans - Advice Note 3

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/>

HE Advice Note 8 - Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/sustainability-appraisal-and-strategic-environmental-assessment-advice-note-8/> (01 Dec 2016)

All Historic England advice should be read alongside our Conservation Principles, which underpin our work. Conservation Principles can be found here:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/constructive-conservation/conservation-principles/>

Our response broadly covers the following questions posed in the scoping report.

1) Whether the scope of the SA is appropriate for considering the role of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan to help meet and manage the growth needs and development ambition of Greater Cambridge.

2) Whether there are any additional plans, policies or programmes that are relevant to the SA policy context that should be included.

3) Whether the baseline information provided is robust and comprehensive, and provides a suitable baseline for the SA of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

4) Whether there are any additional SA issues relevant to the Local Plan that

should be included.

5) Whether the SA Framework is appropriate and includes a suitable set of SA objectives and site-based assumptions for assessing the effects of the options included within the Greater Cambridge Local Plan and reasonable alternatives.

Terminology

We welcome reference in the report to the historic environment. The historic environment is considered the most appropriate term to use as a topic heading as it encompasses all aspects of heritage, for example the tangible heritage assets and less tangible cultural heritage.

Policies, Plans and Programmes

Page 104 Most of the chapters start with a sub heading 'Policy Context' We note that while there is a section on this in the historic environment chapter there is no sub heading and indeed no mention in the Contents page The same issue occurs in the landscape chapter.

We welcome the list of Policies, Plans and Programmes on pp104-106 of the report. We also suggest you include the following:

National

· Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990

· Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Areas Act 1979

Local

· Historic Environment Record

· Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Plans

· Listed building Heritage Partnership Agreements

Baseline Information

All designated heritage assets (Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, Registered Parks and Gardens) within the area should be identified. Mapping these assets provides a greater indication of their distribution

and highlights sensitive areas. We note these are included on figure 9.1 which is welcomed.

We also would expect non-designated heritage assets to be identified. These include, but are not confined to, locally listed buildings. In addition to the above, we would expect reference to currently unknown heritage assets, particularly sites of historic and archaeological interest. The unidentified heritage assets of the District should be acknowledged and outlined in this section. Identification and mapping of designated and non-designated heritage assets at risk can provide an indication of clusters and themes.

Historic England's Good Practice Advice Note 1 contains advice on other relevant sources of evidence. These include Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans, Local Lists, Historic Characterisation assessments and any other in-house and local knowledge. We recommend that these other sources of evidence are considered as part of the SA process.

Key Sustainability Issues

We broadly welcome the issues identified in Table 9.1 of the report. However, this does not expressly reference designated and non-designated heritage assets. We would also suggest that other Key Sustainability Issues for the Historic Environment should include:

· Conserving and enhancing designated and non-designated heritage assets and the contribution made by their settings

· Heritage assets at risk from neglect, decay, or development pressures;

· Areas where there is likely to be further significant loss or erosion of landscape/ /townscape character or quality, or where development has had or is likely to have significant impact (direct and or indirect) upon the historic environment and/or people's enjoyment of it

· Traffic congestion, air quality, noise pollution and other problems affecting the historic environment

We would expect to see consideration of opportunities. It is considered that the historic environment can make a significant contribution to the success of development and there may be opportunities for the enhancement of the historic

environment which comes from sustainable development proposals. It is considered that the Sustainability Appraisal should highlight these opportunities. Example opportunities for the historic environment to include within the Sustainability Appraisal can be found in our guidance notes in the links above.

In respect of landscape, we very much welcome the commitment at paragraph 10.12 to commission and Green Belt Assessment and Landscape Character Assessment as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan.

SA Objectives and Appraisal Questions

We broadly welcome the SA Objectives 6 and 7 and the associated Appraisal Questions. Further suggestions for objections and questions can be found in our Sustainability Appraisal Advice note 8 (see link above).

Method for Generation of Alternatives

The historic environment should be a factor when considering a method for the generation of alternative proposals. The impact of proposals on the significance of heritage assets should be taken into consideration at an early stage. In terms of sites, this should be based on more than just measuring the proximity of a potential allocation to heritage assets. Impacts on significance are not just based on distance or visual impacts, and assessment requires a careful judgment based on site visits and the available evidence base. Particularly in the case of large strategic sites or sites with particular heritage issues, we would expect the preparation of a proportionate heritage impact assessment at an early stage in the Plan preparation process.

Concluding thoughts

In preparation of the forthcoming Sustainability Appraisal, we encourage you to draw on the knowledge of local conservation officers, the county archaeologist and local heritage groups.

Finally, we should like to stress that this opinion is based on the information provided by the Council in its consultation. To avoid any doubt, this does not affect our obligation to provide further advice and, potentially, object to specific proposals,

which may subsequently arise where we consider that these would have an adverse effect upon the historic environment.

Natural England

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

You will be aware that we have not had a great deal of time to carry out a detailed review of the scoping reports prepared by LUC (September 2019). However, we have provided some comments below, focusing on the key themes relevant to our natural environment remit, which I hope you will find useful. Some of these comments follow on from our recent useful discussions with the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service on the Greater Cambridge Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping evidence brief. Needless to say, the evidence emerging from this study should be used to inform both the HRA and SA.

HRA Scoping Report

Natural England's advice is that the proposed approach to the assessment, including identification of potential impacts and screening methodology, appears to be in general accordance with the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

We welcome consideration of long-distance impact pathways for designated sites located beyond the identified 15km buffer, including hydrological effects and recreational pressure.

We are generally satisfied with the European sites screened in for assessment through each of the potential impact pathways. We note that Wicken Fen Ramsar

site and Chippenham Fen Ramsar sites, component sites of Fenland SAC, have both been scoped out of potential air pollution impacts based on their location >200m from a strategic road, as indicated in Fig. 3.1 in Appendix 3 of the report. We note that these sites are only just beyond the recognised 200m threshold for air quality impacts from roads (as referenced in Highways Agency Design Manual for Road and Bridges (DMRB) Manual Volume 11, Section 3, Part 114). Given this our advice is that the HRA should provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that there is no credible risk of air pollution beyond the 200m threshold that could potentially result in an adverse effect to either of these European sites.

We welcome the proposal to undertake detailed assessment of recreational pressure impacts to relevant sites i.e. the Ouse Washes, Eversden and Wimpole Woods, Portholme, Devils Dyke, and Wicken Fen. We note that it is proposed to apply a generic 7km zone of influence (ZoI) for visitor pressure, based on that applied for Thames Basin Heaths SPA; however, the report recognises that targeted visitor surveys are usually required to establish ZoIs due to the range of complex and interacting factors affecting individual sites. Our advice is that reference should be made to Natural England's Cambridgeshire Recreational Pressure Impact Risk Zones (IRZs), available through https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx and the findings of visitor surveys such as that recently commissioned by the National Trust for Wicken Fen. Additional relevant data and information used to inform the Local Plan Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure evidence base, including the findings of any bespoke visitor surveys, will also need to be considered.

It should be noted that Natural England's Site Improvement Plans (SIPs) only flag key high level issues rather than all potential risks to European site features; additionally some of these documents may also be in need of an update. Similarly Natural England's Supplementary Advice Packages (SAPs) may not flag recreational pressure risks where these have been prepared prior to recent updates to our Cambridgeshire Recreational Pressure IRZs. Reference should be made to the IRZs and relevant information relating to the SSSIs which underpin the European sites, available via Natural England's Designated Sites View.

The assessment should include evidence to demonstrate the lack of hydrological connectivity between water resources which could be affected as a result of the GCLP and Chippenham Fen. Our advice is that the HRA should provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate no likely significant effect to those European sites screened out of the detailed assessment.

SA Scoping Report

Natural England is satisfied that the proposed approach to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)), including objectives, environmental baseline review and the SA framework is comprehensive and appears to meet the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the 'SEA Regulations').

Air, Land and Water theme – we welcome recognition of the importance of the Local Plan in guiding development to protect and enhance air and water quality, geology and soils to benefit the natural environment, including biodiversity, and to enhance people's health and wellbeing. Natural England advises that reference should be made to the emerging Defra England Peat Strategy and the pilot projects, which includes the East Anglian Fens Peat Pilot, currently being undertaken to inform this. England's remaining lowland peat provides a crucial tool in helping to mitigate climate change and achievement of the government's aim to reach net zero emissions by 2050. The Cambridgeshire Fens include a significant proportion of the East Anglian Fen peat and the pilot project will work with internal drainage boards to look at water flows on and around the fens. It will also bring in long-term sustainability of peat management opportunities and creation of the Lowland Agricultural Peat Taskforce.

We support recognition of the water resource and quality issues across the Greater Cambridge area and the need for Plan policies to address these to ensure no

detrimental effect on the natural environment. This will need to address potential risks to water-dependent statutorily designated sites. We anticipate that this aspect of the assessment will be underpinned by evidence through an updated water cycle study. We look to the Environment Agency, as lead authority on these matters, to provide more detailed comments on water-related issues and how these should be addressed through the SA.

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation theme – we welcome inclusion of this theme and advise that our comments above relating to lowland peat and water resources / quality should also be addressed in this section. Protection and enhancement of the lowland peat resource is critical to mitigating and adapting to climate change given its significant role in carbon sequestration, flood storage/management and maintaining water quality.

Biodiversity theme – we welcome reference to relevant legislation and policy to protect the natural environment including actions required under the Defra 25 Year Environment Plan such as development of Nature Recovery Network and protecting and improving our global environment. We support reference to key local policy, guidance and evidence documents including the Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy, the Cambridgeshire habitat opportunity mapping project and Natural Cambridgeshire's Doubling Nature 'Vision'.

We welcome recognition in section 8.22 that both Councils have declared biodiversity emergencies and support for the Natural Cambridgeshire's vision to double the area of rich wildlife habitats and natural greenspace within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Acknowledgement of the hierarchy of designated wildlife sites, within and beyond the plan boundary, and the pressures development is placing on these sites and wider biodiversity, including Priority Habitats and Species, is welcomed. Our advice is that protection / enhancement of statutorily designated sites should be central to the assessment, along with reference to and application of the ecological mitigation hierarchy, to ensure that allocations / development avoids adverse impact to these and other important sites / priority habitats, wherever possible.

Reference should be made to Natural England's Cambridgeshire SSSI Recreational Pressure Impact Risk Zones (IRZs) and our recent advice to Cambridgeshire LPAs, as detailed in our response to the Greater Cambridge Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping evidence brief. We welcome consideration of the effects of recreational pressure, associated with development, on designated sites including cross-boundary effects on sites such as Therfield Heath SSSI (please note 'Heath' rather than 'Marshes') and the effect this can have on SSSI 'favourable' condition status.

In considering the biodiversity baseline we welcome reference to the Cambridgeshire Biodiversity Partnership's habitat opportunity mapping project and the habitat buffering and connectivity opportunities this has identified, presented on Figure 8.1. Useful additional reference could be made to Natural England's national nature recovery network mapping project, as indicated in our response to the Greater Cambridge Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping evidence brief.

Natural England supports recognition of the National Trust's Wicken Fen Vision and priority areas such as the West Cambridgeshire Hundreds. Reference to other relevant Cambridgeshire focus / priority areas, such as Ouse Valleys, Cambridgeshire Fens and Chalk and Chilterns, should also be made as suggested in our response to the Greater Cambridge Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping evidence brief.

We welcome acknowledgement of habitat loss and fragmentation / isolation as a key concern for biodiversity, as indicated in the Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy, influenced by climate change and development pressure. Fragments of ancient woodland are recognised as being particularly ecologically isolated. Natural England welcomes that a new biodiversity & green infrastructure study is being commissioned by the Councils for the Local Plan evidence base which will aim to contribute towards addressing such issues through its allocations

and policies.

We believe that the key biodiversity sustainability issues are identified in Table 8.1. Natural England particularly welcomes the recognition that the new Local Plan presents the opportunity for new development to come forward in the most appropriate locations to avoid adverse impacts to biodiversity assets and to guide delivery of net gain. As indicated above protection / enhancement of statutorily designated sites should be central to the assessment, along with reference to and application of the ecological mitigation hierarchy, to ensure that allocations / development avoids adverse impact to these and other important sites / priority habitats, wherever possible.

As indicated in our response to the Greater Cambridge Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping evidence brief, we believe additional reference should be made to the following:

- Wicken Fen Visitor Study – National Trust will need to be contacted for details;
- Natural England's Monitoring Engagement in the Natural Environment (MENE) data, available online, and to whether additional bespoke visitor surveys are required to understand the zone of influence and effects of recreational pressure. OrVal is another useful access / visitor tool;
- Natural England Cambridgeshire ANGSt Analysis 2010 which illustrates accessible GI deficiencies at a district scale.

The Greater Cambridge Biodiversity & Green infrastructure Opportunity Mapping evidence study should inform the HRA and the biodiversity aspects of the SA.

We hope that our comments are helpful. Natural England will be pleased to provide more detailed comments once the draft assessments have been made available. Please note that we will be pleased to provide non-statutory advice to the consultants through Natural England's Discretionary Advice Service (DAS).

Appendix C: Report on the First Conversation consultation 2020

1. About the consultation

The First Conversation consultation and the Call for Sites form part of the established process for developing a Local Plan. The First Conversation formed part of the regulation 18 consultation stage (Issues and Options) under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The purpose of the consultation is to invite broad responses about what should be in the Local Plan, from residents and businesses as well as stakeholders and other organisations.

A Call for Sites is a way for landowners, developers, individuals and other interested parties to suggest sites for development, and to let us know when they may be available for development. This is a normal part of plan making. Government planning guidance advises that, 'if the process to identify land is to be transparent and identify as many potential opportunities as possible, it is important to issue a call for sites and broad locations for development'. We need to ensure that the sites eventually allocated within the Plan are deliverable which means, among other factors, that the landowner is open to developing it within the required timescales, so a Call for Sites is an important part of finding out what land may be available.

An initial Call for Sites was held in 2019 and was publicised via our database of people, organisations and agents who have registered for updates about the Local Plan, in addition to notifying consultees. We also issued a public notice, and publicised via the Councils webpages.

The First Conversation consultation was open for six weeks from 9am on Monday 13 January 2020 to 5pm on Monday 24 February 2020.

It invited comments on the main First Conversation (Issues and Options) 'document' which was published in a digital format as well as a PDF. This included the Call for Sites and Call for Green Sites questions. We also consulted on the following supporting documents during the consultation period:

- The Sustainability Appraisal of the First Conversation document

- The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
- The Habitats Regulations Assessment Scoping Report

During the consultation period, extensive outreach and communications activities took place in order to engage our communities as fully as possible. The aims of the communications and engagement plan were:

- To spread the word about the new Local Plan, ensuring communities were well-informed about both the Plan process and the key issues
- To encourage participation and engagement through showing why the Local Plan is important and affects citizens' lives on the ground.
- To reach the not yet engaged – the majority of our community members who do not know about, or participate in, the process of plan-making.
- To help us understand what our communities think about the key issues and choices regarding the Plan – informing our decision-making and building the evidence base for why we choose to do what we do
- To ensure there is accurate and timely information accessible to all.

The consultation document, and all the supporting documents were available for inspection:

- on a dedicated Local Plan website
- at the Cambridge City Council's Customer Service Centre: Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY from 8am to 5.15pm Monday and 9am to 5.15pm Tuesday to Friday;
- at South Cambridgeshire District Council Reception: South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA open from 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday;
- at selected public libraries – Cambridge Central Library and Cambourne Library.

A number of pop-up events were held during the consultation period, as follows:

- Saturday 25 - The Grafton Centre – Escape @ the Campus at 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Saturday 25 - Milton Tesco - Foyer at 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Monday 27 - Anglia Ruskin University – The Street Staff and students only at 12.00pm – 2.00pm
- Tuesday 28 - Shelford Tesco Express – At front of store at 12.00pm – 2.00pm
- Wednesday 29 - Clay Farm Centre – Ground floor near stairs at 9.30am – 11.00am
- Wednesday 29 - Cambridge Market at 1.30pm – 3.00pm
- Wednesday 29 - Cambridge Central Railway Station – Entrance near M&S at 4.00pm – 7.00pm
- Thursday 30 Long Road 6th Form College – Library with Staff and students only at 12.00pm – 2.00pm
- Friday 31 - Gamlingay Eco Hub - Reception at 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Friday 31 - Cottenham Community Centre – Café at 10.00am – 12.00pm
- February
- Saturday 1 - Cambourne Morrisons at 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Saturday 1 - Cambridge United FC – In front of the shop at 2.00pm - 3.00pm
- Monday 3 - Cambridge Regional College – The Mall with Staff and students only at 11.30pm – 1.30pm
- Tuesday 4 - Granta Park – The Apiary for employees only at 12.00pm – 2.00pm
- Tuesday 4 - Parkside Pools and Gym – By Reception at 4.00pm – 6.00pm
- Wednesday - 5 Arbury Community Centre – Reception at 9.15am – 11.15am
- Wednesday - 5 Cambridge Science Park – The Trinity Centre, Reception for employees only at 12.00pm – 2.00pm
- Thursday 6 – Wellcome Genome Campus – Diner in building 2 for employees only at 11.00pm – 1.00pm
- Thursday 6 - Cambridge North Station – Stairs by the entrance at 4.30pm – 7.30pm
- Friday 7 - Histon Tesco Express – In front of the store at 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Saturday 8 - Bar Hill Tesco – Foyer at 10.00 - 11.30 am

- Saturday 8 - Cambridge Lion Yard – escalator near Jamaica Blue Cafe at 2.00pm - 4.00pm

We also held a 'Big Debate' on the evening of 18 February, where local groups were invited to present their ideas for the new Local Plan. The event was free to attend and attracted a capacity audience of over 300.

A range of methods of notification were used to inform the public about the consultation including:

- Public notice in the Cambridge Independent;
- Joint Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council news releases;
- Email to our databases and through other communications channels
- Articles in Cambridge Matters & South Cambs Magazine, and wider local media engagement;
- Social media campaign including paid and organic posts across social media channels and into local groups
- Posters (available to download, paper copies available on request, distributed to venues such as libraries);
- Postcard handouts at pop up events

Respondents could request to be notified of future stages of plan making, including consultations, and the receipt of inspection report at the end of the Examination, and adoption of the document.

It was made clear that representations, including names, would be made available to view on the Councils' consultation portal in accordance with our privacy statements:

- South Cambridgeshire District Council privacy statement
- Cambridge City Council privacy statement

Representations and sites submitted were published in September 2020 along with an accompanying report.

2. Who did we reach with the consultation?

We used many channels and methods to reach out to communities and stakeholders. These different channels, and the numbers reached by each are summarised below.

Notifications to our mailing lists at the start of the consultation:

- Statutory consultees on the Cambridge City database (103) and South Cambridgeshire database (279)
- Individuals who had opted in to receive emails about the Local Plan, or general planning matters, on the Cambridge City database (312) and the South Cambridgeshire database (195)
- Residents associations (144) and Parish Councils (105)
- We emailed all elected members and staff at both Councils
- We also encouraged other service areas to use their databases to spread the word.
- While there is a level of likely duplication across databases, which it is not possible to estimate, several hundred people across the Greater Cambridge Area will have been directly contacted via email
- We sent letters to those statutory consultees and opted-in individuals on our database, where we do not have an email address contact for them.

Website hits

5,392 users visited the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website during the consultation period, and there were 4,810 unique pageviews of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan landing page.

Social media

- YouTube: 28,580 video views with an average watch time of 91% - i.e. almost all of these views saw the entire video.

- Facebook: a reach of over 150,000 unique users and over 57,000 engagements to 50 organic and promoted posts by the Council comms teams.
- Instagram: a reach of 138,072 users for 5 posts by Council comms teams.
- Twitter: over 150 tweets, including 37 from Council accounts.

Events

- Members of the public engaged at pop-up events through post cards: 6,089
- Attendees at the Big Debate: 300
- Meetings at which Local Plan issues were discussed and presented – these included residents association meetings attended by elected members, community meetings facilitated and a specific drop in event for members of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

Other

- A public notice was posted in the Cambridge Independent
- Posters were displayed at Council venues and other community venues
- Articles about the consultation were printed in the City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils' resident magazines which are distributed to every household
- A news release was distributed which resulted in local media coverage at several points in the consultation.

Diversity of respondents

We asked respondents to complete a voluntary survey to tell us some information about themselves so we could evaluate the diversity of respondents. We received 193 responses to ten questions; not all respondents completed every question. The analysis below is of completed responses to each question and does not include those who skipped that question. Key findings were:

- The age demographic skewed broadly older although we did receive a small number of responses from under 18 year olds. The chart below shows the

age of respondents compared to data for the whole of Greater Cambridge (source: Cambridgeshire Insight population projections). An older demographic is typical of participation in public consultations similar to this and the number of younger people in Greater Cambridge according to census data skews younger due to the large number of students in the population. The proportion of respondents aged 30-50 was broadly proportional to the general population but it is clear that reaching young people continues to be a challenge.

- Respondents were mainly white but although 12% identified as mixed or non-white in their ethnic background. This is exactly the same proportion as exists within the general population for Greater Cambridge, according to Census 2011 data, showing that we reached out well to those from varied ethnic backgrounds.
- Around half of respondents (53%) identified as having no religion with a further 16% answering 'prefer not to say'. 28% reported as Christian.
- 22% of respondents identified as having a physical or mental health condition or illness expected to last 12 months or more. 13% of Cambridge residents and 13.9% of South Cambridgeshire residents reported a limiting long term illness or disability in the 2011 Census so this suggests that the consultation was particularly effective at reaching those with physical or mental health conditions.
- 89% of respondents were from a CB postcode.

This data will now provide a benchmark against which we can measure engagement during the subsequent stages of Plan preparation.

3. How could people respond?

The main First Conversation consultation sought responses to fifty questions. Some had a quantitative, ranking or Likert scale format where respondents were asked to respond to a yes/no question, to rank options in order of preference, or to indicate

their level of agreement with a statement along a five point scale. Text comments could also be made to all questions, whether they also contained a quantitative or ranking element or not.

Two of the questions (questions 2 and 3) were the ‘Call for Sites’ and the ‘Call for Green Sites’. Responses to these required a form to be completed including detail on the site, ownership and other information to allow the site’s suitability to be assessed. The 2019 ‘Call for Sites’ asked for sites to be submitted using the same form as was subsequently used in the 2020 First Conversation. The Planning Service requested that sites submitted in 2019 were not resubmitted in 2020, however a significant number of sites were resubmitted with updated information. For these sites, the updated information has superseded the earlier submission. The 2019 sites have been imported into the First Conversation dataset.

The supporting documents (Sustainability Appraisal, Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and Habitats Regulations Assessment Scoping Report) were presented in PDF format and general comments were sought on a chapter by chapter basis without specific questions being asked.

Responses could be submitted via:

- ‘Quick comments’ (multiple choice questions and written comments up to 50 words with no attachments) the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website – for the First Conversation questions only, and not the Calls for Sites or supporting documents
- Opus 2 Consult system – for all parts of the consultation including the Calls for Sites and supporting documents, with the ability to upload attachments and an unlimited word count
- Email – using a downloadable response form for all parts of the consultation including supporting documents. Specific forms were available for the Call for Sites and Call for Green Sites due to the complexity of the information requested. Responses could also be submitted via email without using a response form
- Post, using the downloadable response form or not, as desired

In addition, comments were received at events using ‘postcards’ which were completed by members of the public, or onto which verbal comments were transcribed by team members staffing the event. For transcribed comments, a separate postcard was completed for each person spoken to.

Comments on social media were also monitored but it is extremely difficult to create an accurate record of all comments received relating to the Local Plan during the consultation period. Comments on Council-run channels have been collated as far as possible and substantive points raised are being considered as part of the plan-making process, but are not published in this dataset.

Comments received, and submissions to the call for sites, can be viewed in full on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website.

4. How many responses did we receive?

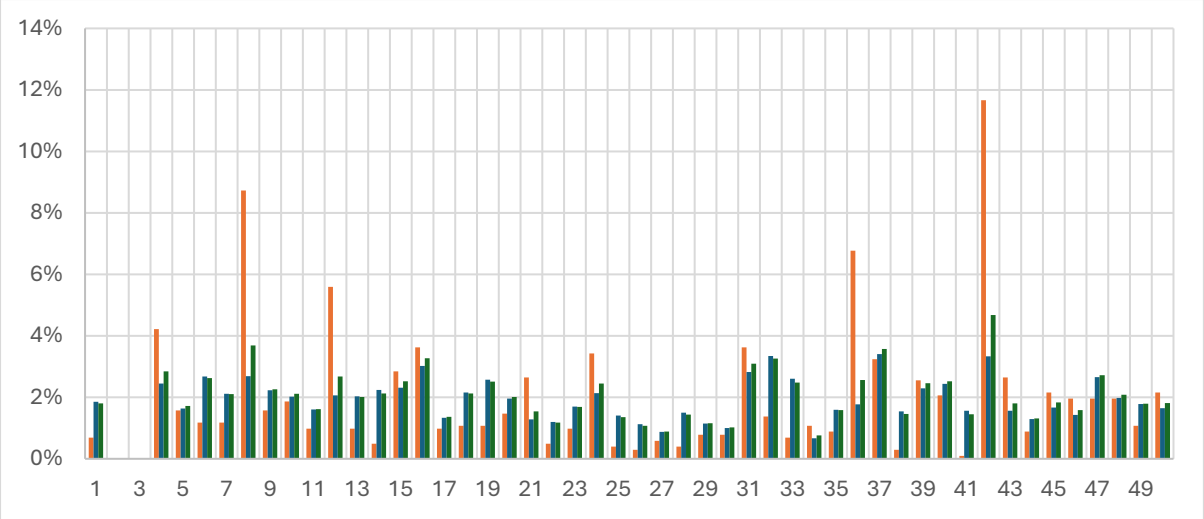
We received responses and comments to the consultation through a number of channels:

Means of responding	Number of responses
Responses using the Local Plan website comment forms	1,020
Responses using the Opus 2 Consult system or submitted via email (excluding Call for Sites and Call for Green Sites	6,588
Call for Sites (including late site submissions up to 16 October 2020)	675
Call for Green Sites	21
Feedback postcards from events	226

We also received general notes and feedback from the meetings held during the consultation period, which are not counted as responses in the table above.

The total number of responses (each response being an answer to a single question, multiple answers may have been submitted by the same respondent to different questions), was 7,874, excluding Call for Sites and Call for Green Sites submissions. A table collating the number of responses to each individual question can be found in Appendix A.

The chart below shows the percentage of the total number of responses received for each question (excluding questions 2 and 3, the Calls for Sites questions).



The questions which received the most responses in total were:

- Q42: Where should we site new development? [a question which asked the respondents to rank possible options].
- Q8: How should the Local Plan help us achieve net zero carbon by 2050?
- Q39: How should we encourage a shift away from car use and towards more sustainable modes of transport such as public transport, cycling and walking?

There were differences in the popularity of questions between website commenters (mostly individuals and not planning professionals, statutory consultees or agents/landowners) and email and Opus 2 consult respondents. Website commenters were much more interested in some questions than others, while overall, email and Opus 2 respondents commented more evenly across all the questions.

For website commenters, the following four questions gained substantially more comments than the others:

- Q42: Where should we site new development? [a question which asked the respondents to rank possible options].
- Q8: How should the Local Plan help us achieve net zero carbon by 2050?

- Q36: How should the Local Plan ensure the right infrastructure is provided in line with development?
- Q12: How should the Local Plan help us improve the natural environment?

5. What did we learn and how have we taken it into account?

This section of the Consultation Statement provides a summary of the feedback to each question from the First Conversation, and how comments have been taken into account. A summary of the main issues raised in responses to each question is given. Where comments were received via email or in alternative formats which did not reference a specific question, the issues raised were assigned and have been addressed as part of the analysis of the most relevant questions.

Q1. How do you think we should involve our communities and stakeholders in developing the Plan?

Overarching theme / topic

The presentation of the Plan

Summary of issues raised in comments

Present the positive aspects of growth

Identify areas of new Local Plan directly relevant for local communities to facilitate consultation.

Shorter and easy to understand consultation documents.

The Local Plan document title should be consistent across platforms.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Development can help meet the needs of communities, and support delivery of environmental, social and economic objectives. We will endeavour to highlight this.

Noted. Plan documents are necessarily complex, Particularly as we more to the later stage of the plan making process, but we will endeavour to provide summary documents, and use graphics and media to explain proposals.

Noted. We will endeavour to highlight issues that may be of particular interest to local communities.

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Noted. We will seek to ensure consistency across platforms.

Overarching theme / topic

Green Infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should promote the delivery of a strategic green infrastructure network.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Green Infrastructure theme proposes priority green infrastructure projects, identified following extensive consultation with stakeholders.

Overarching theme / topic

Vision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Develop a vision for the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred options report proposes a vision and objectives.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation approach

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support additional consultation throughout the Local Plan production process.

Use simpler consultation questions.

Consult residents at early stages of the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred options stage is an additional stage to allow comment before the local plan itself is drafted.

Noted. Plan documents are necessarily complex, Particularly as we more to the later stages of the plan making process when detailed policies are being considered, but we will endeavour to provide summary documents, and use graphics and media to explain proposals, as well proving a range of ways for people to people to feedback.

Noted. The preferred options stage is an additional stage to allow comment before the local plan itself is drafted.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change

Summary of issues raised in comments

Local Plan policies should support the transition to a zero carbon society.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The climate change theme in the preferred options consultation proposes a comprehensive suite of policies to address this issue.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise active travel over cars in the new Local Plan.

Support the provision of cycling infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The availability of sustainable transport choices has informed the proposed development strategy. The infrastructure theme proposes policies regarding a range of transport issues.

Noted. The availability of sustainable transport choices has informed the proposed development strategy. The infrastructure theme proposes policies regarding a range of transport issues, including cycle parking.

Overarching theme / topic

Sports facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide indoor and outdoor spaces for skateboarding.

Provide a public space for skateboarding**.**

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. We will be exploring the infrastructure needs of new development proposals as the plan is developed. We will also be updating our evidence regarding indoor sports facilities.

Noted. We will be exploring the infrastructure needs of new development proposals as the plan is developed. We will also be updating our evidence regarding open space standards.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at South West Cambridge.

Support development of land north of Barton Road in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which accompanies the preferred options report. The development strategy proposed in the First Proposals Plan has considered the alternatives available, and details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

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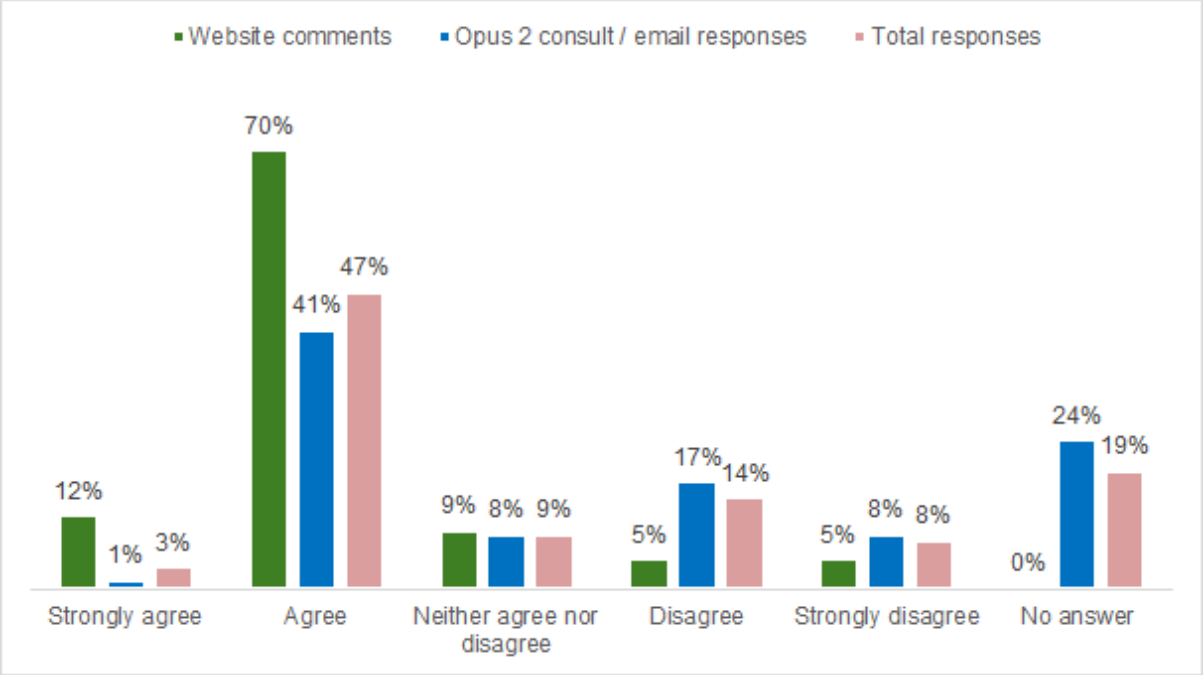
Q4. Do you agree that planning to 2040 is an appropriate date in the future to plan for? If not, what would be a more appropriate date and why?



43 website comments and 165 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

Most people agreed with this question, among respondents across all channels. 50% either agreed or strongly agreed with the question.

14% of website commenters (6 in total) and 96% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (165) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan period - general

Summary of issues raised in comments

Address strategic requirements up to 2050 in the new Local Plan, while site specific policies should extend to 2040.

The new Local Plan should look ahead to long term scenarios such as 50 and 25 years, in addition to detailed planning for 10 to 15 years.

Review the plan period if the Local Plan production timeframe is delayed.

The Local Plan should set achievable short term goals and set milestones for 2025, 2030 and 2035.

The Local Plan should include a long term vision for growth.

Do not support a plan period up to 2040.

Support a plan period of 15 years from the adoption of the new Plan, and reflect national planning guidance.

Support a plan period up to 2032, 2040, 2043 or 2050.

The Local Plan vision should extend to 2050.

Plan timetable may slip so end date should give flexibility.

Timescales for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan and Government aspirations for further economic and housing growth to 2050 should be aligned, to support infrastructure planning. e.g. the Combined Authority's Non-Statutory Spatial Strategy, the national requirement to achieve target net carbon zero by 2050 and the economic potential of the Cambridge-Oxford Arc, which look forward towards 2050.

The initial review of the new Local Plan should consider a longer plan period to promote large scale strategic sites.

The plan period should be shorter.

The Plan period should start at 2020.

Explain why the start date is 2017.

The Local Plan timetable should set the possible adoption year for 2024.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils consider that 2041 is an appropriate date to plan towards, although strategic developments proposed in the preferred options may continue beyond that period.

Noted. The Councils consider that 2041 is an appropriate date to plan towards, to ensure it covers a sufficiently long time period for strategic planning. It will be reviewed regularly in the intervening period.

Noted. The plan period is now proposed to start at 2020.

Noted. The timetable for the plan making process is set out in the Local Development Scheme. This explains the proposed timeline, including how it relates to the process regarding north east Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan flexibility

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure the Local Plan is flexible enough to respond to national and regional spatial strategies.

The Local Plan should have flexibility to accommodate additional growth which comes through the Oxford-Cambridge arc and other corridors.

Ensure the new Local Plan has review mechanisms in cases of housing delivery shortfalls, economic changes and climate change.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, reflecting government policy the plan will aim to have a degree of flexibility to respond to unexpected circumstances, but it will also continue to be reviewed regularly. The plan will need to take account of the Ox Cam framework.

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Overarching theme / topic

Short and long-term plans

Summary of issues raised in comments

Produce a long term plan for sustainability.

Produce short, medium and long term plans

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred options report has considered a range of sustainability in the development of the proposals.

Noted. The Councils consider that 2041 is an appropriate date to plan towards, although strategic developments proposed in the preferred options may continue beyond that period. It will also be reviewed regularly.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change

Summary of issues raised in comments

Carbon and car reduction strategies should be implemented in the next 5 to 10 years.

Consider and prioritise climate change issues including aquifers, air pollution, carbon sinks and flooding.

Consider the National Statutory and Interim Climate Change targets (2050 Net Zero and 2030 Clean Growth Strategy).

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policies proposed in the climate change theme would require changes of approach to development upon plan adoption.

Noted, there are policy proposals in the preferred options report related to all of these issues.

Noted. The Plan has been informed by a Net Zero Carbon study, and the preferred option includes a range of policy proposals to address carbon emissions and climate change.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Transition transport to sustainable modes in the Local Plan before 2040.

Development should support sustainable transport and Green Belt development should be accessible only by sustainable transport modes.

Provide improved sustainable public transport.

Provide cycle paths and cycle superhighways.

Limit car parking and car use, and convert road space for sustainable transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The availability of sustainable transport choices has informed the proposed development strategy. The infrastructure theme proposes policies regarding a range of transport issues. The proposed options report is also accompanied by a transport study exploring the impact and opportunities of the proposals.

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Overarching theme / topic

Carbon neutrality

Summary of issues raised in comments

Plan for net zero carbon.

Only approve carbon neutral development.

Set a carbon reduction target for 2040 to support the 2050 net zero carbon target.

Set shorter targets for carbon neutrality, such as 2030 or 2040.

Hold public events to support the transition to net zero carbon.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Plan has been informed by a Net Zero Carbon study, and the preferred option includes a range of policy proposals to address carbon emissions and climate change.

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Noted. This is beyond the scope of the plan, but both Councils have climate change strategies which address a range of wider issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Natural Environment

Summary of issues raised in comments

Growth should support and contribute to the proposed Greater Cambridge Nature Recovery Network.

Restore and enhance green spaces, habitats and green infrastructure networks.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Green Infrastructure theme proposes priority green infrastructure projects, identified following extensive consultation with stakeholders.

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Overarching theme / topic

Design

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve building standards.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of policies are proposed regarding buildings standards and design.

Overarching theme / topic

Inequality

Summary of issues raised in comments

Reduce homelessness and deprivation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. An important role of the plan is to seek to deliver a range of accommodation including affordable housing. The health and wellbeing theme proposes other measures which would seek to support healthy communities and spread the benefits of development.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues raised in comments

Host themed workshops to inform the production of the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. We have hosted a range of stakeholder workshops in particular leading up to the first conversation, during the consultation, and then in November 2020 when initial evidence was published. We have also held a number of online events. We will continue with further events during the preferred options consultation.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Dry Drayton Road, Oakington.

Support development of land south of Cambourne.

Support development of land south of High Street in Balsham.

Support development of site at Boxworth End.

Support development of site at Kingfisher Way, Cottenham.

Support development of site at Priest Lane, Willingham.

Support development of site at Waterbeach.

Support development of site to north east of Cottenham.

Support development of the U&I site, Cambourne West.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which accompanies the preferred options report. The development strategy proposed in the First Proposals Plan has considered the alternatives available, and details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Amend village boundaries to accommodate growth.

Do not develop the Green Belt.

Support small and medium growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The strategy section of the preferred options report was based on consideration of a range of strategy options available to the plan, including the pros and cons of developing in a range of locations. A range of evidence has informed the preferred options report, and the preferred options report provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new local plan.

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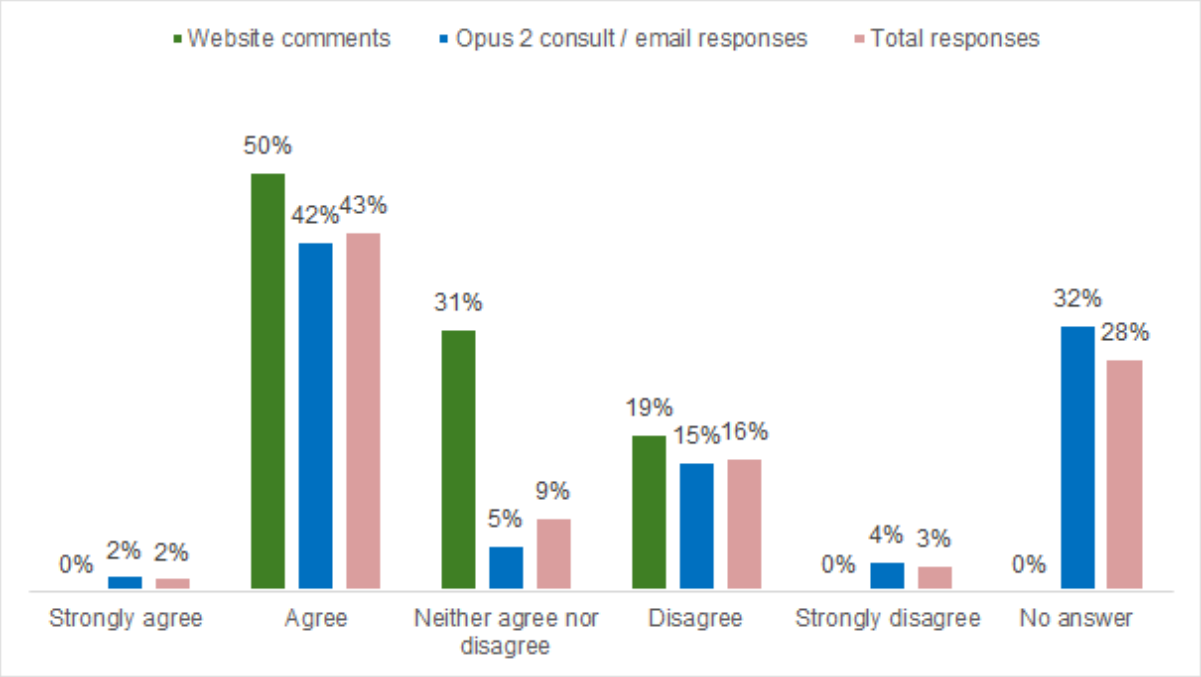
Q5. Do you think we have identified the right cross-boundary issues and initiatives that affect ourselves and neighbouring areas?



16 website comments and 110 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

More people agreed than disagreed with the question, with 45% answering ‘agree’ or strongly agree overall. Website commenters were less decided, but few website comments were received to this question. but 31% answering ‘neither agree nor disagree’ and 19% ‘disagree – no-one strongly agreed or strongly disagreed. There was no significant difference between anonymous and named responses.

56% of website commenters (9 in total) and 91% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (100 in total) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic

Commuting

Summary of issues raised in comments

Increase local commuting to reduce long-distance commuting.

Study the number of London commuters living in Cambridgeshire.

Reduce the need for travel to lower carbon emissions.

Add commuting, and connectivity and movement as cross boundary issues.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the relationship between homes and jobs has been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy for the First Proposals.

Noted, evidence has been commissioned to inform plan making which considers the development needs of Greater Cambridge, which takes into account existing commuting patterns.

Noted. The preferred strategy considers the location of homes in relation to employment and sustainable transport opportunities.

Noted, transport issues are an important cross boundary issue.

Overarching theme / topic

Highways and rail

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add the East-West corridor, the A14 towards the Midlands and via A1, the North as well as Eastern section of East-West Rail and the A14 towards Ipswich and Felixstowe, as cross boundary issues.

Consider strategic and major road networks, the Ipswich to Cambridge rail line and Cambridge station under cross-boundary transport issues.

Consider the East West Rail Preferred Route E in the spatial strategy.

Seek to provide more sustainable transport options for those travelling from Haverhill and not support businesses that generate disproportionate amounts of HGV.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The councils are engaging with strategic transport bodies including Highways England during preparation of the local plan.

Noted. The councils are engaging with strategic transport bodies including Highways England and Network Rail during preparation of the local plan.

Noted. East West Rail has been considered when developing the preferred Strategy.

Noted, although this is largely beyond the scope of the plan given the representation focuses on growth that has happened in Haverhill. Connections to Haverhill are a matter for the local transport plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve the bus service from Cambridge Station.

Add faster and reliable public transport as a cross-boundary issue.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst transport improvements will be required in association with developments proposed, general issues regarding bus routes is a matter for the Local Planning Authority.

Noted, transport issues are an important cross boundary issue.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Create a dedicated cycleway between Papworth and Cambourne.

Add sustainable transportation as a cross boundary issue.

Provide sustainable transport in Haverhill.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is primarily a matter for the local transport authority, but improvements to local transport are likely to be required in association with the proposed development

strategy, particularly given the identification of Cambourne as a broad location for future development.

Noted, transport issues are an important cross boundary issue.

Noted, although this is largely beyond the scope of the plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Economic growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Plan must take into account rapid economic growth happening in the area.

Economic growth strategy Add creating an inclusive society where economic growth works for everyone as a cross-boundary issue.

Add doubling Greater Cambridge's economic growth in the next 25 years as a cross boundary issue.

The new Local Plan should acknowledge and plan for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority ambition to double GVA over 25 years.

Consider existing economic centres outside of Greater Cambridge when preparing the growth strategy, and recognise the role towns and employment sites in adjacent authorities play in servicing communities, including Royston, in Greater Cambridge.

Consider the potential for economic growth in market towns such as Ely, Newmarket, Mildenhall, Haverhill, Saffron Walden, Royston, St. Neots, Huntingdon when engaging with neighbouring authorities.

Add business, parks, employment areas, key employment locations, leisure centres as cross-boundary issues.

Add economic growth, employment and jobs as cross boundary issues.

Address the aspirations of the Local Industrial Strategy in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The councils commissioned evidence on the needs of the economy to inform plan making, which has included exploring past and anticipated future economic growth, and the proposed developments in the First proposals seek to respond to those development needs.

Noted. The First Proposals Wellbeing and Social Inclusion Theme seeks to address this topic, and the Councils have included health and social infrastructure as a potential strategic cross-boundary matter in the Statement of Common Ground, albeit no substantive cross-boundary issues on these topics have to date been identified.

Noted. The councils commissioned evidence on the needs of the economy to inform plan making, which has included exploring past and anticipated future economic growth, and the proposed developments in the First proposals seek to respond to those development needs. The Councils have also engaged with partners though the Duty to Cooperate.

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Noted. The Councils have engaged with neighbouring authorities on this issue though the Duty to Cooperate. It is however important to note that the Council's economic evidence prepared to inform the First Proposals Plan suggests that the economic growth likely to arise in Greater Cambridge is in great part unique to the area, and is unlikely to arise elsewhere.

Noted, the Councils have and will continue to engage adjoining authorities regarding future development locations.

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Overarching theme / topic

Economic growth corridors

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add Oxford-Cambridge; London-Stansted-Cambridge; Cambridge-Norwich; and Cambridge-Peterborough as cross-boundary issues.

Consider the strategic role of Felixstowe.

Harness the potential and cross boundary opportunities of the Cambridge – Oxford Arc for Greater Cambridge and include policies which encourage growth along the arc.

Consider the growth corridors Cambridge/Ipswich, Cambridge/Kings Lynn and Cambridge/Peterborough/Birmingham when identifying growth options.

Do not support development along economic corridors Oxford-Cambridge and London-Stansted-Cambridge. Growth should be directed to their area of the country.

Figure 7 in the new Local Plan should contain further reference to the London-Stansted-Cambridge Corridor and how the objectives may influence the emerging strategy.

Produce an evidence base study on employment and the Duty to Cooperate in relation to the Oxford Cambridge Arc.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the First Conversation consultation acknowledged that Cambridge was an important element of a number of economic corridors. Since then proposals for the Ox-Cam corridor have evolved significantly, and the Councils are engaging with government and other Councils on the corridor as the Ox can Framework emerges.

Noted. The Councils have engaged with Highways England and Network Rail during plan making.

Noted. The Local Plan will be required to take into account the Ox Cam Framework that is being prepared by the government.

Noted. Transport corridors was an option considered when developing and testing strategy option which as informed the preferred strategy. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Noted. The LocalPlan will be required to take into account the Ox Cam Framework that is being prepared by the government.

Noted, the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor reflects the importance of economic links across the area, and this will continue to be explored and acknowledged.

Noted. The Ox Cam framework will be exploring these issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Landscape

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider cross-boundary landscape characteristics when identifying growth options.

Add infrastructure and landscape character as a cross-boundary issue.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Councils have commissioned a landscape character assessment to inform the plan.

Noted, infrastructure is an important cross boundary issue, and will be considered through the duty to cooperate.

Overarching theme / topic

Protection of agricultural land

Summary of issues raised in comments

Protect farm land.

Add farmland protection as a cross-boundary issue.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The issue is considered in the sustainability appraisal, and policy approaches are included in the jobs theme to protect important agricultural land.

Noted. The issue is considered in the sustainability appraisal, and policy approaches are included in the jobs theme to protect important agricultural land. The Councils do not currently consider that this is a strategic cross-boundary matter requiring engagement with neighbouring authorities.

Overarching theme / topic

Water supply and quality

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support existing South Cambridgeshire Development Control water related policies.

The Local Plan should not reduce water quality through over-abstraction or wastewater.

Consider water related issues including water level and flood risk management, water resources, and treated foul effluent water disposal, in the new Local Plan. Engage with bodes such as Internal Drainage Boards, the Lead Local Flood Authority and Anglian Water.

Encourage developers to aim for lower levels of daily water use by person.

Consider the long term viability of water supply for new development. Given the water stress of the area as detailed above, we would also wish to see the Councils encouraging developers to aim for even higher levels of water efficiency (80 litres per person per day). However in the absence of legislative back up for this, it should not be relied upon in assumptions.

Add water efficiency as a cross boundary issue.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Water is addressed in the climate change theme of the First Proposals Plan.

Noted, this has been a key consideration for the First Proposals Plan, informed by the Integrated Water Management Study.

Noted. The new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Integrated Water Management Study have been informed by engagement with key bodies. This includes engagement with the Environment agency, the water companies, and Water Resources East.

Noted. Water efficiency is addressed in the climate change theme of the preferred options.

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Overarching theme / topic

Waste and recycling

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add 'material efficiency and waste reduction' as a cross boundary issue, to encourage cross-boundary sharing of material resources, increase opportunities for upcycling of waste, reduction of the embodied carbon from construction and consumables by reducing transportation distances, creating new local economies, and building regional databases that include supply chain and environmental information e.g. material passports.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the First Proposals includes a policy in the climate change theme regarding waste reduction, and the Councils will continue to engage with the County Council as the waste management authority.

Overarching theme / topic

Healthcare

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add NHS services and catering for an older population as cross boundary issues.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The NHS has been consulted through the duty to cooperate process.

Overarching theme / topic

Population migration

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add population migration as a cross-boundary issue.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Council's economic and housing evidence takes population migration into account.

Overarching theme / topic

Tourism

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add tourism impact on visitor destinations and neighbouring villages such as Fenstanton and Houghton and Wyton as a cross boundary issue

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils identify tourism as a potential strategic cross-boundary matter in the First Proposals Duty to Cooperate Compliance Statement, albeit no substantive cross-boundary issues on this topic has to date been identified.

Overarching theme / topic

Carbon reduction and neutrality

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add carbon neutrality and clean growth as cross boundary issues.

Ensure a sufficient supply of homes and jobs locally to reduce carbon emissions.

Agree carbon reduction targets across authorities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the councils are engaging with other authorities, including the combined authority and their climate commission.

Noted, the Councils have sought to identify the development needs of Greater Cambridge and identify how they should be met through the First Proposals.

Noted, the councils are engaging with other authorities, including the combined authority and their climate commission. However, specific policies are a matter for the other authorities.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should focus on climate change.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Climate change is an important theme, and has been an important factor when determining the preferred development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic

Historic environment

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add the potential implications of growth on designated and undesignated heritage assets as a cross boundary issue.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The impact of development proposals on the edge of Greater Cambridge on heritage assets outside the area is being considered via the Strategic Heritage Impact Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic

Green and blue infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Include Wicken Fen Vision Area in the context of green infrastructure as a cross boundary issue.

Add the protection and enhancement of green and blue infrastructure corridors and linkages to the benefit of flora, fauna and recreational uses as a cross boundary issue.

Add the potential implications of growth on the Great River Ouse and the Ouse Washes, the Fens and South East Claylands as cross boundary issues.

Create a cross-boundary green infrastructure network.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the councils engaged with partners through the Green Infrastructure Opportunity mapping process, and continue to do so through the local nature partnership.

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Overarching theme / topic

Digital infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Include a policy relating to digital infrastructure in the new Local Plan to ensure the delivery of high quality gigabit capable digital connectivity.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is addressed in the Infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues raised in comments

Include education, and early years and childcare as a cross-boundary issue.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Education is an important infrastructure issue, and the Councils engage with the Local Education Authority when planning for new development.

Overarching theme / topic

Allotment provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development near Greater Cambridge should provide allotments regardless of administrative boundaries. Add allotments as a cross-boundary issue.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Open spaces like allotments will be needed to support development locally, the representation highlights cross boundary issues between Cambridge and south Cambridgeshire, which will be resolved by having a new joined up policy in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan policies

Summary of issues raised in comments

Draft strategic policies should set out clear strategic priorities for the area, including the important cross-boundary issues.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred options provides policy approaches regarding the development strategy and important issues to allow consultation before the draft plan is prepared.

Overarching theme / topic

Duty to Cooperate engagement

Summary of issues raised in comments

Approach consultation with wider partnerships, particularly other local authorities and the ox cam arc.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the range of bodies engaged is captured in the Duty to Cooperate Compliance Statement which accompanies the First Proposals report.

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan flexibility

Summary of issues raised in comments

Build in flexibility in the new Local Plan to respond to development in cross-boundary infrastructure.

Local Plan flexibility Build flexibility in the spatial strategy to respond to growth, including unmet need from neighbouring authorities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will aim to have a degree of flexibility to respond to unexpected circumstances, but it will also continue to be reviewed regularly. The Councils have not been asked to meet needs by adjoining districts at this point.

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Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide housing to meet affordable, first time buyer, renting, and senior housing needs.

Reduce growth in Cambridgeshire.

Add housing and employment growth locations as a cross boundary issue.

Balance housing provision for London commuters with Green Belt protection.

The Local Plan should take a flexible approach to the siting of new development by combining the different growth strategies.

Support development in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policies in the housing them have been informed by studies looking at the range of accommodation that is needed.

Noted. The Local Plan seeks to continue to support the important Cambridge economy, whilst also considering housing and other infrastructure needs, as well as the impact on the environment. A range of evidence has informed the First

Proposals Plan, and the First Proposals Plan provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new local plan.

Noted, the Councils have and will continue to engage adjoining authorities regarding future development locations.

Noted. Evidence has been prepared to identify the development needs of Greater Cambridge.

Noted. The development strategy proposed in the First Proposals Plan has considered the alternatives available. Details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Noted. The development strategy proposed has identified an element of growth in villages, but the majority of growth is focused in urban areas, where there are opportunities to deliver growth on brownfield land with sustainable transport opportunities. Details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support growth in Cambourne.

Support the allocation of growth in Gamlingay.

Support development of land north of Chestnut Road, Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth.

Support development of land south of New Road, Guilden Morden.

Support development of residential mooring along river adjacent to Fen Road.

Support development of land east of the A505 Royston.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The development strategy proposed in the First Proposals Plan has considered the alternatives available, and does propose to identify Cambourne as a broad location for future development. Details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Noted. Site proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which accompanies the First Proposals Plan. The development strategy proposed in the First Proposals Plan has considered the alternatives available, and details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

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Overarching theme / topic

Governance

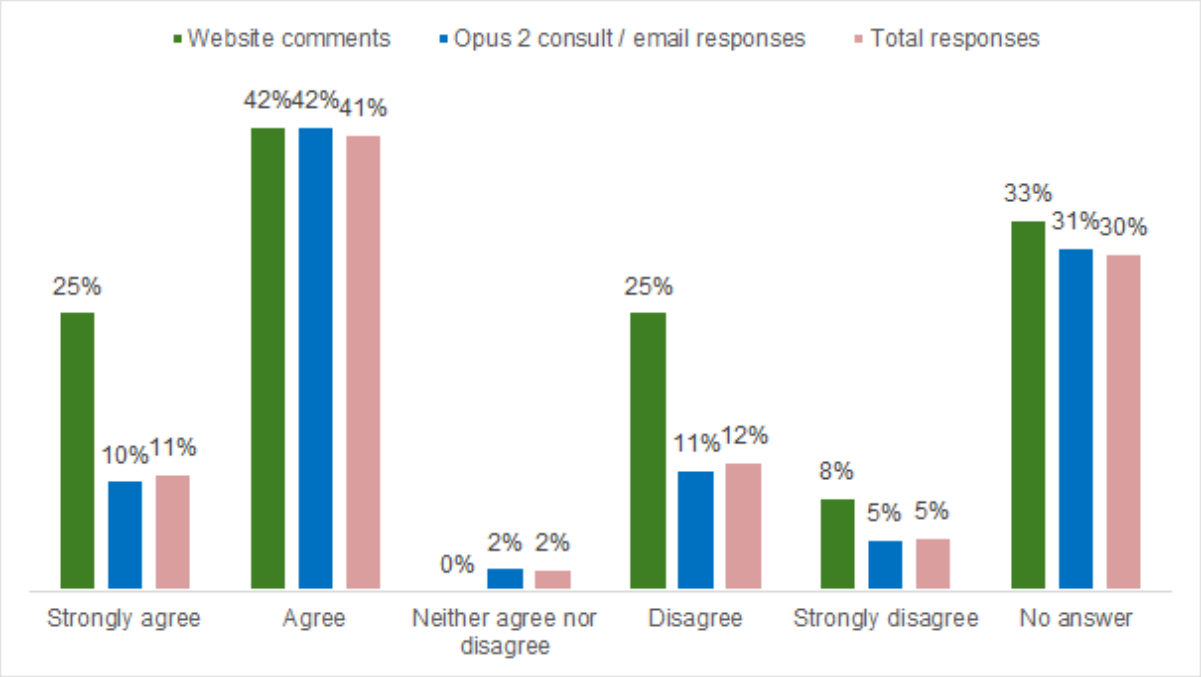
Summary of issues raised in comments

The complexity of regional and local authorities is confusing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. We will seek to be clear on the roles of different organisations in the local plan and consultation material.

Q6. Do you agree with the potential big themes for the Local Plan?



12 website comments and 142 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

Most respondents agreed, with 52% either agreeing or strongly agreeing overall. It drew few neutral answers, and a significant minority of website commenters disagreed.

67% of website commenters (8 in total) and 86% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (166) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic

Natural environment

Summary of issues raised in comments

Protect trees from removal.

Refer to green infrastructure as green space instead.

The vision for the Plan should be the protection and enhancement of the natural environment.

A compulsory ratio of development should be set aside for green space and tree planting.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A policy proposal regarding trees is included in the Green Infrastructure theme.

Noted. Green Infrastructure is used as it includes a wider range of matters than just spaces, although its acknowledged we need to present material in the local plan that is clear and accessible.

Noted. A vision and objectives are now proposed for consultation.

Noted, these issues are addressed in the Green Infrastructure theme of the preferred options report.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of community facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments

A statement of provision of community centres and shops should be required for every new development of 50 dwellings or more.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The plan will be informed by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will seek to identify what is needed, when, how much it costs and how it will be delivered.

Overarching theme / topic

Economy

Summary of issues raised in comments

The big themes should address the implications on the local economy, including job growth, of the goal of doubling the total economic output of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area over 25 years.

The big themes should address spreading the benefits of growth and inequality.

Add fostering a world-leading hi-tech cluster as a big theme.

Add economic growth, economic viability and employment as big themes.

The new Local Plan should support the growth of the knowledge-based economy.

Balance economic growth within Greater Cambridge and the aspirations for boosting growth within surrounding market towns through the Combined Authority's Prospectuses for Growth programme.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the First Proposals and the evidence informing it have sought to consider growth needs and how they should be addressed.

Noted. Issues are addressed in the Health and Social inclusion and the jobs themes.

Noted. The needs of the Greater Cambridge Economy have been carefully considered when developing the preferred options. The Councils commissioned a Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020) which explored potential jobs growth, and the need for different types of employment land in terms of quantity, type and location. This includes consideration of the needs of the high tech clusters that form part of the Cambridge economy. The proposed options responds to the most likely jobs growth outcome identified in the study. It also identifies potential land allocations which would add to the committed land supply to meet those needs.

Noted. These issues are addressed by the strategy and the jobs themes.

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Noted. The Councils will continue to engage with the combined authority during plan making. The local plan seeks to respond to identified needs for greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add transport, including active travel as a big theme.

Provide a rail station in Cambourne.

Reduce commute times by providing local services and infrastructure and making outer villages self-contained.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Transport issues are addressed under the Infrastructure theme.

Noted. This is part of the East West Rail proposals.

Noted. However boosting self-containment meaningfully would require significant levels of growth to enable large increases in services and local employment. The strategy proposed is considered in the preferred options is considered the appropriate approach for the area when compared against reasonable alternatives. Further information is included in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add climate resilient infrastructure as a big theme.

The big themes should have targets equivalent to net zero carbon.

The big themes should address efficiency for residents.

Climate change should be a central theme of the new Local Plan.

The big themes should address immediate challenges and not net zero carbon.

Refer to climate change as climate heating instead.

How the comments have been taken into account

Note, this is not considered a stand-alone theme, but climate change will need to be considered when planning for new infrastructure.

Noted, measures to respond to climate change are proposed in the climate change theme.

Noted, measures to respond to climate change are proposed in the climate change theme, although addressing existing homes is beyond the scope of the plan.

Noted, it is considered that it is a central theme.

Noted but disagree, climate change does present an immediate challenge that the local plan is required to address.

Noted but disagree, climate change presents other challenges as well as heating, such as potential increased flooding events.

Overarching theme / topic

Proposed additional big themes (miscellaneous)

Summary of issues raised in comments

Link the big themes to jobs, homes and infrastructure.

Add infrastructure as a big theme.

Add flood risk planning as big themes.

Add an ageing population under one of the four big themes.

Add local energy production as a big theme.

Add materials, waste and waste reduction as a big theme.

The big themes should address community.

The big themes should address happiness.

Cover quality of life under the big theme wellbeing and social inclusion.

Include a policy relating to Digital Infrastructure in the new Local Plan to ensure the delivery of high quality gigabit capable digital connectivity.

Emphasise design in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the preferred options seeks to highlight linkages and cross cutting themes.

Noted, infrastructure is included as a theme.

Noted. Flood risk is addressed by the climate change theme.

Noted, an ageing population is cross cutting, but picked up primarily under homes, and wellbeing and social inclusion.

Noted. Local energy production is addressed by the climate change theme.

Noted. Materials, waste and waste reduction are addressed by the climate change theme.

Noted, community is cross cutting, but picked up primarily under great places, and wellbeing and social inclusion.

Noted, happiness feels like a cross cutting issue, contributed by wellbeing, having great places and green infrastructure available for example.

Noted, quality of life feels like a cross cutting issue, contributed by wellbeing, having great places and green infrastructure available for example.

Noted, digital infrastructure as an issue is addressed by the Infrastructure theme.

Noted, this issue is addressed by the Great Places theme.

Overarching theme / topic

New Local Plan strategy / approach

Summary of issues raised in comments

The new Local Plan should be bold and innovative.

The next stage of the Local Plan should go into more detail on the growth options.

Do not support the vision in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, it is hoped that people will consider that the preferred options are bold an innovative, but comments are welcomed.

Noted, this is addressed in the preferred options by the strategy section.

Overarching theme / topic

Connections between the big themes

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not agree with the big themes.

Objection to big themes.

Themes are so vague, overarching and overlapping as to be virtually meaningless.

The big themes should be more narrowly defined.

Recognise the interconnectedness of the four big themes.

Recognise that economic, environmental and social issues are interrelated

Agree with the four big themes identified in the new Local Plan.

Support for big themes.

Measures to address one big theme should not negatively impact another theme.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. It is considered they provide a useful framework for capturing important issues for the plan. It is acknowledged there is overlap and linkages between the themes.

Noted, the preferred options now attributes specific policy proposals to each theme.

Noted, this is reflected in the vison for the plan put forward in the preferred options report.

Noted, it is agreed they all have an important role to play, and the preferred options seeks to deliver an appropriate policy framework for all of them.

Overarching theme / topic

Balancing and prioritising the big themes

Summary of issues raised in comments

Balance the four big themes.

Prioritise the four big themes, do not rank.

Do not prioritise the big themes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, it is agreed they all have an important role to play, and the preferred options seeks to deliver an appropriate policy framework for all of them.

Overarching theme / topic

Childcare provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve childcare provision.

Establish school breakfast clubs

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The plan will be informed by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will seek to identify what is needed, when, how much it costs and how it will be delivered.

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues raised in comments

Address education in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The plan will be informed by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will seek to identify what is needed, when, how much it costs and how it will be delivered.

Overarching theme / topic

Supporting homeworking

Summary of issues raised in comments

Local Plan policies should consider increased homeworking.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, proposals under the homes theme seek to address home working. The impact of the Covid19 pandemic on long term trends will continue to be monitored.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth Strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Growth should be stopped. Climate Change is the most pressing issue of our time. However, all the other themes are predicated upon ‘growth’ and growth has to be

halted in a controlled manner if climate change is to be minimised without unacceptable effects on the poorer and more vulnerable people in our society.

Emphasise growth in the four big themes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Climate change is an important issue, but the plan also has to respond to needs of the area. By seeking to apply strong policies regarding the form of growth, the preferred options seeks to continue to meet needs whilst responding to the challenges of climate change.

Noted. The proposals in the preferred options report have sought to identify and respond to growth needs whilst also considering environmental and social issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Themes inappropriately provides emphasis towards environmental sustainability, which results in a reducing the value of social and economic sustainability and the associated contribution to realigning environmental benefit. A more positive approach would be for these factors to be attributed equal significance.

Emphasis should be on creating new sustainable growth in the right locations, rather than conserving and protecting areas from new growth.

Explain further how sustainable development is the overarching theme of the big themes in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposals in the preferred options report have sought to identify and respond to growth needs whilst also considering environmental and social issues.

Noted. The proposals in the preferred options report have sought to identify and respond to growth needs whilst also considering environmental and social issues.

Noted, the First Proposals has sought to explain the reasons behind the proposed approach, and provide a clear set of objectives.

Overarching theme / topic

Impacts of growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider the conflict between growth pressures and environmental capacity in the big themes.

Consider the impact of growth on residents and Cambridge.

Include a theme on balancing growth pressures and protecting the historic environment.

Add growth and its implications as a big theme.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the implications of growth has been explored through a range of evidence which has informed the proposed strategy. This includes understanding and seeking appropriate mitigation for identified environmental impacts.

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Noted. The representor seeks a 5th theme to consider the impact of growth particularly on the heritage of Cambridge. Whilst the importance of the issue is acknowledged, and has been explored through evidence informing the plan, it is not considered that it warrants a stand-alone theme as it is covered by those already identified.

Noted, the implications of growth has been explored through a range of evidence which has informed the proposed strategy.

Overarching theme / topic

Green and blue infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Create a Greater Cambridge Nature Recovery Network to contribute to the Nature Recovery Network and deliver connected habitats for wildlife across Greater Cambridge and wider landscape.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Green Infrastructure theme proposes priority green infrastructure projects, identified following extensive consultation with stakeholders.

Overarching theme / topic

Great Places

Summary of issues raised in comments

Define 'Great' in the big theme 'Great Places'.

Reference the historic environment under the big theme.

Rename the big theme 'Great Places' for more clarity.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the great places now proposes a strategic vision for design.

Noted. Heritage has been addressed under this theme.

Noted, the preferred options now attributes specific policy proposals to each theme, which should clarify what is proposed to be addressed.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate Change

Summary of issues raised in comments

Policies in the new Local Plan should support climate change resilience.

Prioritise climate change above the other three big themes.

Prioritise the climate change and biodiversity big themes.

The big themes should address water related issues.

Build new development to Passiv-Haus standards of insulation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, measures to respond to climate change are proposed in the climate change theme.

Noted. Robust policy proposals have been proposed, recognising the importance of the issue.

Noted. Policy proposals have been proposed which are considered to reflect this importance of these issues.

Noted, water issues have been considered in the development of the preferred options, informed by an integrated water study.

Noted, the climate change theme includes policies that would require significant improvements to building standards.

Overarching theme / topic

Accessibility

Summary of issues raised in comments

Add achieving greater accessibility as a big theme.

Provide flat footpaths to increase accessibility for people of all abilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Accessibility is addressed in a range of the policy proposals, including design requirements.

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Overarching theme / topic

Housing

Summary of issues raised in comments

The big themes should address the housing crisis.

The big themes should address affordable housing.

Provide appropriate housing to meet housing needs, including for seniors, in the new Local Plan.

Reference meeting housing and affordable housing need under the 'Wellbeing and social inclusion' theme.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred options strategy section identifies how many homes are needed, and where they would be delivered.

Noted, proposals under the homes theme seek to address affordable housing needs.

Noted, proposals under the homes theme propose approaches to specific types of housing needs, including housing for older people.

Noted, proposals under the homes theme seek to address affordable housing needs.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Comberton.

Support development at Trumpington South.

Support development at Whittlesford.

Support development of Bennell Farm, Comberton.

Support development of land adjacent to Balsham Road, Linton.

Support development of land at Ambrose Way, Impington

Support development of land at Bedlam Farm.

Support development of land at Fishers Lane, Orwell.

Support development of land at Gas Field, Madingley Road.

Support development of land at Kneesworth.

Support development of land at Long Lane, Fowlmere.

Support development of land east of Long Road, Comberton.

Support development of land off Beach Road, Cottenham.

Support development of land off Fulbourn Old Drift in Fulbourn.

Support development of land south of Comberton.

Support development of land south of Hattons Road, Longstanton.

Support development of land to the east of Ditton Lane, Fen Ditton.

Support development of land to the North of Kneesworth Road, Meldreth.

Support development of land to the north of Main Street, Shudy Camps.

Support development of land to the North of Wilson's Road, Longstanton.

Support development of land to the rear of Fisher's Lane, Orwell.

Support development of land to the west of Cambridge Road, Melbourn.

Support development of land to the west of Mill Street, Gamlingay.

Support development of Six Mile Bottom.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which accompanies the preferred options report. The development strategy proposed in the First Proposals Plan has considered the alternatives available, and details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Q7. How do you think we should prioritise these big themes?

Overall, climate change was ranked highest by respondents, with 46 responses placing it highest, followed by wellbeing, which was ranked highest by 19 respondents. Great Places was ranked highest by 9 respondents and Biodiversity and Green Spaces ranked highest by 8 respondents.

Most respondents (37) ranked Great Places as their lowest priority.

Overarching theme / topic

The big themes cannot be prioritised

Summary of issues raised in comments

The big themes cannot be ranked as they do not reflect sustainable development.

All four themes should be used to inform the strategy. They are all equally important.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. It is acknowledged that sustainability has an economic, social and environmental dimension.

Noted. It is useful to understand priorities, but all are important, and have been informed by a range of evidence prepared to support the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Defining the big themes

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide better definitions for the big themes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The themes now have policy proposals attributed to them, which should make their role more clear.

Overarching theme / topic

Prioritisation of the big themes

Summary of issues raised in comments

The environment is a key priority for the big themes.

The priority for the big themes is housing delivery and securing the role of Greater Cambridge in the national economy.

Wellbeing and social inclusion is a key priority for the big themes.

Prioritise the big themes by conclusions from the evidence base.

Climate change' and 'biodiversity and green spaces' are the key priorities among the big themes.

Great Places is a key priority among the big themes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

Noted.

Noted.

Noted. It is useful to understand priorities, but all are important, and have been informed by a range of evidence prepared to support the local plan.

Noted.

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Water supply

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure sufficient levels of water supply.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this has been a key consideration for the preferred options report, informed by the Integrated Water Management Study.

Overarching theme / topic

Additional big themes

Summary of issues raised in comments

Include economics, housing, employment and infrastructure in the big themes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, they are all important elements of the preferred options.

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan overarching vision

Summary of issues raised in comments

The overarching vision for the Plan should be the protection and enhancement of the natural environment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of 104-112 Hills Road

Support development of Cambridge Science Park North.

Support development of Grange Farm, Girton.

Support development of land at Capital Park, Fulbourn.

Support development of Papworth.

Support development of Trumpington South.

Support for development at Comberton, which is considered to support the approach of the big themes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which accompanies the preferred options report. The development strategy proposed in the First Proposals Plan has considered the alternatives available, and details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Q8. How should the Local Plan help us achieve net zero carbon by 2050?

Overarching theme / topic

Green roofs

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide green roofs on residential and office development.

Offer incentives for rooftop greening.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Green roofs are addressed in the Flooding and Integrated Water Management and Designing for a changing climate proposed policy approaches.

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Overarching theme / topic

Flooding

Summary of issues raised in comments

Findings from the Integrated Water Management Study should recommend the implementation of integrated drainage including SUDs, in all development, where possible. It should also identify and promote delivery of benefits and opportunities

associated with climate change, for example to create more extensive wetland habitats and to protect and enhance the degraded peat soils remaining in the Greater Cambridge area.

Development should incorporate multi-functional sustainable drainage and flood risk management measures in accordance with the Flood and Water SPD.

Update the existing Flood and Water SPD to reflect current biodiversity net gain and net zero carbon targets.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Such matters are addressed in the Integrated Water Management Strategy, which has informed the preferred options report. The Green Infrastructure theme is also relevant.

Noted, policy approaches are proposed in relation to flood and drainage in the climate change theme , which include requiring the use of SUDs.

Noted. These issues are addressed in the biodiversity and climate change themes. An update to the current flood and water SPD would most likely follow the adoption of the new local plan if it were required.

Overarching theme / topic

Water management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Address drying rivers and chalk beds, and restore the Cambridge Valley ecosystem.

Produce more ambitious water consumption targets, including non grey water use reduction.

Encourage water reuse, rainwater capture and install grey water systems in new development.

Create a sustainable water supply for existing and new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Integrated Water Strategy which accompanies the consultation has considered water supply issues and guided the development of the preferred options report.

Noted, the proposed policy approach in the preferred option consultation seeks to require higher standards of water efficiency in both residential and non-residential development.

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Noted. The Integrated Water Strategy which accompanies the consultation has considered water supply issues and guided the development of the preferred options report.

Overarching theme / topic

Renewable energy schemes / initiatives

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support local renewable energy networks with local companies, allocate renewable energy schemes and create a planning fund for investment in local renewables.

Facilitate large scale renewable energy production.

Support affordable and efficient renewable energy as the main energy source for new development and provide incentives for its use.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding renewable energy, building on the findings on the Net Zero Carbon Study.

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Overarching theme / topic

Energy efficiency

Summary of issues raised in comments

Set reductions in energy use, encourage energy conservation and recycling, and minimise the energy used to construct new development and to power its running costs.

Support an integrated and efficient energy system, including buildings and transport.

Install energy efficient glazing in new development.

Ensure energy efficiency measures should not lead to the overheating of homes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding energy master planning that could be applied to new developments.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing for a changing climate which addresses this point.

Overarching theme / topic

Proposed use of renewable energy sources

Summary of issues raised in comments

Produce geothermal energy from plants below parks, including Parker's Piece.

Use low carbon energy.

Use hydro power.

Use local waste to generate power locally via a contained system that bypasses refuse lorries.

Use biogas energy.

Provide wind turbines.

Provide solar panels on development, including public buildings such as bus shelter roofs.

Energy performance policies should not set requirements above the equivalent of the energy requirement of Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes.

Incorporate allowances for viability and feasibility in energy policies.

The new Local Plan needs a policy framework that prioritises climate change and zero carbon in a planning balance judgement.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding energy master planning that could be applied to new developments.

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Noted. However, our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) advises that new buildings need to be built to net zero carbon as soon as possible for Greater Cambridge to play its part in meeting the UK's carbon budgets. The Climate change topic paper provides further reasoning for proposing ambitious policies regarding climate change.

Noted. The net zero carbon study has considered issues regarding the feasibility regarding the standards it recommends. The Local Plan will also be subject to a viability assessment.

Noted, climate change and carbon impacts have been an important consideration during the development of the strategy proposed by the preferred options report. The net zero carbon study provided a carbon calculator which allowed different strategies to be compared.

Overarching theme / topic

Heating and energy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require new development over 500sqm to undertake full operational energy and comfort modelling in line with CIBSE TM54 for operational energy and TM 59 for overheating risk, using 2050 climate data.

Provide guidance on heat pump installation.

Use hydrogen or heat pumps instead of gas boilers.

Do not install utility gas in new developments, unless convertible to a non-carbon fuel. For large developments either ground source, air source, or communal heating should be prioritised.

Allocate development which supports heat sharing infrastructure that balances cooling-led and heating-led land uses.

Design new development to require minimal heating or cooling.

Encourage the use and knowledge of electric boilers.

Encourage all-electric heating in new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding overheating risk and the use of the CIBSE methodology. These are based on the recommendations of the Net Zero Carbon study

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings.

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Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable design and construction

Summary of issues raised in comments

All development should be sustainable and designed to adapt to climate change.

Require new development to use sustainable materials.

Acknowledge the carbon levels from development allocations.

Minimise the embodied carbon of new development with preference for construction materials and processes that are lower in embodied carbon and resource use, such as requiring projects to use at least >20% GGBS in concrete.

Development schemes should demonstrate that they pass future climate data requirements.

Require new development to provide a Circular Economy Statement.

Support BREEAM and Passivhaus standards.

Do not encourage meeting BREEAM targets in the new Local Plan.

Support prefab development.

The Local Plan should be supported by design guidance on achieving climate change adaption and mitigation in heritage assets.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing for a changing climate which addresses this point.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding reducing waste, including from materials, and the policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings includes seeking consideration of whole life carbon emissions.

Noted, climate change and carbon impacts have been an important consideration during the development of the strategy proposed by the preferred options report. The net zero carbon study provided a carbon calculator which allowed different strategies to be compared.

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Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings.

Noted. There are some specific references in the plan to BREEAMs role in helping to meet Assured Performance requirements, but a bespoke and comprehensive approach is proposed to sustainable buildings, guided by the Net Zero Carbon study.

Noted. Acknowledge they may have a role to play, and policies in the plan will not preclude their use.

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change.

Overarching theme / topic

Insulation

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve insulation in Council homes.

Provide funding for lower income households to improve insulation.

New development should have energy efficient insulation, heated by electric boilers or heat pumps.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, although this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

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Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change research

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support and encourage research and development, prototype development, and high-tech and skilled manufacturing.

Study the carbon capture potential of tree planting or re-wilding.

Encourage schools to address climate change, energy conservation and recycling issues.

Prioritise education.

Support low-income people in reducing carbon use.

Educate the public on achieving net zero carbon, support the establishment of local climate groups, and produce a dedicated climate and ecological website.

Promote low-carbon lifestyles, encourage low carbon activities, and promote alternatives to private car use.

Encourage everyone to recognise how climate change affects them individually and what they can do personally to mitigate it.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted the jobs theme and the development strategy seeks to respond to the need of the economy for different types of employment space.

Noted. Such issues are explored in the Net Zero Carbon Study. Tree planting has a role to play, but the net zero carbon buildings policy seeks to respond more directly by addressing the energy used in buildings. The Great Places theme includes preferred options related to green infrastructure and enhancing tree canopy cover.

Noted, but beyond the scope of the local plan.

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Noted. The plan seeks to deliver affordable housing, which would also be subject to the policies proposed in the Climate change chapter, meaning that energy bills for these properties should be low.

Noted, but beyond the scope of the local plan.

Noted. The proposed approach to the development strategy in the local plan seeks opportunities for development to access sustainable transport.

Noted, but beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate Change Education

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage schools to address climate change, energy conservation and recycling issues.

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How the comments have been taken into account

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Noted, but beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Carbon sequestration

Summary of issues raised in comments

Invest in carbon capture technology.

Consider carbon sequestration.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Carbon sequestration is addressed in the preferred options report climate change theme. Investment in wider carbon capture technology is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Noted. Carbon sequestration is addressed in the preferred options report climate change theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Carbon offsetting

Summary of issues raised in comments

Measure and offset emissions when they occur.

Consider carbon offsetting instead of retrofitting heritage assets.

Consider the carbon management of existing gardens and agricultural land.

Offset carbon emissions from development through biodiversity and nature restoration, including tree planning and hedging.

How the comments have been taken into account.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings. The approach seeks to meet energy needs onsite where possible, and only then to seek contribution towards off site provision.

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

Noted. Carbon sequestration is addressed in the preferred options report climate change theme.

Noted. Carbon sequestration is addressed in the preferred options report climate change theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Carbon offsetting-funding

Summary of issues raised in comments

Establish a carbon offsetting scheme through S106.

Provide carbon offset funds for projects contained in an SPD including historic and heritage schemes.

How the comments have been taken into account.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings. The approach seeks to meet energy needs onsite where possible, and only then to seek contributions towards off site provision.

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Overarching theme / topic

Carbon offsetting-construction

Summary of issues raised in comments

Developers must offset emissions from transport and materials used for new development.

Adopt the approach set out for construction carbon in the new London Plan Policy SI2 Minimising Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Developers should have control over carbon offsetting during construction.

How the comments have been taken into account.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding reducing waste, including from materials, and the policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings includes seeking consideration of whole life carbon emissions.

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Overarching theme / topic

Achieving net zero carbon / reduction

Summary of issues raised in comments

Achieve net zero carbon by 2025, 2030 or 2050.

Achieving net zero carbon should be considered in every decision making process of the Local Plan.

Take a collaborative approach to achieving net zero carbon.

Achieving net zero carbon should not render the plan undeliverable.

Require all new development to be zero carbon.

Focus on reducing carbon emissions instead of economic growth.

Achieve net zero carbon before 2050, such as 2035.

Set clear objectives from the outset to achieve net zero carbon by 2050 and set interim carbon reduction targets.

Set a minimum on-site carbon reduction target of 35% below Building Regulations 2013 Part L.

Set aspirational targets and policies that go beyond national policy and legislative frameworks.

How the comments have been taken into account.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings.

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Noted.

Noted. The net zero carbon study has considered issues regarding the feasibility regarding the standards it recommends. The Local Plan will also be subject to a viability assessment.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings. National policy requires local planning authorities to meet housing needs as well as employment needs.

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Overarching theme / topic

Measuring carbon

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require a Total Carbon Budget for new development, including the embedded carbon captured in materials, transport and construction emissions.

Undertake a whole life carbon analysis on new development over 500sqm.

Measure carbon use through Energy Use Intensity (EUI).

Provide, maintain, protect, enhance and expand green space, green infrastructure, nature reserves, wetlands, carbon sinks and habitats.

Ensure developers guarantee the long-term maintenance of green infrastructure they provide.

Increase biodiversity and protect wildlife.

Ensure on-site habitat creation and greenspace provision, and large scale wetland habitat creation in the Fens, through a combination of developer community contributions and the application of biodiversity net gain policy.

Restore peatland and halt farming on peatland.

Encourage market gardens.

Include community gardens or allotments with new development.

Include open space with new development.

Undertake further research on the environmental capacity of the plan area to accommodate further growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, reducing waste, including from materials, and the policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings includes seeking consideration of whole life carbon emissions.

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Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings and the use of energy use intensity.

Noted. Carbon sequestration is addressed in the preferred options report climate change theme. The Green Infrastructure theme also proposes enhancement to the Green Infrastructure network.

Noted. Provision of green infrastructure as part of new developments is included within the Great Places theme of the preferred options report.

Noted. Carbon sequestration is addressed in the preferred options report climate change theme. The Green Infrastructure theme also proposes enhancement to the Green Infrastructure network.

Noted. Biodiversity net gain is addressed in the Biodiversity and Green Space theme.

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Noted. This issue is addressed in the Green Infrastructure theme.

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Noted. Biodiversity net gain is addressed in the Biodiversity and Green Space theme.

Noted. The proposed options has been informed by a range of evidence exploring environmental, social and economic issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Increase planting

Summary of issues raised in comments

Install City Trees at busy junctions.

Plant trees, including in new developments, set a tree quota for new development, rewild green spaces, plant wildflowers and reduce cutting verges.

Replant forests and create woodlands, such as a forest around Cambridge.

Identify land for tree planting or wildflower meadows and situate new development near woodland or meadows.

Protect trees from removal.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Biodiversity net gain, and policy approaches regarding trees and enhancement of the tree canopy, are addressed in the Biodiversity and Green Space theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Empty homes

Summary of issues raised in comments

Identify empty dwellings and implement mechanisms to reduce the number of empty homes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Councils have policies in place to address empty homes. Further information can be found on the councils websites.

Overarching theme / topic

Health and wellbeing

Summary of issues raised in comments

In liaison with other bodies, encourage healthy communities and ensure communities are designed to be people friendly, dementia friendly and take account of disabled people's needs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Wellbeing and social inclusion theme proposes a policy approach to integrate health considerations into planning decisions.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure delivery

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should pay into a fund to develop sustainable infrastructure in the areas impacted by more development.

Infrastructure should be in place prior to occupation of new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Issues are addressed under the infrastructure theme, and the plan will be informed by an Infrastructure Delivery Study.

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Overarching theme / topic

Waste and recycling

Summary of issues raised in comments

Invest in waste recycling.

Minimise the consumption of waste, maximise re-use and recycling, recycle building materials before demolition and set recycling targets.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding reducing waste, including from materials, and the policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings includes seeking consideration of whole life carbon emissions.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding reducing waste, including from materials, and the policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings includes seeking consideration of whole life carbon emissions.

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan policy approach

Summary of issues raised in comments

Policies should define circumstances in which departures from climate change mitigation and adaptation standards are permissible.

Policies should identify clearly the basis on which schemes should be developed and assessed, following appropriate industry best practice as it evolves, from bodies such as RIBA, CIBSE and the UK Green Building Council.

Do not support environmental performance policies.

Policies should be clear and not challengeable on appeal and enforce the requirements.

Policies within the new Local Plan should be flexible to accommodate changing climate change policy requirements, technology and legislation.

Take a holistic view of the impact of new development on the surrounding area.

Take an ambitious approach.

The big themes should address affordable housing.

Focus on land use objectives.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings. The approach seeks to meet energy needs onsite where possible, and only then to seek contribution towards off site provision. Departures from climate change adaptation standards would need to be considered on a case by case basis giving priority to the level of risk that this could expose developments and their future occupiers, as well as surrounding communities to.

Noted. The Climate change theme of the preferred options report has been informed by our net zero carbon evidence base, which has given consideration to emerging industry best practice.

Noted, however, our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) advises that new buildings need to be built to net zero carbon as soon as possible for Greater Cambridge to play its part in meeting the UK's carbon budgets. The Climate change topic paper provides further reasoning for proposing ambitious policies regarding climate change.

Noted, the Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) provides detailed information on the feasibility of policies to ensure they are robust and can be implemented

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Noted. The proposed options has been informed by a range of evidence exploring environmental, social and economic issues.

Noted. It is considered that the climate change theme does propose an ambitious approach.

Noted, this is addressed in the housing theme.

Noted. The proposed options has been informed by a range of evidence exploring environmental, social and economic issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Homeworking

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support home working.

Provide high speed broadband to encourage home or village working.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is addressed in the housing theme.

Noted, this is addressed in the infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Employment

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide and retain employment space in local communities.

Create a supply chain for off-site manufacture close to Cambridge.

Support employment uses focusing on innovation and technology in the aviation sector.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is addressed in the jobs theme, which proposes policy approaches to enable new employment development and to protect existing sites.

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the preferred option report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

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Overarching theme / topic

Retrofitting existing buildings

Summary of issues raised in comments

Retrofit existing development for energy efficiency and with zero carbon sources.

Place greater weight on achieving sustainability when retrofitting Cambridge University College's heritage assets.

Provide a clear methodology on how heritage significance should be weighed against energy efficiency.

Undertake research to inform the evidence base on carbon offsetting and retrofitting of heritage assets. This research should include: collaborative research with Historic England and others to identify feasible options and/or a methodology for historic buildings or those in an historic setting to be adapted to improve their thermal performance; review of options for carbon offsetting within the Greater Cambridge area and the production of an Supplementary Planning Document SPD) as part of the emerging Local Plan as per the London Plan.

Introduce incentives to renovate old buildings to reduce demolition.

Support a policy on the inclusion of renewable technologies within Conservation Areas, with regard to historic buildings and the wider historic landscape.

Provide infrastructure to reduce carbon in existing development and industry, including sustainable transportation and electricity supply.

Recognise that the means of achieving net zero carbon in a new building is different from adapting or refurbishing a building, especially a heritage asset

Grant permitted development to householders able to adapt their homes to zero carbon.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The plan does not however propose a retrofitting policy, as it is impractical to implement through new development. Further information can be found in the climate change topic paper.

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

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Noted, although this is beyond the scope of the plan.

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Noted. The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority and Greater Cambridge Partnership are bringing forward a range of transport schemes, and also explored issues regarding power infrastructure.

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

Noted. Many measures would already be permitted development. It is not in the scope of the plan to grant further permitted development rights.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support re-use of existing buildings, development on brownfield land and urban densification.

Support small, medium and large scale development.

Designate a small number of Conservation Areas and then redevelop and densify the rest.

Build micro apartments near employment sites, including converting the Grand Arcade Car Park.

Do not support development in infill villages.

Support Green Belt development.

Do not develop the Green Belt, the countryside, greenfield or agricultural land.

Object to development towards the Fen Land and Great River Ouse.

Limit development.

Support development within settlement boundaries.

Consider eco-villages.

Support development in urban areas, near Cambridge, in key village settlements and employment areas.

Deliver affordable housing near places of employment.

Do not support centralising services, facilities and businesses in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The strategy section of the preferred options report was based on consideration of a range of strategy options available to the plan, including the pros and cons of developing in a range of locations. A range of evidence has informed the preferred options report, and the preferred options report provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new local plan.

Noted. The strategy section of the preferred options report was based on consideration of a range of strategy options available to the plan, including the pros and cons of developing in a range of locations. A range of evidence has informed the preferred options report, and the preferred options report provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new local plan.

Noted. The Local Plan needs to continue to support the important Cambridge economy, whilst also considering housing and other infrastructure needs, as well as the impact on the environment. A range of evidence has informed the preferred options report, and the preferred options report provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new local plan.

Noted, although there are no proposals for this site.

Noted. Responding to the testing of options, the preferred options does not propose significant development at infill villages.

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Noted. The proposed development strategy does not identify significant new development in these areas.

Noted. In accordance with national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan should seek to allocate sufficient land to meet the needs of the area.

Noted. The proposed strategy maintains approaches such as development frameworks around settlements, but further allocations outside development frameworks in order to meet the development needs identified.

Noted, the potential of new settlements has been considered when developing the strategy proposed in the preferred options report. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Noted. Proximity to employment and access to sustainable modes of transport have been important considerations when developing the strategy proposed in the preferred options report.

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Noted. The proposed development strategy will seek to deliver new district and local centres at proposed major developments so that people can meet their day to say needs locally.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Cambridge Science Park North.

Support development of 104-112 Hills Road.

Support development at Abbey Stadium.

Support development in Histon and Impington.

Support development of Kett House and 10 Station Road.

Support development of land at Bennell Farm.

Support development of land at Fishers Lane, Orwell.

Support development of land at Six Mile Bottom.

Support development of land at South West Cambridge.

Support development of land east of Long Road, Comberton.

Support development of land north of Main Street, Shudy Camps.

Support development of land off Beach Road, Cottenham.

Support development of land south east of Cambridge.

Support development of land south of Hattons Road, Longstanton.

Support development of land to the west of Cambridge Road, Melbourn.

Support development of land to the west of Mill Street, Gamlingay.

Support development of the Rural Travel Hub on Crow's Nest Farm.

Support for the development of land to the south east of Cambridge, which is in a sustainable location

Support for the development of Station Fields, which is in a sustainable location

Support development of Travis Perkins site.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which accompanies the preferred options report. The development strategy proposed in the preferred option report has considered the alternatives available, and details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Services and infrastructure should be local and accessible by active travel.

Support development in sustainable locations, in public transport corridors or near sustainable transport networks.

Developments in Cambridge and the surrounding area should be required to plan for at least 40% of trips by bicycle.

Consider the Cambridgeshire Metro when identifying development allocations.

New development should prioritise active travel, efficient housing, people and access to train networks.

Object to new development designed around cars.

Ensure that new employment development is near and connected to residential areas by active travel infrastructure.

Schools and libraries to be accessible by sustainable transport options and away from busy roads.

Introduce measures to promote public transport over car dependency, including funding for lower income households to use sustainable transport.

Provide affordable public transport.

Sign short term public transport contracts to have flexibility for review and invest in public transport.

Provide zero carbon, hydrogen or electric public transport.

Provide hydrogen power charging points.

Provide self-driving buses.

Increase bus service, including night-time and rural services.

Consider a community transport scheme.

Support the Cambridgeshire Metro.

Provide a tram network.

Convert the guided busway to a railway.

Build light rail between train stations.

Do not support diesel-powered trains.

Provide free electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including at employment places and residential development.

Provide subsidised electric cycles in large scale developments.

Encourage car sharing schemes.

Increase cycling infrastructure in and outside of Cambridge.

Provide bike lockers with hourly rates.

Provide cycle storage at new development and existing developments should allow modifications that support cycle storage.

Improve existing infrastructure and review the road structure, junctions, footpaths to ensure they promote sustainable transport.

Provide shuttle buses between stations and employment areas, provide rickshaws between buses and the city centre, community transport between towns and villages.

Reduce car parking and convert the spaces to cycle parking or other uses.

Support active travel.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The availability of sustainable transport choices has informed the proposed development strategy. The infrastructure theme proposes policies regarding a range of transport issues. The proposed options report is also accompanied by a transport study exploring the impact and opportunities of the proposals.

Noted. The Infrastructure chapter proposes to require electric changing points.

Noted, although this is more within the remit of the Local Transport Plan.

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Noted, such schemes could form part of travel planning, required by proposed policies in the infrastructure chapter.

Noted. The latest position by the combined authority is that the CAM is not being taken forward, but significant transport improvements are still planned.

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Partnership are taking forward a range of transport schemes.

Noted, although this is not within the scope of the local plan.

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Partnership are taking forward a range of transport schemes including providing linkages to existing and planned railway stations.

Noted, although this is not within the scope of the local plan.

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Noted. The infrastructure section of the preferred options report makes policy proposals regarding cycle parking.

Noted. Policies proposed would seek improvements to meet the needs generated by new developments. Wider issues would fall within the remit of the Local Transport Plan and the County Council.

Noted. While these issues are also the remit of the Local Transport Plan, the local plan proposed options includes policies seeking to deliver accessible developments, which would include measures to ensure they support sustainable modes of travel. A

range of measures could form part of travel planning packages in association with developments.

Noted. The infrastructure section of the preferred options report makes policy proposals regarding cycle parking.

Noted. Opportunities for active travel and access to public transport have informed the development strategy set out in the preferred options report, and the Infrastructure theme includes policies to encourage active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport - general

Summary of issues raised in comments

Introduce a one way system for vehicles.

Reduce road width and close roads.

Do not build new roads.

Local employment to not increase HGV traffic.

Improve the quality and appearance of Cambridge car parks.

Increase pay parking for pollutant vehicles.

Provide discounted taxis for those with mobility issues.

Support park and rides, improve security at park and rides, require schools to use park and ride.

Provide a park and ride on Histon and Huntingdon Road and require sustainable transport to access community centre near Richmond Road.

Include supermarkets and leisure centres at park and ride areas.

Pedestrianize Cambridge city centre.

Increase pedestrian infrastructure in and outside of Cambridge.

Increase safety for cycling and pedestrians.

The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) should address variable climate change scenarios.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan, and would primarily be a matter for the local highway authority.

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Noted. The proposed development strategy seeks to focus development where there are opportunities to access public transport, cycling and walking opportunities.

Noted. The preferred strategy includes proposals for new employment. Highways impacts of sites have been considered.

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

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Noted. While these issues are also the remit of the Local Transport Plan or the Greater Cambridge Partnership, the local plan proposed options includes policies seeking to deliver accessible developments, which would include measures to ensure they support sustainable modes of travel.

Noted. The opportunities provided by park and ride facilities are being considered by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. In policy terms most fall within the green belt, and would be subject to national policy requirements.

Noted. While these issues are also the remit of the Local Transport Plan, the local plan proposed options includes policies seeking to deliver accessible developments, which would include measures to ensure they support sustainable modes of travel.

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The SA includes consideration of Climate change.

Q9. How do you think we should be reducing our impact on the climate? Have we missed any key actions?

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan approach

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise climate change in the new Local Plan.

Integrate land use and transport planning.

Increase awareness of the benefits of carbon free or renewable energy.

Use wellbeing indicators rather than economic ones;

Change the key action 'Supporting local and community opportunities for growing food' to 'Creating and supporting local and community opportunities for growing food'.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the climate change section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach to climate change and is one of the 7 core topic themes of the emerging plan.

Noted, the development strategy within the preferred options document sets out the approach to integrating the spatial options with the transport and infrastructure modelling work undertaken to date. Further to this the infrastructure section provides details on the policy approaches to ensure this integration.

Noted, the climate change section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach to energy use and renewable energy themes and begins to suggest policy approaches.

We are required to use a range of indicators to determine the success and implementation on policies within the local plan. The wellbeing and social inclusion section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policies which once taken forward will be monitored yearly through the Authority Monitoring Report.

https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/current-plans-and-guidance/monitoring-delivery-in-greater-cambridge/#a1

Noted. This is addressed in the Great Places theme of the preferred options document.

Overarching theme / topic

Tree planting and protection

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support rewilding and expanding meadows.

Protect mature trees and increasing meadows.

Increase tree planting, including fruit trees.

Develop a tree strategy, including proposals for addressing emergency tree issues

Increase wildlife habitats and identify areas for habitat creation, including those which provide carbon storage.

Protect and enhance peat soils.

Support efficiently used green spaces.

Support the creation of large-scale wetland habitats in the fens, including Wicken Fen, the Great and adjacent to the Ouse Washes and peat soils.

Avoid pollution, habitat fragmentation and loss of biodiversity, while protecting and enhancing the natural environment's resilience to change.

Restore green and blue infrastructure.

Provide allotments or orchards alongside large-scale new development.

Protect allotment sites from development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, although the direct delivery of this would be outside of the scope of the local plan, the biodiversity and green spaces section of the preferred options sets out policy approaches to deliver 20% biodiversity net gain in development which could include this.

Noted, although the direct delivery of this would be outside of the scope of the local plan, the biodiversity and green spaces section of the preferred options sets out policy approaches to improve canopy cover and tree population which includes the protection of existing trees of value. The meadow point is covered within previous response.

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan, and would primarily be a matter for the council departments responsible for maintaining tree stock.

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Noted, the biodiversity and green spaces section of the preferred options sets out policy approaches to deliver 20% biodiversity net gain in development and should be noted alongside land based carbon sequestration policy proposals contained within the climate change section.

Noted. The climate change theme of the preferred options document addresses this issue.

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Noted, the biodiversity and green spaces section of the preferred options sets out policy approaches to deliver 20% biodiversity net gain in development and should be noted alongside land based carbon sequestration policy proposals contained within the climate change section.

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Noted, approach to Green and Blue Infrastructure is proposed in the climate change and biodiversity and green spaces sections of the preferred options document.

Noted, this is covered in the policy approach proposed in biodiversity and green spaces section under green infrastructure.

Noted, this is covered in the policy approach proposed in biodiversity and green spaces section under protection of valued open spaces.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable design and construction

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support energy efficient development.

Review policies on external insulation.

Install green roofs.

Reuse waste materials, recycled and naturally produced materials and low-carbon concrete in construction.

Support strong policies for sustainable materials in new development.

Consider the origin of materials.

Set design standards that support sustainable design.

New development should meet BREEAM and Passivhaus standards.

New development should use carbon neutral materials.

New build should be carbon negative.

Set a maximum kgCO2e/m2 for different building types.

Divert fossil fuels and invest in clean technology.

Use renewable energy.

Allocate renewable energy schemes.

Support self-build and community ownership of energy projects.

Support initiatives to increase opportunities for virtual renewable energy generation, sharing, trading and procurement, including community participation and affordability initiatives.

Support community energy schemes including locally owned windfarms, municipally managed energy service companies and joint renewable energy schemes between villages.

Deliver strategic district heating centre networks.

Heat homes with renewable wind-based energy stored in heating stations.

Use geothermal energy below parks.

Use biofuels.

Support electricity generation from renewable sources.

Expand the electricity supply network.

Review policies on solar panels.

Install solar panels to make development self-sufficient.

Require ventilation systems to use heat exchangers.

Require communal heating systems in large scale development.

Install heat pumps instead of gas boilers for new and existing development.

Identify empty dwellings and implement mechanisms to reduce the number of empty homes.

Bring back empty homes on the market instead of building new development.

Require grey water use in new development and encourage rainwater harvesting.

Produce more ambitious water consumption targets.

Install water meters.

Update the existing Flood and Water SPD to reflect current biodiversity net gain and net zero carbon targets.

Consider flooding and natural soil resources.

Findings from the Integrated Water Management Study should recommend the implementation of integrated drainage including SuDs in all development.

Support suggested measures from Section 4.1.3 of the draft Local Plan.

Support development in sustainable locations.

Support new development in rural communities.

Support the re-use of existing buildings, development on brownfield land and urban densification.

Encourage Central Government to increase regeneration, particularly in the Midlands and the North.

Reduce our impact on the climate with land use change.

Plan land uses and patterns of development that increase opportunities for energy sharing.

Acknowledge in the new Local Plan that lower growth would reduce the impact on the climate.

Limit development to reduce our impact on the climate.

Limit development on farmland.

Do not support development in flood risk areas.

Do not support development on farmland and garden.

Do not support development on greenfield and agricultural land, and near industrial and business areas.

Encourage businesses to mitigate their carbon footprint, for example through grants.

Encourage businesses to review their energy use.

Encourage local employers to support home working.

Require a circular economy.

Encourage supply chain transparency to reduce carbon.

Provide high speed broadband to encourage home or village working.

Upgrade broadband.

Deliver a sustainable alternative to relieve traffic between Cambridge and Haverhill.

Support local and community initiatives and amenities that encourage residents to stay local and travel short distances on sustainable transport.

Provide a plan for a public transport and cycling network.

Promote low-carbon transport to key centres, including London Stansted, Harlow Gilston Garden Town and Great Chesterford.

Prioritise sustainable transport in urban areas and workplaces.

Make cycling a safer transport option.

Support inclusive cycle parking standards.

Improve and increase cycling infrastructure.

Increase and improve pavements.

New development should be permeable with pedestrian and cycle paths.

Ensure bus providers have higher sustainability standards.

Improve public transport.

Increase bus service frequency in rural areas, Steeple Morden and Cambridge, and provide dial a bus in Steeple Morden.

Support electric and self-driving public transport and taxis.

Support car sharing and incentives to reduce car use.

Support car clubs in major urban areas and villages using electric and hybrid cars.

Close off main roads to Cambridge to increase demand for buses.

Make one way routes for cars to increase space for cycling and walking.

Reduce car use, including the use of private cars at peak times and traffic entering Cambridge and set up traffic exclusion zones around schools.

Support car free and car limited development.

Establish park and rides outside Cambridge centre.

Assess the need to deliver electric vehicle charging points in the context of emerging technologies.

Deliver electric vehicle charging infrastructure alongside new development.

Install electric vehicle charging points for free for electric vehicle owners.

Build new homes without garages or parking spaces.

Convert car parks to other uses, such as green spaces.

Do not support new major road infrastructure.

Do not support the Cambridge Metro.

Consider methane capture and use at sewage works.

Explore opportunities for carbon capture in the Fens.

Support low carbon technologies.

Support carbon monitoring.

Support a local carbon tax.

Build space for community sustainability initiatives into the Local Plan.

Recommend putting in place stakeholder behaviour change initiatives in order ensure sustainable choices become part of everyday life, such as neighbourhood Sustainability champions or hubs.

Support the creation of a Citizens Assembly to consider strategies to reduce our impact on the climate.

Consider a points based system rating submitted sites and planning applications for their contribution to climate change objectives.

The new Local Plan should consider further measures to achieving net zero carbon.

Pledge to achieve net zero carbon by 2030 using the C40 plans.

Take a collaborative approach to achieving net zero carbon.

Offset large-scale agricultural and commercial activities, including air travel.

Support carbon offsetting measures.

Provide a clear methodology on how heritage significance should be weighed and monitored against energy efficiency and sustainability standards.

Support a policy on the inclusion of renewable technologies within Conservation Areas, with regard to historic buildings and the wider historic landscape.

Place greater weight on achieving higher sustainability when considering the protection of heritage assets and Conservation Areas.

Renewable and low carbon energy policies should consider landscape, townscape and heritage.

Consider carbon offsetting instead of retrofitting for heritage assets.

Support a national approach to improving the environmental performance of residential developments.

Support greater weight on achieving sustainability when retrofitting the College's heritage assets.

Support retrofitting, including heritage assets, publicise free guidance on retrofitting, and address the skill shortage in traditional building knowledge.

Conduct an assessment of national and international guidance on retrofitting to inform the approach in Cambridge.

Insulate existing development.

Convert existing retail businesses to sustainable businesses.

Provide and retain employment space in local communities.

Support development of 104-112 Hills Road.

Support development of Kett House and Station Road.

Support development of the Travis Perkins site.

Support development at Trumpington South.

Support development of land at Papworth.

Support research to achieve net zero carbon.

Undertake further research on the environmental capacity of the plan area to accommodate further growth.

Support re-use and recycling.

Provide sports and recreation facilities

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the preferred options document contains a comprehensive proposed policy approach to addressing this in the climate change section.

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Noted. Green roofs are addressed in the Flooding and Integrated Water Management and Designing for a changing climate proposed policy approaches.

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Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Noted, the preferred options document contains a comprehensive proposed policy approach to addressing this in the climate change section and also within the great places section in achieving high quality development.

Noted, The standards contained within the proposed policy policies in the climate change section of the Preferred Options Report are such that they will exceed current BREEAM requirements.

Noted, the preferred options document contains a comprehensive proposed policy approach to addressing this in the climate change section.

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Noted, the preferred options document identifies this as a proposed policy direction in the climate change section.

Noted. The preferred options does seek to support community renewable energy.

Noted, the preferred options document includes a requirement for energy masterplans for certain scales of development.

Noted, the preferred options document describes the proposed policy direction in relation to wind energy in the climate change section.

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

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Noted, the preferred options document contains a comprehensive proposed policy approach to addressing this in the climate change section.

Noted, the preferred options document contains a comprehensive proposed policy approach to addressing energy master planning in the infrastructure section.

Noted, the approach to all forms of renewable energy are covered in the climate change topic paper and the proposed policy approach is set out in the climate change section of the preferred options document.

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Noted, the approach to this is set out in the climate change chapter and supporting topic paper.

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This is outside of the scope of the Greater Cambridge local plan

Noted. Elements of this are considered in the climate change section of the preferred options document.

Noted. Elements of this are considered in the climate change and infrastructure sections of the preferred options document.

Noted. Growth numbers and the spatial strategy have been informed by carbon analysis work.

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Noted. The preferred options does seek to limit development on high grade agricultural land.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policies to address and manage flood risk.

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Noted, this is addressed in the climate change section of the preferred options document

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Noted, the infrastructure section of the preferred options documents sets out a proposed approach to ensuring development contributes to Greater Cambridges requirements for broadband. However most aspects of upgrading infrastructure falls outside of the scope of the local plan.

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Noted. The Greater Cambridge Partnership are taking forward a range of transport schemes.

Noted. The availability of sustainable transport choices has informed the proposed development strategy. The infrastructure theme proposes policies regarding a range of transport issues. The proposed options report is also accompanied by a transport study exploring the impact and opportunities of the proposals.

Noted. The proposed development strategy seeks to focus development where there are opportunities to access public transport, cycling and walking opportunities.

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

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Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Noted. Cycle parking is addressed under the infrastructure theme of the preferred options document

Noted. The proposed development strategy seeks to focus development where there are opportunities to access public transport, cycling and walking opportunities.

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Noted. Opportunities for active travel and access to public transport have informed the development strategy set out in the preferred options report, and the Infrastructure theme includes policies to encourage active travel.

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Noted. The proposed development strategy seeks to focus development where there are opportunities to access public transport, cycling and walking opportunities.

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Partnership are considering a range of projects to support sustainable modes of transport and reduce congestion in the city centre

Noted. Consideration of electric vehicle charge points is included in the infrastructure section of the preferred options document.

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Noted. Measures to reduce car use are considered in the infrastructure section of the preferred options document

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

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Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

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Noted, the approach to this is set out in the climate change chapter and supporting topic paper.

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Noted, the approach to site selection weighs all statutory requirements for land use planning including climate change and is set out in the supporting topic paper.

Noted, the approach to achieving net zero carbon is set out in the climate change chapter and supporting topic paper.

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

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Noted although this is outside the scope of the local plan

Noted.

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

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Noted, consideration of these issues is included in the renewable energy preferred option in the climate change section of the preferred options document

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

Noted. However, our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) advises that new buildings need to be built to net zero carbon as soon as possible for Greater Cambridge to play its part in meeting the UK's carbon budgets. The Climate change topic paper provides further reasoning for proposing ambitious policies regarding climate change.

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

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Noted. The wellbeing and inclusion section of the preferred options document gives consideration to these issues.

Noted. Site proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which accompanies the preferred options report. The development strategy proposed in the preferred option report has considered the alternatives available, and details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

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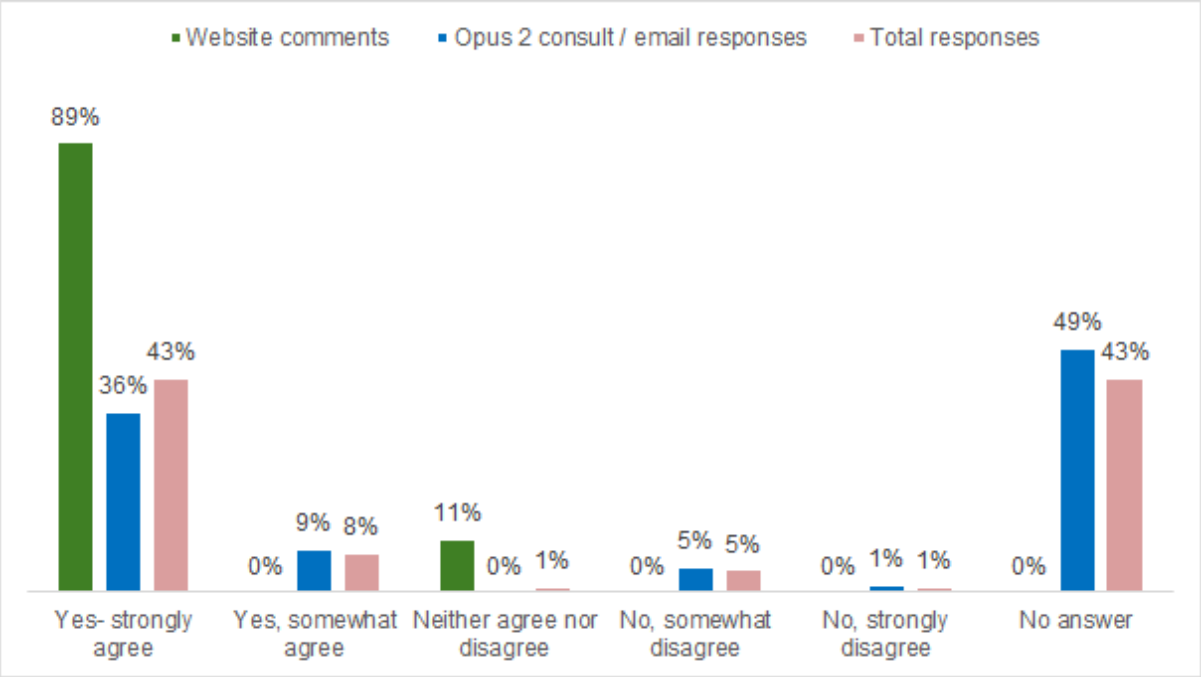
Noted.

Noted. The proposed options has been informed by a range of evidence exploring environmental, social and economic issues.

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Noted. Provision of sports and recreation facilities is included in the Wellbeing and inclusion section of the preferred options document.

Q10. Do you think we should require extra climate adaptation and resilience features to new developments?



19 website comments and 136 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

Most respondents agreed, with 51% either agreeing or strongly agreeing overall. Among web respondents, 89% strongly agreed.

68% of website commenters (13 in total) and 93% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (126) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic

Water management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Accompany SuDs with bodies of water in large-scale development.

Address water abstraction; ensure sustainable sourcing and use of water; consider the Water Crisis Forum: Final Report (2020).

Consider sustainable water sourcing and use in new development, and retrofitting existing development.

Ensure run-off water is redirected to the aquifer.

Ensure sufficient water resources.

Include rainwater collection / harvesting and grey water systems in new development.

Support resilient, and energy and water efficient design, and grey water systems in new development.

Support strong water management, groundwater protection and water consumption measures.

Support SuDS which recharge water to the ground and aquifer, provide grey water systems for non-potable uses, and design new development to limit clean water use to 75-80 litres per person per day.

Support water conservation measures.

Support water storage measures.

Support permeable paving.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposed policy approach in the preferred option consultation seeks to require use of SUDS.

Noted. The Integrated Water Strategy which accompanies the consultation has considered water supply issues and guided the development of the preferred options report.

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Noted, the proposed policy approach in the preferred option consultation seeks to require use of SUDS.

Overarching theme / topic

Amenity of residents

Summary of issues raised in comments

Acoustic standards must not override the ability to naturally ventilate in secure and rapid ventilation modes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposed policy approach in the preferred option consultation seeks to prioritise natural ventilation, including acoustically attenuated natural ventilation.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable design of new buildings

Summary of issues raised in comments

All housing developments should follow the latest methods of insulation, on-site water recycling and district heating

Climate adaptivity should be considered on a site by site basis.

Decarbonise homes by 2050.

Design of new development should recognise climate change.

Support energy efficient homes.

Support extra climate adaptation and resilience features for new development.

Support Passivhaus standards

Support planting, green roofs and green walls on new and existing development.

Support solar protection shielding in new development.

The new Local Plan should require extra climate change adaptation and resilience features to new developments

Balance heritage significance with achieving energy efficiency in heritage assets.

Build development adapted / resilient to flooding.

Consider surface water flood management for new development.

Do not support development on or near flood plains.

Do not support development on land at risk of flooding.

New development should demonstrate flood mitigation.

Objection to development on the edge of flood zones 2 and 3, to ensure there is space for flood water storage.

Retrofit existing development to improve energy sources and insulation.

Support additional resilience measures that can be retrofitted without disproportionate cost and disruption.

Support improving the resiliency of existing development.

Consider using district heating and cooling, heat from landfills or wastewater treatments centres, and deep aquifer or rivers; consider hot water storage in development with electric water heating; design new development without gas heating or cooking, or with the potential to retrofit; design new development to be resilient to flooding from drainage.

New development should be built with heat pumps instead of gas boilers, retrofit heat pumps in existing development, require homes to have solar panels, provide local allotments and encourage water re-use systems.

The new Local Plan should seek to adapt to climate change through approaches to net biodiversity gain, regulated CO2 emissions, zero carbon homes, low impact materials and lower water usage

Consider using land at future flooding risk for biodiversity creation or woodland planting.

Define the future climate using the ‘High Emissions Scenario’ for 2050 as defined by UK Met Office Climate Projections 2009 (UKCP09)

Development should respond to the most up to date risks identified by the Climate Change Committee and demonstrate a clear adaptation strategy including a risk assessment and mitigation measures.

Support encouraging new developments to go further than 'business as usual'.

Ensure new development is resilient to climate change.

New development should demonstrate a clear adaptation strategy including a risk assessment and mitigation measures

Support climate adaptation and resilience features in all new development.

Encourage low carbon energy generation, particularly employment schemes with low carbon and renewable energy.

Support large scale renewable energy projects.

Use fertiliser sewage plant for energy.

Require PV panels in new development; engage with utility suppliers at the beginning of development projects, consider linking PV panels in community schemes.

Ensure bus routes through new development are viable.

Support better access requirements.

Support sustainable transportation.

The new Local Plan should seek to adapt to climate change through approaches to a centralised parking strategy within new developments to enable a pedestrian scale environment and a shift away from car usage

Protect local biodiversity and nature.

Provide vision of a carbon neutral Greater Cambridge to ensure understanding.

Reference the role trees play in climate change adaptation in the new Local Plan.

Retain trees.

Support shelterbelt trees.

Support tree planting in green spaces, urban areas, and near development.

Reintroduce guidance on power supply, water usage and drainage, designing for heavier rainfall, insulation, and more, possibly as SPDs.

Provide clear guidance on planting and biodiversity.

Set minimum standards for adaptation and resilience features for new development.

Support densification.

Support development at Trumpington South.

Support development in rural communities.

Support development in sustainable locations.

Support drilling for ground heat pumps.

The new Local Plan should include flexible policy requirements which allow for different solutions to be considered throughout the Plan period.

The new Local Plan should refer to the Circular Economy (the principle of designing out waste and pollution, and keeping materials in use).

The new Local Plan should require developments to respond to the most up to date risks identified by the Climate Change Committee

Explore alternate strategies to combat climate change beyond climate change adaptation and resilience features.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, all of these measures are addressed by proposals in the climate change theme of the preferred options report.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing for a changing climate which addresses this point.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing for a changing climate.

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Noted. Green roofs are addressed in the Flooding and Integrated Water Management and Designing for a changing climate proposed policy approaches.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing for a changing climate, this includes addressing overheating issues.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing for a changing climate.

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change.

Noted, policy approaches are proposed in relation to flooding and drainage in the climate change theme. This includes managing flood risk.

Noted, policy approaches are proposed in relation to flood and drainage in the climate change theme, including in relation to surface water management.

Noted, policy approaches are proposed in relation to flood and drainage in the climate change theme. Flood risk has been considered to inform the selection of the preferred options.

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Noted. The plan does not however propose a retrofitting policy, as it is impractical to implement through new development. Further information can be found in the climate change topic paper.

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Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding energy master planning that could be applied to new developments. The preferred option related to net zero carbon buildings includes a requirement for no gas connections for new developments.

Noted, the climate change theme addresses each of these issues, although retrofitting is considered beyond the scope of the plan.

Noted, the climate change theme addresses each of these issues.

Noted, although this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding overheating risk and the use of the CIBSE methodology. These are based on the recommendations of the Net Zero Carbon study

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes a designing for a changing climate policy that will address this issue.

Noted, this is reflected in the preferred options climate change theme.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing for a changing climate.

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Noted, such measures are proposed in the climate change theme.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding renewable energy, building on the findings on the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding renewable energy, building on the findings on the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Noted, although this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding energy master planning that could be applied to new developments.

Noted. Proximity to employment and access to sustainable modes of transport have been important considerations when developing the strategy proposed in the preferred options report.

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Noted. The infrastructure section of the preferred options report makes policy proposals regarding parking. This includes taking opportunities for reduced levels of parking when there are opportunities for sustainable travel available.

Noted , the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity theme seeks to address these issues.

Noted, the plan seeks to deliver a robust approach to climate change. Both councils also have Climate change strategies.

Noted. Biodiversity net gain, and policy approaches regarding trees and enhancement of the tree canopy, are addressed in the Biodiversity and Green Space theme.

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Noted, this range of measures are addressed in the climate change theme.

Noted. Biodiversity net gain, and policy approaches regarding trees and enhancement of the tree canopy, are addressed in the Biodiversity and Green Space theme.

Noted. The Climate change theme proposes minimum standards in relation to a range of issues.

Noted. The strategy section of the preferred options report was based on consideration of a range of strategy options available to the plan, including the pros and cons of developing in a range of locations. A range of evidence has informed the preferred options report, and the preferred options report provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new local plan.

Noted. Site proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which accompanies the preferred options report. The development strategy proposed in the preferred option report has considered the alternatives available, and details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

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Noted.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes a net zero carbon buildings policy that allows for the use of different technologies.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding reducing waste, including from materials, and the policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings includes seeking consideration of whole life carbon emissions.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes a designing for a changing climate policy that will address this issue.

Noted, although this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Q11. Are there any other things we should be doing to adapt to climate change? We want to hear your ideas!

Overarching theme / topic

Implementing a range of climate change adaptation and mitigation measures

Summary of issues raised in comments

Adapt to climate change by planning for flood risk and extreme weather events, designing development for a warming climate, efficient water use, ensuring food security and the adaptation of agriculture, selecting resilient trees and plants.

Adapt to climate change with food security, planning for flooding risk, planting, adopting appropriate farming strategies and biofuels.

Support all measures to adapt to climate change.

Support designing buildings to cope with hotter summers.

Support mitigation measures instead of adaptation measures.

Use local roof space for solar heating/electrical energy and battery storage.

Adapt to climate change through education and lifestyle changes.

Address overheating.

Ban development in flood zones, focus development south of Cambridge on higher ground.

Consider the location of grid infrastructure when allocating development.

Consider water supply when planning for growth.

Support densification.

Support development in sustainable locations.

Support development of Cambridge Science Park North.

Support development of Kett House and 10 Station Road.

Support development of land at Frog End.

Support development of land at Papworth.

Support development of land to the north of Station Road.

Support redevelopment of the Travis Perkins site.

Support the redevelopment of 104-112 Hills Road.

Consider adaptation measures in building design, including resilient architecture, SuDS, and green infrastructure.

Incorporate passivhaus technology in all new development.

Incorporate water saving devices in all development that uses potable water, replace old fixtures and fittings with sustainable versions and ensure potable water is provided at source.

Support homeworking.

Support Lifetime homes.

Consider carbon offsetting instead of retrofitting for heritage assets.

Consider proposals to retrofit heritage assets in a sympathetic manner.

Consider electric bike and cycle storage

Improve the safety and use of cycle routes.

Large businesses should contribute towards public transport and housing for their staff.

Promote sustainable transport schemes.

Support car-free developments or residential schemes with limited parking.

Consider energy security.

Encourage but do not require low carbon energy generation.

Ensure energy for electric vehicles is renewable.

Subject heat pumps to a cooling hierarchy test.

Support community heating infrastructure and support communities to source renewable energy.

Support fossil fuel disinvestment.

Support innovation in energy and renewable technologies.

Consider flood risk measures including SuDS, Natural Flood Management schemes, retrofit existing buildings with Property Level Resilience measures, strategic tree planting and wetlands to enhance ground interception of water, and resilient infrastructure and trees adapted to strong winds.

Create retention ponds on poor-quality farmland.

Do not support development on flood plains.

Do not support impermeable driveways and enforce this.

Identify the level of need for increased flood and water storage capacity up to and beyond 2040, using climate projections to estimate increased flood storage and water resource needs in the Ouse catchment.

Prepare for increased flood events.

Protect the Fens from flooding and high-quality farm land.

Use nature-based solutions to address flood storage and water resource.

Support SuDS.

Consider water stress in the region in the new Local Plan and Water Cycle Study.

Recommend a study on the impacts growth and the Cambridge aquifer.

Support a more holistic and integrated approach to water management.

Consider retrofitting rainwater collection systems.

Retrofit existing development to switch away from fossil fuels.

Retrofit external shading devices, reduce existing glazed areas where it causes excessive solar gain, retrofit windows to facilitate secure means of ventilation, retrofit to cope with higher rainfall intensity, alter window openings and entry points to semi-basements to reduce risk of water ingress due to surface water flooding, change roof build-ups.

Consider the impact on health from climate change.

Support vulnerable groups in coping with a changing climate.

Include particulates when addressing air pollution.

Make climate change adaptation the first criteria for each policy in the new Local Plan.

Support actions identified within the draft Local Plan.

Align policies with the aim of reducing carbon emissions.

The new Local Plan should include flexible policy requirements which allow for different solutions to be considered throughout the Plan period.

Support rural communities to reduce carbon footprints.

Take a collaborative approach to achieving net zero carbon.

Monitor biodiversity to help set and measure targets.

Offset carbon through green and blue infrastructure.

Plant fruit and nut trees.

Protect and increase green spaces, and plan green spaces efficiently.

Protect existing green spaces.

Support a policy on the loss of peat-based soil.

Support increased tree planting.

Support planting trees and plants and clean up rivers, parks and pavements.

Support the Cambridge Canopy Project.

Support tree planting at new development and a plan-wide network of cycle and footpaths between villages, railway stations and places of employment.

Support re-wilding.

Place greater weight on achieving higher sustainability when considering the protection of heritage assets.

Provide a clear methodology on how heritage significance should be weighed against energy efficiency.

Position street furniture outside of protected watercourses.

Require developers of major schemes to produce Whole-Life Carbon Assessments that address all impacts associated with the construction, operation, and demolition of buildings and infrastructure.

Require developers to produce a ‘climate change adaptation’ study instead of prescribing specific adaptation measures.

Require developers to produce a full Carbon Budget for planning applications and rate the budget with a red/amber/green rating for Council to assess.

Require new development over 500sqm to undertake full operational energy and comfort modelling in line with CIBSE TM54 for operational energy and TM 59 for overheating risk, using 2050 climate data, and demonstrate they pass future climate data requirements.

Strengthen the infrastructure in Cambridge centre.

Support community based initiatives including Think Communities.

Support local assemblies and community involvement.

Support retrofitting and raise awareness of available grants.

Support the AgriTech sector.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Each of these measures are addressed in the preferred options report.

Noted. Each of these measure are addressed in the preferred options report, although biofuels may be beyond the scope of the plan.

Noted.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing for a changing climate which addresses this point.

Noted, although we have a legal duty to support both climate change adaptation as well as mitigation.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, which would seek to address energy needs onsite.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report seeks to address issues which are within the scope of the local plan.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing for a changing climate which addresses this point. There are also policies in the green infrastructure theme which seek to enhance the tree canopy.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policies to address and manage flood risk.

Noted, the Councils are working with the Greater Cambridge partnership to explore grid capacity issues.

Noted. The Integrated Water Strategy which accompanies the consultation has considered water supply issues and guided the development of the preferred options report.

Noted. The plan making process has considered the sustainability impacts of different strategy options, which has informed the selection of the preferred approach. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

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Noted. The Integrated Water Strategy which accompanies the consultation has considered water supply issues and guided the development of the preferred options report. Water efficiency measures are proposed in the climate change theme.

Noted, this is addressed in the housing theme.

Noted, this is addressed in the housing theme, which proposes to require homes to be adaptable.

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

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Noted. The infrastructure section of the preferred options report makes policy proposals regarding cycle parking.

Noted. While these issues are also the remit of the Local Transport Plan, the local plan proposed options includes policies seeking to deliver accessible developments, which would include measures to ensure they support sustainable modes of travel.

Noted. The infrastructure theme includes policies regarding travel plans, which would require developments to support travel by sustainable modes.

Noted. The local plan proposed options includes policies seeking to deliver accessible developments, which would include measures to ensure they support sustainable modes of travel.

Noted. The infrastructure section of the preferred options report proposes a policy approach to parking which would seek to keep parking levels low where there are sustainable transport modes available.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, which would seek to address energy needs onsite.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, which would seek to address energy needs onsite. This is an important aspect of achieving net zero carbon and meeting the UK's legally binding carbon budgets.

Noted. This is primarily beyond the scope of the plan, but the preferred options does seek to support renewable energy in appropriate locations.

Noted. This is primarily beyond the scope of the plan, but the preferred options does seek to support renewable energy in appropriate locations. Heat pumps form an important role in the decarbonisation of heat, although further guidance on minimising impacts could be provided in an SPD.

Noted. The preferred options does seek to support community renewable energy.

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Noted. This is primarily beyond the scope of the plan, but the preferred options does seek to support renewable energy in appropriate locations.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policies to address and manage flood risk.

Noted. Outside the consideration of development proposals this is likely to be outside the scope of the plan, but the Environment Agency are exploring flood storage and mitigation opportunities.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policies to address and manage flood risk.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policies to address and manage flood risk and promote the use of sustainable drainage systems.

Noted. Outside the consideration of development proposals this is likely to be outside the scope of the plan, but the Environment Agency are exploring flood storage and mitigation opportunities.

Noted. A new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been produced which considers the impacts of climate change.

Noted, but this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Noted. The climate change theme proposes that policies will continue to require implementation of SuDS

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Noted. The Integrated Water Strategy which accompanies the consultation has considered water supply issues and guided the development of the preferred options report.

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Noted. Retrofitting existing properties is beyond the scope of the local plan.

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Noted. The climate change theme includes a range of preferred options that should help to minimise the health impacts associated with climate change. The health and wellbeing theme also includes preferred options to address the issue of health.

Noted. To a great extent this may be beyond the scope of the plan, but there are measures that can be delivered through planning, such as helping with access to shops, services and infrastructure, delivering enough of the right sort of homes, and supporting access to public transport.

Noted. The health and wellbeing theme includes a preferred option related to air pollution, which includes consideration of particulates.

Noted. Climate change is a key theme for the plan.

Noted.

Noted. Carbon emissions has been considered when developing the strategy proposed in the preferred options, along with a range of policy measures.

Noted. The net zero carbon study highlights the importance of implementing the full policy requirements as soon as possible.

Noted although this sits outside of the scope of the Local Plan. The South Cambridgeshire Zero Carbon Strategy identifies actions to support rural communities.

Noted. The Councils both have Climate change strategies which seek to achieve range of measures with communities, many of which are beyond the scope of the local plan.

Noted. When the plan reaches the draft plan stage it will include proposals regarding how it will be monitored.

Noted. The climate change theme of the preferred options report sets out our approach to net zero carbon buildings, which includes an option for carbon offset.

Noted, tree planting is addressed in the Green Infrastructure theme.

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Noted. Carbon sequestration is addressed in the preferred options report climate change theme.

Noted, this is addressed in the Green Infrastructure theme.

Noted, tree planting is addressed in the Green Infrastructure theme.

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Noted, although this sits outside of the Local Plan

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

Noted. The Great Places theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

Noted, although though it is likely that street furniture location is largely beyond the scope of the plan.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding reducing waste, including from materials, and the policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings includes seeking consideration of whole life carbon emissions.

Noted. It is considered that the plan does need to require specific measures to ensure development has achieved appropriate adaptation.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, reducing waste, including from materials, and the policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings includes seeking consideration of whole life carbon emissions.

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding overheating risk and the use of the CIBSE methodology. These are based on the recommendations of the Net Zero Carbon study

Noted. Issues are addressed under the infrastructure theme, and the plan will be informed by an Infrastructure Delivery Study.

Noted although this is largely beyond the scope of the local plan

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Noted.

Q12. How should the Local Plan help us improve the natural environment?

Overarching theme / topic

Water supply and management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Give greater priority to the impact of development on watercourses.

Address water supply and management.

Create new water bodies.

Identify an alternative/additional source of public water supply to reduce reliance on the chalk aquifer, such as piping in water from outside the plan area.

Minimise use of water from the chalk aquifer.

Tackle decreasing water resources and pressure on the natural environment in the Integrated Water Study.

Take account of the River Cam Manifesto 2019.

Acknowledge the role of the River Cam in the three objectives of sustainable development.

Increase water quality.

Identify opportunities for strategic projects to increase water storage.

Consider local designations for water bodies.

All new development to have the highest standards of water efficiency.

Improve grey water management.

Protect the River Cam tributaries from over abstraction and enable them to adapt to climate change.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green Spaces and Climate Change sections of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach to rivers and watercourses

Noted, the Climate Change section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach to water supply and management

Noted, the Climate Change section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach to water supply and management, however the creation of new water bodies is outside the scope of the plan and sits more with the water regulatory bodies.

Noted, the Climate Change section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach to water supply and management

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Overarching theme / topic

Flooding

Summary of issues raised in comments

Create natural SuDS lakes

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Climate Change section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach to SUDS and floodwater management.

Overarching theme / topic

Renewable energy.

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support renewable energy.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Climate Change section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach to renewable energy projects.

Overarching theme / topic

Retrofitting

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support retrofitting.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Great Places section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach retrofitting where planning policy can be effective, however many elements of retrofitting are out of the scope of policy making and are more in the remit of building regulations.

Overarching theme / topic

Recycling

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support local recycling.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Climate Change section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approach to waste and recycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Planning application requirements / documents.

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require detailed statements from developers on mitigation and improvement to the natural environment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green Spaces section of the preferred options document sets out the proposed policy approaches water supply and management begins to suggest policy approaches.

Overarching theme / topic

Water supply and management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider the restoration of mineral extraction sites as part of green infrastructure assessments.

Address accessible green space deficit through the preparation of a biodiversity and green infrastructure enhancement strategy.

Reference the role of green infrastructure in enhancing and conserving the historic environment and the heritage interest of landscape parks and open space.

Place more emphasis on the relationship between development and existing green infrastructure.

Create and maintain a green infrastructure network, linking green spaces in towns or historic spaces, and connecting villages with green corridors.

Increase green infrastructure connectivity.

Create a local ecological network linking with Habitat Opportunities Mapping.

Development of the Cambridge airport must include nature corridors to link together Cherry Hinton Lakes, Coldhams Common, Wilbraham Fen, and Wicken Fen 100 Year Vision.

Create a strategic green infrastructure network.

Adopt a strategic approach for improving the natural environment.

Undertake a strategic biodiversity audit to identify biodiversity resources and areas for improvement.

Work with Huntingdonshire District Council through the Cambridgeshire Local Nature Partnership on strategic cross-boundary nature improvement projects and engage on proposals affecting the Cambridgeshire Hundreds and the small woodlands bordering South Cambridgeshire.

Support the Natural Capital Plan for Ox-Cam Arc.

Improve green infrastructure networks which span across authorities.

Employ environmental or ecology consultants to maintain and restore green spaces alongside new development.

New green spaces should focus on biodiversity instead of amenity.

Retain the green spaces connecting rural and urban areas, ensuring they are suitable for wildlife.

Require all new residential developments to include green spaces, including trees, equal to the built-on footprint.

Provide blue space.

Development proposals should include recreation areas.

Create accessible multifunctional public open space.

Produce an Open Spaces Strategy with CABE and the Design Council.

Review the criteria for designating Protected Open Space to include a set of requirements which considers more the nature and quality of the open space, ensuring there is not a blanket approach to protecting open space

All development should provide garden space or an allotment site and contribute to a communal green space.

Protect existing green infrastructure, including gardens, wildlife habitats green space, nature reserves, wild areas, field hedges, nature corridors and trees.

Protect rivers and surrounding areas from damaging activity and development.

Encourage farmers to plant hedgerows and plant wild flowers on grass verges.

Encourage landowners to rewild and manage habitats.

Support rewilding.

Support hedge planting targets.

Plant native species, compatible with a warm climate.

Support wild verges.

Support urban greening requirements.

Establish minimum standards for different habitat and vegetation types.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. However restoration of minerals and waste sites is within the remit of the County Council through the Minerals and Waste Plan

Noted, connectivity of habitats have been explored by our Green Infrastructure opportunity mapping project which has informed the development of policy proposals.

Noted, open spaces have an important role to play in a number of the local plan themes, including the creation of great places.

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Produce a biodiversity enhancement strategy.

Provide bee habitats.

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Leave some wildlife areas inaccessible.

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Support new forms of agriculture beneficial for biodiversity.

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Support high quality housing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, green roofs and walls can be a successful part of responding to climate change and supporting biodiversity, but they will need to be appropriately located.

Noted. The Great Places policies place emphasis on nature as a key element of design consideration and providing space for it.

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Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan policy approach

Summary of issues raised in comments

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Recognise the hierarchy of international, nationally and locally designated sites across Greater Cambridge in a biodiversity policy and accompany this with a map of the existing ecological network and enhancement opportunity areas.

Support small businesses contributing to the carbon neutral transition.

Create more local jobs.

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Overarching theme / topic

Reducing car use

Summary of issues raised in comments

Reclaim existing roads for green infrastructure, green corridors and cycling infrastructure.

Consider car free zones in new developments.

Reduce traffic.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is primarily an issue for the local highway authority.

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Transition to hybrid or electric buses.

Improve public transport

Increase the affordability of public transport.

Encourage active travel.

Provide and improve cycle paths, paving major routes with smoothly and minor routes with less impactful surfaces.

Improve the safety of walking and cycling routes.

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Overarching theme / topic

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Summary of issues raised in comments

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Overarching theme / topic

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Summary of issues raised in comments

Support local recycling.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Overarching theme / topic

Planning application requirements / documents

Summary of issues raised in comments

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Overarching theme / topic

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Overarching theme / topic

Habitat creation and enhancement

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require all new residential developments to include ponds, to encourage amphibians and insects that require fresh water.

Create extensive wetland habitats.

Identify existing nature sites for enhancement, potential areas for habitat creation, and habitat corridors that will create an ecological network in a green infrastructure SPD, produce the SPD in coordination with neighbouring authorities and key partners.

Produce a biodiversity enhancement strategy.

Provide bee habitats.

Require development to provide or enhance a specified amount of habitat for indigenous species.

Require animal habitat enhancement or creation for every planning application.

Investigate how existing green space and habitats can be made more accessible.

Make green spaces accessible, provide wheelchair accessible routes in natural areas and raised beds in allotments.

Ensure access to nature, including green space green space.

Ensure public transport access to open space.

Leave some wildlife areas inaccessible.

How the comments have been taken into account

Through the requirement for sustainable drainage system there are likely to be opportunities for new areas of blue infrastructure. Ponds could also be part of site specific biodiversity enhancement solutions.

Noted, wetland areas are likely to form part of a number of the green infrastructure initiatives.

Noted, connectivity of habitats have been explored by our Green Infrastructure opportunity mapping project which has informed the development of policy proposals.

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Noted, the first proposals provides policy approaches regarding biodiversity and green infrastructure. A range of detailed points have been raised in comments which could form part of site specific proposals, or design guidance.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy approach that would seek 20% biodiversity net gain. This will be tested using approved metrics.

Noted, requirements for green infrastructure and open space have been proposed.

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Noted, open space and green infrastructure will need to include space for people to use and visit, but also spaces reserved for biodiversity.

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise the natural environment.

The environment should be the focus of the entire plan.

Support the existing approach to improving the natural environment.

Support a 'landscape first' approach to planning for development.

All new development should be sustainable.

Work with the local farming community to protect agricultural land.

Use RSPB Hope Farm as a model for mitigation management of farmland.

Support new forms of agriculture beneficial for biodiversity.

Improve farmland

Support and prioritise agroecological farming.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, environmental issues are key to a number of the themes which have guided the plan.

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Noted, landscape considerations have played an important role in the site testing and selection process, and policy proposals seek to recognise the importance of landscape issues.

Noted, a range of policies are proposed which seek to achieve this goal.

Noted, the farming community will have an important role in enhancing the green infrastructure network, the council will need to work with them to deliver many of the projects identified.

Noted, improvements to farm land are likely to play an important part in delivering the green infrastructure proposals that have been identified in the Green Infrastructure Opportunities project.

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Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable design

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support green roofs and green walls.

Ensure all new development provides room for nature through design.

Support high quality housing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, green roofs and walls can be a successful part of responding to climate change and supporting biodiversity, but they will need to be appropriately located.

Noted. The Great Places policies place emphasis on nature as a key element of design consideration and providing space for it.

Noted. The preferred option seeks to ensure all housing delivered in the plan period are well designed. The preferred option includes a draft policy under the theme of Great Places that seeks to ensure housing design quality.

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan policy approach

Summary of issues raised in comments

Include a policy protecting sites with biodiversity value, including Nine Wells and Hobson's Brook.

Include a policy requiring developments within the Aerodrome Safeguarding Zone to be subject to consultation with IWM.

Recognise the hierarchy of international, nationally and locally designated sites across Greater Cambridge in a biodiversity policy and accompany this with a map of the existing ecological network and enhancement opportunity areas.

Support small businesses contributing to the carbon neutral transition.

Create more local jobs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will seek to protect important biodiversity sites.

Noted, this has been addressed in the infrastructure theme.

Noted, policy proposals seek to protect international, nationally and locally designated sites, and they will be identified on the policies map which will accompany the local plan.

Noted, the First Proposals includes a range of policies which will seek to support local business.

Noted, the First Proposals includes a range of policies which will seek to support local employment opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic

Reducing car use

Summary of issues raised in comments

Reclaim existing roads for green infrastructure, green corridors and cycling infrastructure.

Consider car free zones in new developments.

Reduce traffic.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is primarily an issue for the local highway authority.

Noted. Car free low or levels of parking may be appropriate in certain circumstances, where travel alternatives are available. Approaches to parking are included in the infrastructure theme.

Noted, the strategy topic paper details how the availability of sustainable transport opportunities has influenced the development strategy proposed in the First Proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Transition to hybrid or electric buses.

Improve public transport

Increase the affordability of public transport.

Encourage active travel.

Provide and improve cycle paths, paving major routes with smoothly and minor routes with less impactful surfaces.

Improve the safety of walking and cycling routes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of plan, but is being explored by the local transport authority.

Noted, policies in the infrastructure theme would require developments to support sustainable travel.

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Noted, the strategy topic paper details how the availability of sustainable transport opportunities has influenced the development strategy proposed in the First Proposals.

Noted, policy proposals seek to ensure developments are supported by walking and cycling networks.

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Overarching theme / topic

Development contributions

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure development contributions are adequate for delivery of required new infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the local plan will be supported by an infrastructure delivery plan which will identify what infrastructure is required, when it is needed and how it will be funded.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support development on the banks of the River Cam, land that feeds the aquifer, in areas of water stress or vulnerable ecologies around chalk streams.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the green infrastructure and biodiversity theme includes a policy that would ensure river corridors are properly considered in planning decisions.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support development in the countryside and Green Belt.

Do not support development on greenfield land.

Do not support development which impacts green infrastructure networks.

Do not build on flood plains.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of options have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy, recognising the importance of the green belt. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Noted. Use of previously developed land is an important factor, but the plan has to balance a range of issues. Through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment opportunities for brownfield development have been considered. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options has considered brownfield land opportunities alongside a range of other factors. The allocations proposed in the preferred options report include some major brownfield sites, but also some greenfield sites.

Noted. Informed by a green infrastructure evidence base, policy BG/GI: Green infrastructure identifies the existing green infrastructure network and the strategic initiatives intended to enhance it and addresses how development proposals should relate to green infrastructure.

Noted, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been commissioned to inform the Local Plan. Developments will also be required to include sustainable drainage systems to manage water effectively.

Overarching theme / topic

Empty homes

Summary of issues raised in comments

Minimise empty properties.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the councils housing teams seek to address empty properties.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support densification.

Support brownfield development.

Support development of small, medium and large-scale sites.

Support development which contributes to green and blue infrastructure, and on-site biodiversity net gain.

New development should be in sustainable locations.

New development should reflect existing densities and scales.

Support Green Belt release.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Councils have considered a range of strategy options and a large number of sites before determining the preferred approach to the development strategy.

Further information on the reasoning behind the preferred approach can be found in the strategy topic paper.

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Noted, the plan proposes to seek biodiversity net gain and the delivery of green infrastructure.

Noted, in formulating the preferred strategy the councils have considered the sustainability merits of a range of options.

Noted, the housing theme proposes a policy approach to development densities which would recognise local character whilst seeking to make best use of land.

Noted: A range of growth options has been considered in determining the growth strategy for the new Local Plan, including consideration of development in the green belt versus other options.

Q13. How do you think we should improve the green space network?

Overarching theme / topic

Landscape initiatives

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support landscape initiatives including the Colleges' Backs Landscape Strategy.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, opportunities for synergies by working with partners to enhance GI will be supported.

Overarching theme / topic

Biodiversity

Summary of issues raised in comments

All new development should achieve a measurable 20% net gain in biodiversity.

Support policies ensuring green spaces delivered alongside development are high quality and biodiverse.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a requirement for 20% net gain is proposed in the Green Infrastructure theme.

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Overarching theme / topic

Green space benefits

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require green space to provide health and wellbeing benefits.

Highlight how green spaces are community assets.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the importance of green infrastructure to health is acknowledged.

Noted, the First Proposals highlights the importance of green spaces, and proposes their protection and enhancement.

Overarching theme / topic

Green space standards

Summary of issues raised in comments

Adopt a greenspace or woodland standard.

Consider the green space standards coming out of the Natural England GI Standards project and from Future Parks Accelerator

Apply a condition for accessible green space provision for development above a set dwelling threshold.

New development should provide reasonable sized gardens.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Green Infrastructure Opportunity mapping project has identified a range of projects across Greater Cambridge which could support the enhancement of biodiversity and green space. In addition, open space standards will be reviewed to inform the draft local plan stage.

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Noted, the homes theme includes a proposal to require external space to be available to residential developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure / green space provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should provide green spaces and plants.

Convert poor agricultural land to green space.

Provide local dog walking spaces, high quality and accessible playing fields, long grass and wildflower areas, dense scrub areas for birds and water bodies, leaving inaccessible edges.

Provide quiet undisturbed places in the green space network.

Provide wild green spaces away from development.

Create safe and welcoming parks.

Provide onsite green space through development and off site green space through contributions.

Require the provision of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace, in some cases as off-site provision.

Provide green space.

Ensure that new green infrastructure is adapted and resilient to climate change.

Assess the provision of green infrastructure by major new development in the evidence base.

Consider the contribution of development to green infrastructure.

Convert solid riverbanks to reeds and mud.

Identify new wild areas away from development.

All new development to provide green infrastructure.

Plan for multi-functional green space early on, rather than planning green space around proposed site layouts. Green space and SuDS proposals should be considered early in the planning process.

Provide allotments in or near development.

All residents should live within a short distance of green spaces.

Provide accessible walking and cycling routes through and between green spaces and to residential neighbourhoods.

Distinguish between recreational and biodiversity green spaces.

Support development which connects with the existing green space network.

Ensure the green space network is protected, linked, accessible, inclusive, free of pollutants, comfortable and safe, possibly through modelling.

Balance public access with the need for undisturbed natural habitats.

Support green links along public transport corridors and between existing communities.

Create connected new green spaces within strategic developments

Deliver sufficient strategic natural green spaces and connect green spaces as part of the Cambridge based Nature Recovery Network.

Increase the accessibility and number of green corridors.

Promote landscape and biodiversity corridors.

Recognise the importance of wildlife corridors.

Recognise the role of private green spaces for wildlife corridors.

Support connectivity of wildlife corridors.

Support green bridges.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Noted, the Green infrastructure and Biodiversity theme refers to advice by natural England on this issue.

Noted, green space will be required to support new developments.

Noted, policy proposals seek to ensure species are selected that enhance biodiversity through the use of native planting and/or species capable of adapting to our changing climate.

Noted, the first proposals seek to secure the multifunctional benefits of open space, and provide clear plans for enhancing the green infrastructure network. This will include identifying opportunities in association with individual strategic developments.

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Noted, enhancement of chalk streams and rivers is identified as an important green infrastructure project.

Noted, the Green Infrastructure Opportunity mapping project acknowledges that some areas should focus on biodiversity rather than public access.

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Noted, food growing opportunities is identified as an important element of green infrastructure.

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Overarching theme / topic

Strategic approach

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider cross border linkages to increase leisure opportunities and to distribute the impact of tourism.

Establish a strategic green infrastructure network plan, identifying opportunities for developments to contribute to enhancements beyond their boundary and through greening of developments to strengthen links across the urban fabric.

Plan strategically for a green space network with a green space strategy for open space and countryside in the plan area, provide large scale and connected green space, biodiverse rich areas.

Take a strategic approach to the management of green infrastructure.

Consider cross-boundary opportunities to improve the green space network.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the councils are working with a range of stakeholders on green infrastructure, including through the local nature partnership, acknowledge that large scale green infrastructure can cross boundaries.

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Overarching theme / topic

Policy approach for green space

Summary of issues raised in comments

Take a flexible approach to green spaces.

Support proposed measures to improve the green space network in the Issues and Options Local Plan.

Support the current approach to the green space network.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Green Infrastructure Opportunity mapping project has identified a range of projects across Greater Cambridge which could support the enhancement of biodiversity and green space.

Noted.

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support development in back gardens.

Do not support development of or near green space.

Do not support large-scale development.

Do not support greenfield development.

Encourage tree planting in all new development.

Provide woodland tree belts near villages.

Plant a ring or corridor forest around Cambridge.

Plant trees and wildflowers on all green spaces.

Designate areas of urban forest, woodland and tree belts.

Set a target for woodland creation and tree planting and reference the Cambridge Canopy Project in the new Local Plan.

Set out strategic tree and hedgerow planting requirements based on location/ provision of habitat corridors rather than just number of trees, and consider the long-term management of existing and new tree stock, for their biodiversity interest and carbon storage opportunities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the housing theme includes policy approaches which would seek to ensure that the impact of garden developments is fully considered.

Noted, protection of open space is identified as a policy proposal in the biodiversity and green infrastructure theme.

Noted, whilst a number of developments are proposed they will be required to contribute towards enhancement of the green infrastructure network.

Noted, whilst the preferred development strategy focuses heavily on previously developed land, an element of green field development is considered appropriate.

Noted, the Biodiversity and green infrastructure theme includes a policy approach that would seek to protect and enhance tree coverage.

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Noted, a number of the projects identified in the Green Infrastructure Opportunities mapping would seek to enhance tree cover in the area.

Noted, the First Proposals consultation would require developments to achieve biodiversity net gain, and contribute to improvements to the green infrastructure network.

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Noted, policies are proposed which would control how development impacts tree canopy cover, the tree population, and protected trees and hedgerows.

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Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support permeable car park paving.

Convert pavements to permeable surfaces.

Encourage sustainable transport.

Improve cycling and public transport.

Provide a plan wide network of connected footpaths and cycleways between villages, Cambridge and key employment areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the climate change theme proposes to require integrated water management including through the use of SUDs

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Noted, policy proposals in the infrastructure theme seek to support connected places and enable active travel.

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Overarching theme / topic

Improving and maintaining green space.

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve and maintain the green space network, such as by planning for the long term and releasing Green Belt land.

Improve the walkway near Sainsbury's on Brook Road.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, release of green belt has been considered as part of the testing of the available development strategy options, but only limited releases are proposed.

Noted. Unless associated with a specific development this is likely to be beyond the scope of the plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Improving and maintaining green space

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure long term maintenance of green spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, ongoing maintenance will be an important issue, and will be considered in the infrastructure delivery plan which is being prepared to support the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Natural environment protection

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not remove grass verges.

Do not support interference and fragmentation of green space.

Protect the green space network.

Protect important green spaces including designated green space in Arbury from development.

Use stronger policy wording for the protection of green spaces.

Protect the Green Belt.

Protect wild areas.

Reverse the loss of insect life.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Noted, the Green Infrastructure Opportunity mapping project has identified a range of projects across Greater Cambridge which could support the enhancement of biodiversity and green space.

Overarching theme / topic

Solar panels and green roofs

Summary of issues raised in comments

Put solar panels on all south facing roofs of public buildings and share the electricity with the community.

All roofs without solar panels should be green roofs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies in the climate change theme would require homes to reach net zero carbon standards.

Noted, policies in the climate change theme seek designs which respond to climate change, and encourage green and brown roofs.

Overarching theme / topic

Assessment / evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the provision, connection and mapping of natural habitats, including Fen Nature Reserve, the Wilbraham River, Roman Road and Fleam Dyke.

Recommend the production of a green space network assessment which identifies green space usage and priorities, appropriate off-site mitigation and enhancements to improve the wide network.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Green Infrastructure Opportunity mapping project has identified a range of projects across Greater Cambridge which could support the enhancement of biodiversity and green space.

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Overarching theme / topic

Water

Summary of issues raised in comments

Collect rainwater at green spaces.

Focus net gain projects on water.

Require green-space to provide multi-functional benefits including flood storage and SuDS.

Require water to be incorporated into green space.

Stop over extraction from aquifers.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the climate change theme proposes to require a high level of water efficiency in new developments that would require grey water recycling.

Noted, improvements to chalk streams has been identified as one of the green infrastructure projects.

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Noted, the First Proposals report identifies water availability as a key issue.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of 67-69 High Street, Meldreth.

Support development of land off Craft Way, Steeple Morden.

Support development of land to the west of Dubbs Knoll Road.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

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Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Establish garden communities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Q14. How do we achieve biodiversity net gain through new developments?

Overarching theme / topic

Targets, monitoring and management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Develop an ecological viability standard.

Set a 20% biodiversity net gain target.

Set a 10% biodiversity net gain target.

Require biodiversity measures in new builds and provide guidance on these measures in the new Local Plan.

Develop a biodiversity net gain calculator with the Local Nature Partnership (LNP) and local authorities, provide clear guidance and consult on the metric.

Set out a simple and proportionate methodology in the new Local Plan to assess net gain, with a standard approach to small-scale development and a tailored approach for larger developments.

Support use of the DEFRA Biodiversity Metric and the Biodiversity Impact Metric.

Establish an aspirational target of Urban Greening Factor for development.

Require biodiversity net schemes to include long term management.

Include a mechanism to record and monitor implementation of biodiversity net gain and the delivery of both on-site and off-site habitat creation.

Ensure planning conditions are implemented and monitored during the development process, statutory or legal enforcement of delivery, or financial penalties for failure to deliver net gains.

Ensure on and off-site biodiversity management is funded in perpetuity.

Support use of the Developing with Nature Toolkit in planning applications.

Ensure policies are flexible to allow for on and off-site biodiversity net gain according to a site's capacity, with the possibility for contributions towards biodiversity net gain in a separate policy given the status of an SPD.

Provide off-site biodiversity net gain on community or Council owned land.

Require net gain from all development and consider the long lead-in time for biodiversity enhancement measures.

Develop a strategic offsetting mechanism for focused habitat creation, including on reserves.

Support local, county-wide and strategic biodiversity net gain.

Support a strategic biodiversity and green infrastructure plan identifying areas for opportunity and green space deficit.

Outline the type and location of habitat that must be delivered through biodiversity net gain and provide a framework for delivery in the new Local Plan.

Support a Cambridge Nature Recovery Network, supported by a Nature Recovery Strategy, which sets out the calculation of biodiversity net gain, off-setting, and a tariff and a fee system to fund recording and monitoring by the Council.

Identify important ecological areas in the Local Plan which can be augmented and connected, and which should be avoided by new development.

Reserve space for environment restoration.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Noted, an urban greening factor in the policy is not the preferred approach, as we think that measurement of Biodiversity Net Gain and Urban Greening via a metric-based assessment systems would be likely to overlap, making it overly complex to run two of these concurrently. The Plan does though require urban greening measures (see BG/TC, CC/DC and CC/FM).

Noted, green infrastructure will require long term maintenance to be secured.

Noted a clear mechanism for implementing biodiversity net gain will be required. The approach is proposed by the First Proposals, and further detail will be developed as the plan progresses.

Noted, this is outside the scope of the plan.

Noted, green infrastructure will require long term maintenance to be secured.

Noted, the Councils are currently updating their biodiversity SPD which will provide additional guidance on how to consider and support biodiversity through planning applications.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy approach regarding biodiversity net gain. The approach seeks delivery on site where possible, and then offsite.

Noted, this is outside the remit of the plan, but the councils will encourage biodiversity improvements.

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Noted, the Nature Recovery Network has been considered through the green infrastructure opportunity mapping project which has informed the first proposals consultation.

Noted, the first proposals are supported by the outcome of the green infrastructure opportunity mapping project.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy approach regarding biodiversity net gain. The approach seeks delivery on site where possible, and then offsite.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments

Conduct a biodiversity audit of the plan area and update condition assessment survey of all wildlife sites in the plan area.

Assess the effects of recreational pressure through the HRA and Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and identify mitigation measures for any adverse impacts.

Include costings for delivering biodiversity and green infrastructure requirements of the Local Plan in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the local plan has been informed by the green infrastructure mapping project, and biodiversity has also been an important element of the site testing process.

Noted, the local plan will be subject to sustainability appraisal and habitats regulations assessment which will consider these issues.

Noted, green infrastructure requirements will be addressed by the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Open space provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide green spaces, including combined and separate wildlife and recreation spaces, alongside development.

Open space provision should include habitat diversification and creation.

Ensure everyone has access to green space.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, open space and green infrastructure will need to include space for people to use and visit, but also spaces reserved for biodiversity.

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Noted, the local plan will seek to protect and enhance open spaces.

Overarching theme / topic

Development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Recognise the role of new development, particularly large-scale development, in supporting the delivery of biodiversity net gain and creating wildlife corridors, and assess development on its potential for biodiversity enhancement.

Design should reflect the report “Homes for people and wildlife - How to build housing in a nature-friendly way” from the Wildlife Trust.

Allocate sites with low ecological value to allow for significant biodiversity net gain.

Support development of land at Longstowe Estate.

Do not support the fragmentation of green space and disruption of wildlife corridors.

Allocate brownfield or agricultural land to achieve biodiversity net gain.

Support Green Belt development, particularly where it is green and connected to the natural environment.

Convert unused student accommodation to residential use.

Do not support development on the Green Belt, and existing habitat spaces, green spaces and gardens.

Require environmental impact statements to take into account the impact of housing development on adjacent green sites.

Consider banning cat ownership with covenants for housing development near sensitive green sites.

Consider the impact of medium-scale sites on green sites.

Do not support densification.

Support densification.

Ensure high occupancy rates, including reduce empty properties.

New houses should be built with bigger gardens and green spaces, reducing the space provided for cars and roads.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the role of major sites in supporting green infrastructure delivery has been recognised.

Noted, the Councils are currently updating their biodiversity SPD which will provide additional guidance on how to consider and support biodiversity through planning applications.

Noted. The plan has sought to focus on brownfield land opportunities, and avoid areas which would harm valued biodiversity assets.

Noted, sites submitted have been considered an tested to inform the plan making process.

Noted, the plan will seek to support the enhancement of biodiversity networks.

Noted, the local plan sees to focus development of brownfield areas.

Noted, a range of options have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy, recognising the importance of the green belt. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

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Noted, developments will be required to consider their impacts on biodiversity.

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Noted, the Councils will assess all sites submitted for inclusion as allocations in the new Local Plan, and this will include consideration of their impact on green infrastructure.

Noted, a range of development strategy options have been considered to inform the first proposals.

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Noted, although occupancy rates are beyond the scope of the plan.

Noted, there are a range of issues to consider when considering garden size and the relationship with development density. These including making best use of land in order to reduce the need for greenfield land, and also providing higher densities in accessible areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Water management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Tackle decreasing water resources and pressure on the natural environment in the Integrated Water Study, relating it to the LNRS and green infrastructure work, and identify opportunities for strategic sustainable water management projects to increase water storage, protect and enhance rivers and streams, incorporate extensive wetland habitat creation and restore degraded peat soils, and implement multi-functional SUDS.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of these points have been identified through the green infrastructure opportunities mapping project.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support green walls and roofs.

Support existing projects including green roofs and vertical gardens.

Reduce the need to travel to decrease emissions.

Provide resilient habitats and plants.

Restrict and discourage domestic use of herbicides and pesticides.

Development proposals should consider climate change.

Support composting.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, green roofs and walls can be a successful part of responding to climate change and supporting biodiversity, but they will need to be appropriately located.

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Noted, the strategy topic paper details how the availability of sustainable transport opportunities has influenced the development strategy proposed in the First Proposals.

Noted, policy proposals seek to ensure developments are adapted to climate change and this will include using drought tolerant species.

Noted, while the Local Plan supports the protection of the environment, the management of herbicides and pesticides is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Noted, Climate change is a key theme for the new Local Plan.

Noted, the proposed policies include requiring approaches to support sustainable waste management.

Overarching theme / topic

Features and initiatives to achieve biodiversity net gain

Summary of issues raised in comments

Achieve biodiversity net gain through initiatives like resource efficiency, biodiversity monitoring and reporting.

Achieve biodiversity net gain through allotment provision, community woodlands and woodland walks.

Achieve biodiversity net gain through SuDS, including permanent water holding designs.

Achieve biodiversity net gain through careful landscape design, including meadows/wild, undisturbed grass, rewilding, tree and flower planting, water bodies with restricted edge access, connectivity features between green areas including trees, hedgerows, ditches and watercourses, wildlife tunnels and bridges, and planting along all residential streets and cycleways.

Support positive management of habitats, replacing existing trees and plants where appropriate.

Private gardens should have deep soil, a minimum of one tree and no astro turf, shared spaces on estates should have space for wildflowers.

Insert bat and swift boxes in the building structure of new development, public buildings and landscaping, and help fund nest box schemes.

Use building materials that support biodiversity.

Use hedges or living screens instead of fences around new development, and fences with gaps.

Place greater emphasis on habitat creation and their interconnectedness in biodiversity net gain policies.

Do not support paving over front and rear gardens, and removing trees and plants, and consider covenants.

Ensure planting schemes deliver a mix of plants suitable for hotter conditions and native species.

Provide information for the public for garden improvements.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Noted. Policies will seek to secure positive management of habitats.

Noted, a number of these detailed points will be beyond the scope of the plan, but policies will seek to secure biodiversity net gain and delivery of new green spaces.

Noted, such measures are often used as part of achieving on site biodiversity gains.

Noted, requiring biodiversity net gain on site could be supported by measures that form part of buildings themselves.

Noted, this is a point currently addressed in our emerging biodiversity SPD, which states, 'Applicants, where appropriate, will be required to plant mixed native species hedges with trees to define boundaries in open countryside as opposed to the erection of fences that may hinder the natural movement of animals.'

Noted, connectivity of habitats have been explored by our Green Infrastructure opportunity mapping project which has informed the development of policy proposals.

Noted, the long term management of front and rear gardens is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Noted, policy proposals seek to ensure developments are adapted to climate change and this will include using drought tolerant species.

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Recognise the hierarchy of international, nationally and locally designated sites across Greater Cambridge in a biodiversity policy and accompany this with a map of the existing ecological network and enhancement opportunity areas.

Consult with local experts and Environment Committees on Parish Councils.

Acknowledge the significance of invasive non-native species (INNS) and their impacts on wildlife and the environment in the new Local Plan.

Prioritise biodiversity in the new Local Plan.

Support the existing approach to protecting natural areas and the provision of new green space with large-scale development.

Do not support light pollution.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policy proposals seek to protect international, nationally and locally designated sites, and they will be identified on the policies map which will accompany the local plan.

Noted, the green infrastructure opportunity mapping process sought to engage with local stakeholders.

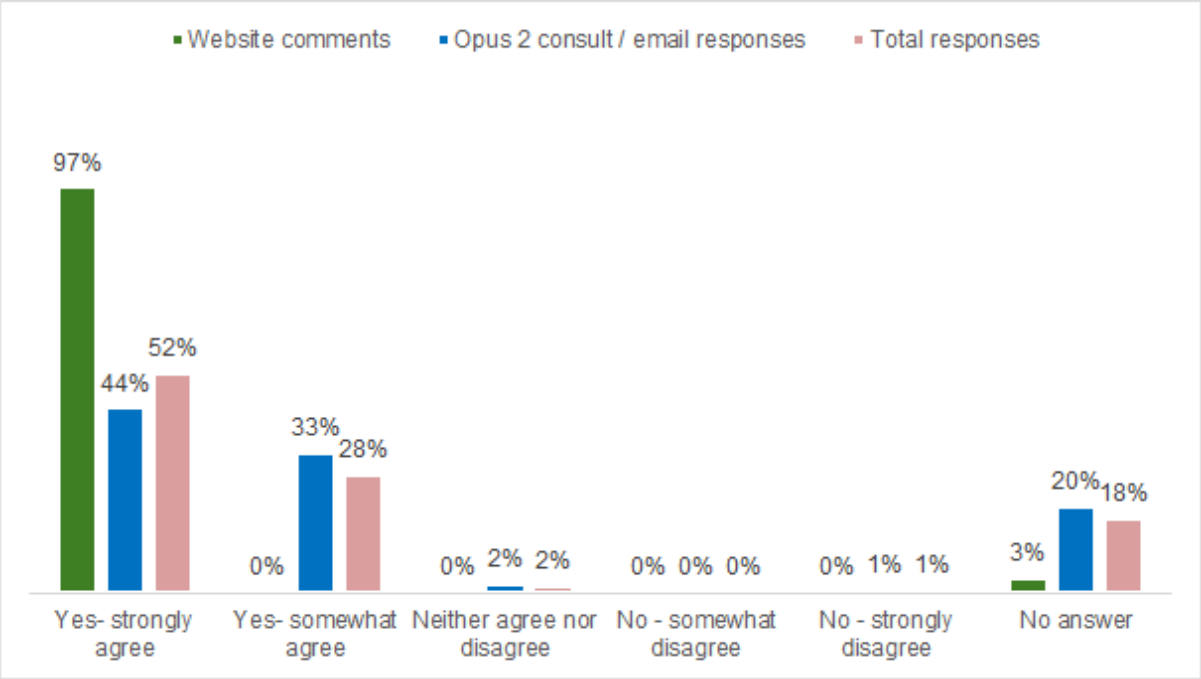
Noted, the emerging Biodiversity SPD states that where proposals at development sites are likely to result in the spread of non-native invasive plant species the development may not be permitted until suitable measures have been agreed and / or undertaken to control the invasive species. detailed wording can be included in the draft local plan.

Noted, The protection of the natural environment will be a key priority for the new Local Plan.

Noted, the plan will continue to seek new green space to accompany large scale developments.

Noted, the great places theme proposes to include a policy which would address forms of pollution.

Q15. Do you agree that we should aim to increase tree cover across the area?



29 website comments and 156 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

There was strong agreement to this question, with 80% either agreeing or strongly agreeing overall. Among web respondents, 97% strongly agreed.

76% of website commenters (22 in total) and 85% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (156) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic

Targets, protection and management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support a policy and covenants on the maintenance and protection of trees.

Make it illegal to fell trees and retain mature trees.

Retain trees along St Neots Road in Hardwick.

Extend protection of trees at Nine Wells and Hobson's Brook to cover the entire brook.

Increase enforcement and provide education of Tree Preservation Orders.

Include tree cover increase, woodland access and tree canopy expansion targets in the new Local Plan.

Set a minimum tree cover standard for development, such as woods of one hectare or more for urban extensions.

Support a flexible policy which allows for on and off-site provision of trees.

Assess the maximisation of biodiversity net gains to determine the extent of increased tree cover and balance the two.

Require a percentage biodiversity net gain for all developments and allow smaller developments to deliver net gain through contributions in a separate policy given the status of an SPD.

Pool contributions for tree planting and biodiversity net gain.

Recognise the hierarchy of international, nationally and locally designated sites across Greater Cambridge in a biodiversity policy and accompany this with a map of the existing ecological network and enhancement opportunity areas.

Align carbon offsetting with biodiversity offsetting. Consider tree planting holistically and its secondary benefits, including air conditioning.

Plant trees not just for offsetting.

Encourage landowners to plant trees instead of developing on their land. Encourage landowners to plant trees, rewild and manage habitats.

Reduce pollution.

Invest in sustainable energy schemes

Include open spaces in residential developments, retain existing trees, and ensure residents have access to trees.

Support a Cambridge Nature Recovery Network and include guidance on how development can contribute to the network in the new Local Plan, supported by a Nature Recovery Strategy which sets out the calculation of biodiversity net gain, off-setting, a tariff and a fee system to fund recording and monitoring by the Council.

Produce a Green Infrastructure SPD identifying opportunities for new and existing woodland sites, woodland restoration and habitat opportunities.

Support public access to woodlands.

New woodlands should be connected to existing woodland or biodiverse sites to create wildlife corridors.

Support new meadows, natural wilding, connected green spaces and animal habitat enhancement.

Expand historic forms of carbon storage.

Protect and provide hedges.

Support a tree strategy which covers protecting biodiverse rich habitats, managing trees, regenerating woodland and planting suitable species.

Agree to increase tree cover across the area. Incorporate new tree cover with glades or clearings. Increasing tree coverage is a priority.

Focus on ecological outcomes instead of planting native species.

Support a mosaic of habitat creation instead of blanket tree cover.

Plant native, mature, biodiverse, disease resistant and carbon sequestering tree species, tolerant to extreme weather events including drought.

Ensure tree planting is in the right location, is sensitive to its surroundings, does not destroy valuable a habitat, and take a different approach to agricultural and non-agricultural areas.

Support natural tree regeneration.

Replace old and unattractive trees and hedges.

Require sufficient land for tree planting along with recreational green space, wildlife habitats, flood attenuation and climate mitigation in developments.

Balance tree planting with housing and employment growth.

Balance tree planting with changes to landscape character, impacts on features such as drainage and habitat enhancement.

Support, update and extend the Cambridge Tree Strategy to South Cambridgeshire District Council in the new Local Plan.

Consult with experts, including ecologists to determine appropriate tree species and local volunteer tree planting groups.

Provide information on appropriate trees, rules on planting in communal spaces and encourage initiatives around tree planting.

Work with partners to identify county wide tree planting.

Take a different approach to tree planting in agricultural and non-agricultural areas.

Increase tree cover in strategic and site-specific levels including the West Cambridge Hundreds landscape area, existing and new woodlands outside Cambridge, on and off-site new development, field edges as tree belts, in urban areas, Parker's Piece, between Cheney Way and Mays Way, urban greenspaces, road verges including key roads into Cambridge, gardens and workplaces.

Support a community forest, covering much of Green Belt south east of Cambridge or Marshalls Airport site, or a 'Town Forest' on agricultural land.

Avoid tree planting on peatland, grassland and high-grade agricultural land.

Do not support scattered planting or mini forests of non-native species.

Increase tree cover on roads, especially busy roads, and separate cycleways from car lanes with sensitive planting of trees or shrubbery.

Use the Green Belt review to inform tree planting near new development.

Use biodiversity opportunity mapping to determine new woodlands.

Include costings for delivering biodiversity and green infrastructure requirements of the Local Plan in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Address accessible green space deficit through the preparation of a biodiversity and green infrastructure enhancement strategy.

Assess the effects of recreational pressure through the HRA and Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and identify mitigation measures for any adverse impacts.

Overlap between Local Nature Recovery Strategies and the Integrated Water Management Study to ensure successful water management with tree planting.

Tackle decreasing water resources and pressure on the natural environment in the Integrated Water Study and identify opportunities for strategic projects to increase water storage, incorporating extensive wetland habitat creation and restoration of degraded peat soils, and implementation of multi-functional SUDS.

Plant trees along with delivering SuDS.

Do not pave private gardens.

Support development proposals, including rural development with potential for increased tree coverage.

Retain the Green Belt.

Balance tree planting with housing and employment growth.

Consider permitting carbon neutral burials in woodland.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy approach to protecting important designated sites, and a range of green infrastructure opportunity areas have been identified.

Noted wider benefits of tree planting in response to climate change such as to help with urban cooling, are recognised in the policy proposals.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy regarding trees and tree cover, seeking to protect important trees and provide enhanced tree cover through development.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals identifies a range of green infrastructure opportunity areas, many of which could support additional planting and rewilding.

Noted, the transport policies in the infrastructure theme propose to set requirements for measures to encourage sustainable travel.

Noted, the climate change theme proposes policy approaches which would support delivery of renewable energy.

Noted, the local plan will seek to protect and enhance open spaces.

Noted, the Nature Recovery Network has been considered through the green infrastructure opportunity mapping project which has informed the first proposals consultation.

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Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy regarding trees and tree cover, seeking to protect important trees and provide enhanced tree cover through development.

Noted, policies will seek to deliver appropriate habitats and species. Further guidance is included in the biodiversity supplementary planning document.

Noted, green infrastructure proposals seek to reflect the local environment.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy regarding trees and tree cover, including choosing the correct species.

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Noted.

Noted, whether trees are retained or replaced would be considered on a site specific basis.

Noted, policy proposals would seek a range of types of open space and biodiversity enhancement in association with new developments.

Noted, the plan will seek to meet development needs along with providing enhancements to biodiversity and green infrastructure.

Noted, it is acknowledged that tree planting will not be appropriate for every type of habitat.

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Noted, the councils are engaging with partners on the delivery of green infrastructure.

Noted, Green infrastructure and biodiversity improvements will need to be balanced with the importance of agricultural land.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals identifies a range of green infrastructure opportunity areas. This includes the west Cambridge hundreds.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals identifies a range of green infrastructure opportunity areas. However the airport site is considered an opportunity for sustainable development to meet the needs of the area.

Noted, it is acknowledged that tree planting will not be appropriate for every type of habitat.

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Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy regarding trees and tree cover, including seeking to enhance the tree canopy cover in Cambridge.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals identifies a range of green infrastructure opportunity areas, this includes areas in the Cambridge green belt.

Noted, potential for new woodland areas have been identified by the green infrastructure opportunity mapping project.

Noted, the Infrastructure delivery plan will identify costs of infrastructure required to support and enable development.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals identifies a range of green infrastructure opportunity areas.

Noted, the local plan will be subject to sustainability appraisal and habitats regulations assessment which will consider these issues.

Noted, the potential wide range of benefits of Suds has been recognised in the policy proposals.

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Noted, the housing theme includes policy approaches that would consider the loss of residential gardens.

Noted.

Noted, a range of options have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy, recognising the importance of the green belt. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy regarding trees and tree cover, seeking to protect important trees and provide enhanced tree cover through development.

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the plan.

Q16. How should the Local Plan help us achieve ‘good growth’ that promotes wellbeing and social inclusion?

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan and good growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support the improvement of wellbeing and social inclusion in the Issues and Options document.

Support measures identified in the adopted Local Plan for achieving good growth and social inclusion

Support measures identified in the new Local Plan, including sustainable locations, affordable housing, low cost starter homes, tree planting or biodiversity enhancements, place-making, public transport, home working and allotments, community woodlands/orchards.

Support policy E7 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding the improvement of wellbeing and social inclusion seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Noted.

Noted.

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Employment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Direct the type and location of jobs.

Provide a good mix of employment opportunities

Support jobs in the green economy.

Provide employment opportunities in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Jobs theme seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

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Overarching theme / topic

Wellbeing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Policies should highlight wellbeing and social inclusion as a key priority for new developments.

Encourage healthy lifestyles.

Refer to quality of life instead of wellbeing.

The new Local Plan should acknowledge the social value and wellbeing benefits of visitor attractions in the area.

Restrict A5 uses, and promote a healthier food environment such as supporting community orchards and allotments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding the improvement of wellbeing and social inclusion seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding the encouragement of healthy lifestyles seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding the improvement of wellbeing and social inclusion seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme address this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will support new visitor attractions including those which support the needs of families.

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding the encouragement of healthy lifestyles seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for allotments**.**

Overarching theme / topic

Health

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support Health Impact Assessments.

Support health provision which meets assessed needs.

All developments should contribute to medical and social care facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme includes a proposed Health Impact Assessments policy.

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme seeks to ensure this issue is fully considered as part of the planning process.

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding the provision of social infrastructure seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support access to education and training opportunities.

Support innovative and learning-based playgrounds.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme seeks to ensure this issue is fully considered as part of the planning process.

Noted. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for children.

Overarching theme / topic

Addressing inequality

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Establish strategies to design out and mitigate social, financial, and educational inequalities in the area.

Invest in forming social networks in large new developments.

Good growth should be inclusive and include antipoverty measures.

Address education and employment opportunity in disadvantaged areas.

Address socio-economic exclusion, including access to education.

Make the link to social justice explicit in the new Local Plan.

Address existing inequities related to quality of life.

Address existing structural inequality in public transport, services and employment.

Developers should fund and Council should coordinate a long-term support programme to encourage social inclusion.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding the provision of healthy communities seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

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Overarching theme / topic

Skateboarding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide indoor and outdoor skateboarding facilities.

Support a restricted access improved stake park facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for young people.

Noted. The proposal for a restricted access skatepark would in effect create a private facility and would not be eligible for developer contributions unless public access could be secured. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme explains how new sports facilities are considered as part of the planning process. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for young people.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Keep pavements in good condition for wheelchairs and mobility scooter users.

Provide public roads and public facilities in new developments, prohibiting the privatisation of roads and facilities.

Provide sustainable transport links in new development.

Prioritise and improve access to sustainable transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by pedestrians, those with low mobility and cyclists more direct and convenient than by car.

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Overarching theme / topic

Cycling and walking infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Prioritise cycling.

Provide safe, high quality and accessible cycle infrastructure and cycle parking.

Invest in safe cycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to accessible green spaces.

Provide interconnected and segregated network of cycle routes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Noted, measures to require cycling infrastructure are proposed in the Infrastructure theme of the First Proposals

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Overarching theme / topic

Active travel

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide segregated active travel paths.

Prioritise pedestrians and cyclists in new developments.

Encourage walking and cycling.

Encourage active travel in urban areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Overarching theme / topic

Public Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

New development should have access to affordable public transport.

Provide affordable public transport.

Support access to public transport.

Prioritise buses.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report has considered a range of issues including access to sustainable transport opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic

Parking

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Create better parking facilities, especially at railway stations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The approach to car parking seeks lower levels of parking in accessible areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Car use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Design new development to minimise car ownership.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Overarching theme / topic

Car use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Reduce car use.

Keep polluting cars outside of developed areas.

Locate development away from busy roads.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure, and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

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Overarching theme / topic

Housing type and need

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Allocate sites for C2 Specialist Housing.

Meet the need for student accommodation.

Support flexible housing mix policies.

Provide intermediate housing for key workers and older residents.

Support a mix of tenure and house types.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the new Local Plan will require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Noted. The Councils are working with both the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University to understand their student accommodation needs and how this can be supported in the draft plan stage.

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Overarching theme / topic

Home ownership

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support initiatives and tenures which facilitate home ownership.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the new Local Plan will require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Mixed-use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Allocate planned mix-use communities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policies in the new Local Plan will enable the delivery of mixed use developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Self build

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support custom and small enterprise build.

Promote self-build and co-housing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for self and custom build that requires its provision specifically on developments of 20 dwellings or more, but also allows for any new homes that would be consistent with policy to be provided as self or custom build homes.

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Overarching theme / topic

Communal space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide communal facilities with shared responsibilities providing residents with control over the issues which are important to their neighbourhood.
Provide spaces for social enterprise.
Provide formal and informal community spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding communal facilities seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.
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Overarching theme / topic

Inter-generational living

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Promote intergenerational and mixed living.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the new Local Plan will require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Affordable housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not concentrate social housing.
Deliver affordable housing.
Provide affordable housing for different age groups and to meet specialist and accessibility needs.
Make affordable housing sustainable.
Support the provision of a wide mix of affordable housing types, including flats, close to areas of employment
Support an exception site policy with a requirement for local people to access social housing.
Support innovative delivery of affordable housing across tenure types.
Provide social housing and temporary accommodation for the homeless.
Include meeting housing and affordable housing need under the 'Wellbeing and social inclusion' theme.
Increase affordable housing stock for key workers

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: delivery of affordable housing is considered in the housing theme of the First Proposals
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Noted. The plan seeks to deliver affordable housing, which would also be subject to the policies proposed in the Climate change chapter.
Noted, Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the new Local Plan will require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.
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Support flexible housing mix policies, which encourage a mix of housing types and tenures, including key worker and lifetime housing.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not include growth as an aim.
Oppose greenfield and Green Belt development.
Object to the level of growth proposed for the new Local Plan

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan will seek to identify and plan for development Noted, however the local plan should seek to meet the development needs of the area unless any

adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. The proposed development strategy is considered to offer a sustainable development strategy which is able to respond to development needs taking account of environmental, social and economic issues. needs.
Noted. The preferred option strategy seeks to make the best use of brownfield land, but that the scale of development needs requires some additional development to be located on some greenfield sites.
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Overarching theme / topic

Growth levels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Achieve 'good growth' with a flexible development strategy.

Redefine growth to consider the environment.

Only support a sustainable level of growth in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the First Proposals seeks to provide a strategy and policies that guide the delivery of sustainable development which provide an element of flexibility to be able to respond to changing circumstances.

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Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Economic growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support economic development which considers climate change and the environment.

Allocate development that offers high land value capture.

Support economic growth through the delivery of homes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

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Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Good growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support the new Local Plan's objectives for 'good growth'.
Define 'good growth'.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the First Proposals includes a wide range of measures which are considered to be needed to make good growth, and to deliver sustainable development.
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Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support development on the edge of villages.
Support development of different sizes to provide a range of housing types.
Support development in large urban areas.
Support development in rural areas.
Support development in rural settlements.
Support small-scale development in existing settlements.

Support only brownfield land development.
Support development in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of growth options has been considered in determining the growth strategy for the new Local Plan. This has taken into account support for a flexible growth strategy and development in the Green Belt, urban extensions, western corridor, transport corridors, rural areas, and on the edge of urban and rural settlement, for small and medium scale development, and the densification of urban areas.
Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types, sizes and tenures in all new developments. The proposed approach for individual policy areas are guided by evidence of housing needs of specific groups.
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Noted. Use of previously developed land is an important factor, but the plan has to balance a range of issues. Through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment opportunities for brownfield development have been considered. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options has considered brownfield land opportunities alongside a range of other factors. The allocations proposed in the preferred options report include some major brownfield sites, but also some greenfield sites.

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Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Ensure proposed development sites have sustainable access to services and facilities.

Deliver transport infrastructure between key employment locations and deprived areas.

Provide sustainable transport paths to local amenities and Cambridge centre.

The new Local Plan should seek to link housing growth with local employment, services and facilities

Achieve 'good growth' by locating development in sustainable locations close to existing communities.

New development should have good access to employment, services and facilities.

Ensure good accessibility to commercial development and jobs.

Provide accessible access to community facilities from new developments.
Provide accessible amenities and transport on an appropriate scale with the local communities.
Provide access to green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, healthier food, allotments.
Ensure new development is connected by public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the local plan will be informed by an infrastructure delivery plan, which will identify the infrastructure needed, when it is needed and how it will be funded.
Noted, a range of measures are being explored through the greater Cambridge partnership and through the Local Transport plan.
Noted, policies will seek to deliver connected places, the infrastructure theme and great places themes include a range of measures.
Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.
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Noted, the First Proposals policy approaches would require infrastructure to support the needs generated by developments.
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Noted, the First Proposals addresses all these matters, seeking to ensure that developments are supported by infrastructure to make them healthy places.
Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Public houses

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide public houses in all new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Great Places theme and the supporting Topic Paper explore how public houses have been addressed in the preferred options report.

Overarching theme / topic

Green space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Make provision for community space, recreational space and allotments.
New development should provide green spaces and outdoor recreation spaces.
Preserve open spaces and green spaces, in public or private ownership.
Address green space deficits.
Ensure access to natural green spaces through an ecological network.
Protect gardens and green spaces, in particular the network of natural and semi natural green spaces including playing fields in public or private ownership whose existence enhance the natural environment
Urban extensions should include green spaces to accommodate communal recreation.
Provide green spaces with exercise areas for all ages.
Support on-site provision of local greenspaces.
Support open space and social infrastructure near new development.
Provide well-designed public green spaces.
Ensure all communities have access to green spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding community facilities seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including recreational space and allotments.

Noted. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including recreational and outdoor sports spaces.

Note. Open space policies in the new Local Plan will continue to seek to protect open space. The preferred options consultation provides opportunities to comment on the approach.

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Biodiversity and green spaces theme regarding open space provision seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy approach that would seek 20% biodiversity net gain. Offsite contributions have potential to be pooled towards green infrastructure projects.

Noted. Open space policies in the new Local Plan will continue to seek to protect open space. The preferred options consultation provides opportunities to comment on the approach.

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Overarching theme / topic

Planting

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support planting in urban areas or transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green infrastructure theme of the First Proposals include a policy approach that would seek 20% biodiversity net gain. Offsite contributions have potential to be pooled towards green infrastructure projects. The projects that could be delivered will include a range of these detailed measures.

Overarching theme / topic

Green and blue infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support green and blue infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including recreational and outdoor sports spaces.

Overarching theme / topic

Safety and security

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Increase public CCTV surveillance and Smartwater and other cheaper solutions to tackling crime.
Support for open, spacious and well-lit areas at night so residents feel safe anytime

day or night. Places that are well maintained which residents and visitors can be respectful and have a sense of investment and belonging.
Design and maintain safe places.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme and Great Places theme seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.
Noted. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including recreational and outdoor sports spaces.
Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme and Great Places theme seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Overarching theme / topic

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support well-designed new development.

New development should focus on placemaking.

Require the highest standards of housing and environment in future and approved development schemes.

Require large developments to meet the standards set out in the revised Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth.

Require the inclusion of age-friendly design.

Produce Design Guides, and Landscape and Townscape Assessments.

Support for small scale buildings of a maximum of 3 storeys.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme and Great Places theme seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

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Overarching theme / topic

Services and facilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide facilities for people with disabilities.
Provide affordable leisure services.
Require developers to produce statements of provision of community centres and shops for developments of 50 dwellings plus
Provide community facilities and venues to meet different needs.
Protect and provide services.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding accessibility seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.
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Overarching theme / topic

Arts and culture

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support community and cultural facilities.

Emphasise the contribution of arts and culture to social inclusion, wellbeing and quality of life in new development.

Integrate arts and culture in new development with a policy that secures developer contributions towards arts and cultural provision.

Use pooled developer contributions to support existing arts facilities and arts education programmes.

Ensure public art contributions include working with an artist/artists with socially engaged practice, and use the expertise of local arts organisations to support delivery.

Integrate new artist residency opportunities and art facilities within new developments.

Engage local resources when developing art facilities/opportunities or commissions.

Use local artists to support the development of public art or art facilities.

Include policies that enable continued support and recognition for important existing cultural facilities in Cambridgeshire.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

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Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme seeks to ensure these issues in Greater Cambridge are fully considered as part of the planning process. Existing facilities and services will continue to be protected, where the loss would cause an unacceptable reduction in the quality, capacity or access in the locality.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support development with high quality sustainable design measures.
Support energy efficient development.
Mitigate carbon emissions from new development.
New development must meet climate change minimisation and mitigation.
Support carbon neutral development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the First Proposals seek to build on successes from the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD with further measures to support sustainable development.
Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings.
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Noted. The Climate Change theme in the preferred options consultation proposes a comprehensive suite of policies to address this issue.
Noted. The Plan has been informed by a Net Zero Carbon study, and the preferred options includes a range of policy proposals to address carbon emissions and climate change.

Overarching theme / topic

Allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support redevelopment of 104-112 Hills Road.
Support redevelopment of Kett House and 10 Station Road.
Support allocation of land at Frog End, Shepreth.
Support an extension to Cambourne.
Support development at Fen Drayton Road, Swavesey.
Support development at land north of Common Lane in Sawston.
Support development at Six Mile Bottom Estate.
Support development at south west Cambridge.
Support development at Station Fields.
Support development at Trumpington South.

Support development in Longstowe.
Support development land to the west of Mill Street, Gamlingay.
Support development of Ambrose Way, Impington.
Support development of Cambridge Science Park North.
Support development of Crow's Nest Farm.
Support development of land 113 Cottenham Road in Histon.
Support development of land at Beach Road, Cottenham.
Support development of land at Bennell Farm.
Support development of land at Bury Farm in Meldreth.
Support development of land at Dry Dayton Road.
Support development of land at Fishers Lane, Orwell.
Support development of land at Gazelle Way.
Support development of land at land east of Hinton Way and land west of Haverhill Road in Stapleford.
Support development of land at Meadow Drift, Elsworth.
Support development of land at Park Lane in Dry Drayton.
Support development of land at Two Mill Field and land to the north of Oakington Road in Cottenham.
Support development of land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road.
Support development of land east and west of St Mary's Lane in Great Abington.
Support development of land east of Boxworth End, Swavesey.
Support development of land east of the Ridgeway and Old Pinewood Way, Papworth Everard.
Support development of land north of Oakington Road, Cottenham.
Support development of land north of Station Road.
Support development of land off Balsham Road in Fulbourn.
Support development of land off Beach Road, Cottenham.
Support development of land off Cabbage Moor in Great Shelford.
Support development of land off Elbourn Way.
Support development of land off High Street in Balsham.
Support development of land off Home End in Fulbourn.
Support development of land off Limekiln Road in Cambridge.
Support development of land off Royston Road, Foxton.
Support development of land off Shepreth Road in Foxton.

Support development of land off Station Road, Willingham.
Support development of land south of Hattons Road, Longstanton.
Support development of land south of Horseheath Road.
Support development of land South of Milton Road, Impington.
Support development of land south of Old House Road in Balsham.
Support development of land south of St Neots Road Eltisley.
Support development of land to the east of A505, Royston.
Support development of land to the north of Main Street, Shudy Camps.
Support development of land to the south of Station Road, Harston.
Support development of land west of Cambridge Road.
Support development of land west of Linton.
Support development on Mill Lane.
Support the extension of Papworth Village and Papworth Business Park.
Support the redevelopment of the Travis Perkins site.
The new Local Plan needs to include explicit support for modernised and enhanced provision on ARU's East Road site and area.
Support development on the western edge of Orwell.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Noted. It is important that all University faculty growth proposals are located in sustainable and accessible locations. The Councils are working with both the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University to understand their development needs and how this can be supported in the draft plan stage.
Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Q17. How do you think our plan could help enable communities to shape new development proposals?

Overarching theme / topic

Pre-application consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Require consultation with planning officers, councillors, Parish councillors, local organisations and individuals at the pre-application stage on preliminary schemes.
New development proposals and their design should be supported by meaningful consultation and community engagement, requiring developers to demonstrate how schemes have been influenced by engagement with the local community.
Development proposals should be supported by early engagement with all stakeholders.
Engage with future residents of a proposed development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, however approach to engagement and consultation is addressed within the Councils Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) found here https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/about-us/statement-of-community-involvement/
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Overarching theme / topic

Management of community infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Where relevant, communities should be engaged in the maintenance and management of features of the development.
Strategic allocations could consider community governance arrangements and the use of management companies.
Give power to communities with Community Land Trusts, community asset transfers and community ownership or management of land and buildings.
Require community development in every development and make land available for Community Land Trusts.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, community engagement forms an important part of planning for new communities.
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Noted, the ongoing management and maintenance of services and facilities is a key issue when planned for new developments, and arrangements need to be made through the S106 process.
Noted, community engagement forms an important part of planning for new communities. Measures to support the early development of new communities is considered an important part of early infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic: Approach to consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support the approach taken at Marmalade Lane, roadshow events and the ‘Big Debate’.
Ensure communities and Parish Councils understand housing growth is required and invest in public presentations on options and consequences of development.
Support the existing approach to consultation.

The Council and developers should listen to community responses and input seriously.
Communities should be partners in the development of their communities and should be involved in all parts of the planning process.
Use consultation processes including online platforms, citizens assemblies, randomly selected and informed juries, workshops and design charrettes to involve the community, politicians and technical advisors.
Consult panels of disabled people on access criteria.
Consultations should be accessible and user friendly.
Allow communities to comment on CAD designs.
Approach communities for input.
Further information on development management consultation should be included within the Local Plan.

Improve the planning system to facilitate consultation and engagement, including extending the time allocated for community representatives to speak at planning committee, improving the online system and producing a summary of planning applications, introducing an email notification system alerting subscribers to the submission of particular applications.

Give more power to planners to force changes in development schemes.

How the comments have been taken into account

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This is beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Miscellaneous policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Create a member-only skatepark.
Walking and cycling infrastructure and community facilities should be in place prior to occupation.
Ensure long-term funding for services and support in new communities.
Meet social infrastructure needs.
New development should reflect local character.
Support local artist through S106 contributions
Do not impose urban densities and layouts on village sites, and do not support densification in Cambridge.
Support a policy encouraging self-build housing and small-scale development.
Take a new approach to Rural Exception Sites, especially in the Green Belt.
Compensate residents impacted by development.
Accord significant weight to Neighbourhood Plans and Village Design Guides in planning decisions and these should heavily influence design proposals.
Encourage and support Neighbourhood Plan production.
Support communities in developing community building projects and require a percentage of large-scale developments to be community build projects.
Require developers to demonstrate how their proposals will benefit the community.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposal for a restricted access skatepark would in effect create a private facility and would not be eligible for developer contributions unless public access could be secured. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme explains how new sports facilities are considered as part of the

planning process. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for young people.
Noted. The Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) will seek to identify the infrastructure needed to support development, and when it is needed.
Noted. The Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) referred to in the Infrastructure section of the First Proposals will identify a range of funding options to support the delivery of infrastructure in the area. For strategic site allocations, the IDP will outline how essential infrastructure will be funded and delivered, as this information will be vital in considering the deliverability of the growth strategy in the new Local Plan.
Noted, our proposed approaches to outcomes under social infrastructure are set out within the Wellbeing and Social Inclusion section of the preferred options document
Noted, the approach to this is set out in the Great Places section of the preferred options document and included in the policy direction proposed under this heading.
Noted, public art provision is encouraged in new developments.
Noted, the housing theme includes the proposed policy approach regarding density, which seeks to balance making best use of land whilst responding to local character.
Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for self and custom build that requires its provision specifically on developments of 20 dwellings or more, but also allows for any new homes that would be consistent with policy to be provided as self or custom build homes.
Noted, the plan will continue to support rural expectation sites, policy approaches are proposed in the First Proposals for comment.
Beyond the scope of the Local Plan.
Noted, NPs and Design Guide SPDs form part of the council's statutory development plan documents and supplementary guidance. These are separate documents to the Local Plan and those in place/and or adopted can be given appropriate weight in the development management process. There are a number of these already in place and the councils continue to support the process of their preparation.
Noted, both councils currently actively encourage the development of neighbourhood plans and have an active programme of support in place to assist communities in this process, the preferred options references NPs in relation to a number of key policy directions including climate change, biodiversity and green spaces and homes.

Noted. The proposed approach to community led housing is set out in the Homes section of the Preferred Options document.
Noted, the approach to this set of broad outcomes are primarily included in the Great Places, section but also within the jobs, infrastructure and wellbeing and social inclusion sections.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Form new communities near Cambridge rather than create a larger urban sprawl.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which accompanies the preferred options report. The development strategy proposed in the preferred option report has considered the alternatives available, and details regarding how the approach was identified can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Q18. How do you think we can make sure that we achieve safe and inclusive communities when planning new development?

Overarching theme / topic:
Housing need and type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:
Support flexible housing mix policies, which encourage a mix of housing types and tenures, including key worker and lifetime housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:
Noted, Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the Homes and Strategy sections of the Preferred Options document require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Overarching theme / topic:
Housing need and type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Integrate affordable housing and key worker housing into existing neighbourhoods.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the Homes and Strategy sections of the Preferred Options document require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Control the type and location of housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the Homes and Strategy sections of the Preferred Options document require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include a clear policy to support housing for elderly people of all incomes, including extra care housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the Homes and Strategy sections of the Preferred Options document require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider green care villages to house elderly people.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support developments with mixed ages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Accessibility and sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure development is accessible, including by sustainable transport, and in sustainable locations, near employment opportunities, schools, nature and uses for a wide demographic.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Overarching theme / topic:

Accessibility and sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure schools are centrally located and easily accessible by walking and cycling.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Overarching theme / topic:

Accessibility and sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support a policy specifying cycling infrastructure as a primary feature of development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Overarching theme / topic:

Accessibility and sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure neighbourhoods are well-connected and consider 15 minute neighbourhoods.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Overarching theme / topic:

Accessibility and sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Locate employment sites near sustainable transport links and new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing initiatives

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support co-housing projects.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the new Local Plan will require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing initiatives

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Re-occupy empty homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing initiatives

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Subdivide large properties.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support densification, brownfield development, development in existing communities and large-scale development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Council have tested a range of alternative approaches when developing the preferred strategy, seeking to understand the sustainability impacts of different choices available. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

All developers with plans in Greater Cambridge should sign up to the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan has been structured around the themes from the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

All homes should be energy efficient, using renewable energy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, proposals in the climate change theme seek to require net zero carbon buildings.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Design safe communities, including limiting extensive pedestrianised areas and garage blocks, providing overlooked public spaces, including recreation spaces, and well-lit and spacious development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this is addressed in the Great Places theme, which proposes to require safe and accessible places.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support high-quality design.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is addressed in the Great Places theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure developments include active frontages to overlook play areas and streets.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed policy on high quality design would seek to ensure that buildings are orientated to provide natural surveillance and maximise opportunities to create active ground floor uses.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Encourage social inclusion and safety in public realm design.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. These issues are addressed in design policy proposals in the Great Places theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Apply Parker Morris space standards to reduce household stress.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Housing theme includes proposals regarding space standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure public spaces, transport and developments are accessible for those with mobility challenges.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, design policies proposed in the Great Places theme include ensuring that proposals meet the principles of inclusive and healthy design, and in particular meet the needs of disabled people, the elderly and those with young children.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Development proposals should include detailed design schemes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this will be a requirement of developers, to demonstrate how they have applied design principles.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Limit residential building height.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, design policies proposed in the Great Places theme include consideration of building height, and how tall buildings should be addressed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide a mural in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, public art could form part of producing great places, which includes a range of policy proposals that would seek to deliver high quality developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Community infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Large-scale development should have a Community Forum or Residents Association.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, community development has an important role to play in helping new communities to establish, and will be an important part of early infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic:

Community infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide safe community spaces including community rooms, meeting places,

communal gardens and spaces for children and youth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a range of policy themes put forward in the first proposals address these points, including approaches to infrastructure, and open space provision.

Overarching theme / topic:

Community infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should offer on-site community initiatives, provide shared spaces, communal workspaces and offer commercial opportunities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a range of policy themes put forward in the first proposals address these points, including approaches to infrastructure, meanwhile uses, and affordable workspace.

Overarching theme / topic:

Community infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Offer supervised activities for youth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure infrastructure, services and facilities are delivered and provide temporary or smaller infrastructure to ensure there is infrastructure in place on occupation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue has been specifically addressed in the proposed approach to meanwhile uses.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure sufficient infrastructure exists prior to permitting development and enforce S106 agreements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will consider how and when infrastructure should be delivered to support growth proposed in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure long-term funding for services and support in new communities to support integration and development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will consider how and when infrastructure should be delivered to support growth proposed in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider school catchment areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will consider education needs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide and maintain public services and community facilities, including education, communication and entertainment, leisure and recreation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding the provision of social infrastructure seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including recreational and outdoor sports spaces.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide more community and health facilities outside of urban centres.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The IDP supporting the production of the new Local Plan will consider the need for community, health, leisure, recreation, and education facilities. The recommendations of the IDP will be incorporated into the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide more community spaces and a farmers' market in Abbey.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding the provision of social infrastructure seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process. Farmers market is beyond the remit of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

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Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Create a member-only skatepark.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposal for a member-only skatepark would in effect create a private facility and would not be eligible for developer contributions unless public access could be secured. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme explains how new sports facilities are considered as part of the planning process. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for young people.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Increase police stations and community policing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policing arrangements are outside of the local plan, but the infrastructure needs of developments will be considered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Prioritise and improve public transport and provide affordable services, such as a bus pass system.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the First Proposals seeks to focus growth where high quality public transport will be available.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support car free and car limited development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Car free low or levels of parking may be appropriate in certain circumstances, where travel alternatives are available. Approaches to parking are included in the infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide cycle parking and well-designed, flat and safe cycling infrastructure, separate from vehicles and footpaths, appropriate for all uses and users and connecting homes to facilities, services and businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the infrastructure theme includes policies that seek to support active travel, including cycle parking facilities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide well-designed pedestrian infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the infrastructure theme includes policies that seek to support active travel, including proving connected places which support cycling and walking.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support car sharing programs and reduce cars and busy roads.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, car sharing will form an important element of travel plans, required to be provided as part of major development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Address the accessible natural green space deficit through the new Local Plan by creating an enhanced and extended ecological network.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policies in the Green Infrastructure and biodiversity theme will seek to protect and enhance the green infrastructure network.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure access to formal and informal green space which includes exercise areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policies in the Green Infrastructure and biodiversity theme will seek to ensure open space is protected and enhanced.

Overarching theme / topic

Objections to growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support corporate settlements, Green Belt release and densification.

Stop developing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the council have tested a range of alternative approaches when developing the preferred strategy, seeking to understand the sustainability impacts of different choices available. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Noted. The Local Plan needs to identify and respond to the development needs of Greater Cambridge unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Council should develop the site allocations proposed in the new Local Plan.

Support a collaborative approach to housing and infrastructure phasing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

Noted. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will consider infrastructure requirements in the area based on the housing trajectory in the new Local Plan. This will ensure the delivery of new housing is aligned to the provision of new and improved infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of services and facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require a statement of provision of community centres and shops etc into every new development of 50 dwellings or more.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme regarding community facilities seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Overarching theme / topic

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support and invest in diverse jobs growth, including construction.

Support detailed planning policies.

Encourage enforceable maintenance agreements.

Restrict the sale of housing for investment and limit Airbnb and holiday letting.

Support new shops and small business, such as with rent relief.

Support neighbourhood planning.

Support the existing approach to achieving safe and inclusive communities.

Combat social isolation.

Support development which improves the public realm.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

The proposals in the First Proposals consultation seek to support a range of employment types in a range of locations. Appropriately scaled developments will be required to contribute to local training, skills and employment opportunities, such as apprenticeships, to ensure the local community benefits from development.

Maintenance arrangements will form part of infrastructure provision.

It is beyond the scope of the Local Plan to control the sale of residential properties. The Economy theme proposes policy approaches to the change of use of dwellings to holiday lets.

The new Local Plan should support the provision of new shops and businesses in appropriate locations. It is beyond the scope of the Local Plan to control rents.

The councils will continue to support neighbourhood planning.

A range of policy approaches will seek to address social isolation, including the meanwhile uses policy approach.

The Great Places theme includes policy proposals to improve the public realm.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues raised in comments

Achieve safe and inclusive communities through community engagement and consultation, reaching marginalised, disenfranchised, minority and vulnerable communities, and putting people first.

Seek advice from experts and draw on best practice.

Work with Cambridge University to achieve more social cohesion.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils' Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the council will engage both in plan making and on planning applications.

Noted. The Councils have secured a range of technical input through preparation of the evidence base which will inform the plan.

Noted. The Councils are working with both the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University to understand their development needs and how this can be supported in the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments

Co-locate nurseries and care homes.

Design development for those in full-time employment.

Ensure access to heritage assets.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

The co-location of nurseries and care homes is beyond the scope of the plan, although proposals will seek to create local centres which respond to local needs for facilities.

Policy proposals seek to support a range of uses of employment parks, as well as creating inclusive new communities.

Policies will seek to protect and enhance heritage assets.

Q19. How do you think new developments should support healthy lifestyles?

Overarching theme / topic

Design and green infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide access to high quality housing.

Public realm and open space designs should consider safety, all ages and abilities.

Create public spaces for social interaction and mobility.

New development and green spaces should be accessible for people with disabilities.

Provide communal spaces in new development.

Promote healthy lifestyles, including outdoor activities, exercise classes, walking and cycling.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

The Great Places section of the First Proposals document sets out our proposed policy direction for achieving high quality developments.

Design policies proposed in the Great Places theme include ensuring that proposals meet the principles of inclusive and healthy design, and in particular meet the needs of disabled people, the elderly and those with young children.

The Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure, and Great Places sections of the First Proposals document both address this issue.

A range of policy themes put forward in the First Proposals address these points, including approaches to open space provision and the public realm.

The Councils' preferred approach is for new developments to require health principles to be applied, drawing on the ten principles developed from the Healthy New Towns initiative.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide improved and varied employment, shopping, health, education, leisure, indoor and outdoor facilities open long hours, services and recreational opportunities.

New development should provide facilities for the wider community, including community centres.

New large-scale development should provide faith, health, community and leisure facilities.

Provide allotments, designed for surplus crops, and communal gardens for apartments.

Standards within policies that determine the quantity and quality of provision should reflect an evidence-based assessment of need and benefits delivered.

Facilities and services should be operational on occupation of development.

Facilities provided by new development should have long-term funding.

Provide broadband.

New development should include skateboarding features and playgrounds.

New communities should include fitness centres and swimming pools, or land allocated for swimming pools and construction supported by community fundraising.

Support a new swimming pool at Cambridge University Sports Centre.

Provide more sports facilities in new development, funded by S106 agreements.

Allow for off-site infrastructure provision.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

A range of employment sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the

recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). A new retail and leisure study has been commissioned to inform the Local Plan. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will assess the need for new and improved services, facilities, and community infrastructure to support the growth proposed.

The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding community facilities seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Allotments will be considered as part of open space needs. The green infrastructure theme also identifies allotments and community gardening as an important green infrastructure project.

A range of evidence has been prepared to inform the first proposals, and further evidence is being prepared to inform the draft plan stage, including further evidence exploring infrastructure and open space needs.

The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will consider how and when infrastructure should be delivered to support growth proposed in the Plan.

The Infrastructure Delivery Plan referred to in the Infrastructure section of the First Proposals will identify a range of funding options to support the delivery of infrastructure in the area. For strategic site allocations, the IDP will outline how essential infrastructure will be funded and delivered, as this information will be vital in considering the deliverability of the growth strategy in the new Local Plan.

The proposed digital infrastructure policy contains a number of policies to help ensure that there is good broadband connectivity in new developments.

The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for skateboarding features and playgrounds.

The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for indoor fitness centres and swimming pools.

The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development.

Potential for contributions for off-site provision are referenced in the Infrastructure section of the First Proposals document.

Overarching theme / topic

Health

Summary of issues raised in comments

Use emerging NHS developed health policies.

Limit fast food uses and takeaways, promote healthy eating options, support organic farms, support food waste reduction and provide better access to fruits and vegetables.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Council is consulting with the NHS to support the production of the new Local Plan.

The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme regarding the encouragement of healthy lifestyles seeks to ensure these issues are fully considered as part of the planning process. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for allotments.

Overarching theme / topic

Accessibility

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide easy access to sports facilities, gyms, halls and swimming pools.

Ensure development is accessible, including by sustainable or public transport, and in sustainable locations, near employment sites, services, facilities, businesses, schools and open space.

Support walkable neighbourhoods.

Support mixed use development.

Ensure new development has access to strategic locations in our area.

Ensure the built and natural environment is accessible for all.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for indoor fitness centres and swimming pools.

The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the preferred options report and the accompanying strategy topic paper. Within developments themselves, the proposed policies in the Great Places theme seek to ensure that they are accessible to everyone.

The proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Major allocations proposed in the preferred options report would seek to deliver mixed use development where day-to-day needs can be met on site.

The First Proposals identifies site locations with access to sustainable transport opportunities as well as being accessible to key employment locations.

Design policies proposed in the Great Places theme include ensuring that proposals meet the principles of inclusive and healthy design, and in particular meet the needs of disabled people, the elderly and those with young children.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Increase electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Provide improved and affordable public transport.

Ensure access to sustainable transport.

Restrict cars around schools and play areas.

Discourage car ownership and private car use, such as with a congestion zone system, car free streets, one way streets, central car parks, car sharing schemes or planters.

New development should be car free or car limited, and prevent pavement parking.

Only permit development and schools connected to cycling and walking infrastructure.

Prioritise cyclists and pedestrians on side roads, provide segregated walking and cycling infrastructure, reallocate road and parking space to cycling, off-road cycle paths and design junctions for safe cycling.

Existing settlements, community infrastructure, businesses, green infrastructure and development should be connected by safe, accessible and high-quality cycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

High-quality cycling infrastructure, parking and storage, pavements and pedestrian infrastructure should be provided and prioritised along with public transport in all new developments and connected to existing transport infrastructure.

Encourage development to provide opportunities for employees to be active during breaks and travel to work, and provide cycle parking, showering and changing facilities.

Conduct a strategic review of local walking, cycling and running infrastructure around new development and require upgrades to the infrastructure for planning permission.

Do not install ‘cyclist dismount’ signs.

How the comments have been taken into account

The proposed transport policies include requirements for electric vehicle charging points.

The First Proposals seeks to focus growth where high quality public transport will be available.

The proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Car free or low levels of parking may be appropriate in certain circumstances, where travel alternatives are available. Approaches to parking are included in the infrastructure theme.

Proposed transport infrastructure and public realm policies prioritise sustainable and active travel.

The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options report includes policy proposals supporting the provision of leisure facilities in employment developments.

Policies in the infrastructure theme would require the creation of well-connected places, including infrastructure improvements where needed.

The removal of ‘cyclists dismount’ signs goes beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Open space and green infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

All residents should have access to areas for growing foodstuff, caring for the natural environment, green open spaces and small woodlands.

Provide a network of user-friendly green spaces for active and recreational uses and consider a Nature Recovery Network.

Provide different types of open spaces within new developments, including shared and inclusive spaces or open space connected to walking and cycling routes.

All development should set out how it will contribute to green infrastructure in and beyond the development site.

New development should be integrated with and provide green and blue infrastructure, including strategic green infrastructure.

Provide accessible and all-weather exercise areas for all ages in green spaces.

Provide dog bins in parks and separate dog walking areas.

Provide community facilities in parks.

Large-scale developments should include exercise facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

The First Proposals includes detailed policy approaches regarding green infrastructure and the enhancement of open space. Food growing opportunities are identified as an important element of green infrastructure.

Policies in the Green Infrastructure and biodiversity theme will seek to ensure open space is protected and enhanced. The Nature Recovery Network has been considered through the Green Infrastructure Opportunity mapping project which informed the First Proposals consultation.

Design policies proposed in the Great Places theme include ensuring that proposals meet the principles of inclusive and healthy design, and in particular meet the needs of disabled people, the elderly and those with young children.

The Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping Project has identified a range of projects across Greater Cambridge which could support the enhancement of green space. Open space standards will be reviewed to inform the draft Local Plan stage.

The provision of dog bins and separate dog walking areas are detailed design matters that could form part of design guides or codes which inform future developments.

The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will explore the need for community facilities generated by developments.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in existing communities, village extensions, large-scale development, Cambridge, near public transport corridors and the gentle densification of urban areas.

Build residential development and schools away from polluting roads.

Meet housing and employment needs.

Do not support new development.

Development proposals must include how they increase the social capital over a certain number of dwellings.

How the comments have been taken into account

A range of development strategy choices were considered and tested before selecting the preferred approach for the First Proposals. More information can be found in the Strategy topic paper.

The Wellbeing and Social Inclusion section includes a proposed policy direction that addresses air quality. Proposals will need to be appropriate for the air quality in the area and address their impacts on air quality.

National planning policy requires local plans to identify development needs and to plan for them.

The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will assess the infrastructure needs arising from proposed growth in the area, and policies in the new Local Plan will require new development to support the infrastructure requirements identified within the IDP.

Overarching theme / topic

Housing mix

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide housing for key workers and elderly people, and lifetime homes and low-cost starter homes in all new developments.

Provide developments with several housing types.

How the comments have been taken into account

Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the Homes and Strategy sections of the Preferred Options document require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Environment and climate change

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure high levels of air quality through 'air quality positive' requirements, limiting fossil fuel use/combustion in residential areas and air quality monitoring with mitigation requirements.

Require noise quality assessment and acoustic quality, and thermal comfort requirements.

New development should be carbon neutral.

Transition to a low-carbon or carbon-free society.

Increase tree cover.

Enhance biodiversity.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Wellbeing and Social Inclusion section includes a proposed policy direction that addresses air quality. Proposals will need to be appropriate for the air quality in the area and address their impacts on air quality.

The Wellbeing and Social Inclusion section includes a proposed policy direction that addresses noise pollution.

The plan has been informed by a Net Zero Carbon Study, and the Preferred Options includes a range of policy proposals to address carbon emissions and climate change.

As part of the Biodiversity and Green Spaces policies, it is proposed to preserve, protect and increase the amount and distribution of tree canopy cover, as well as encourage the creation of new woodland.

Our approach to enhancing biodiversity is outlined in the Biodiversity and Open Spaces section of the First Proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the measures proposed in the Issues and Options Local Plan.

Existing developments should also support healthy lifestyles.

Offer community activities, including indoor sports and programs for older people.

Involve voluntary organisations in community development, funded by the Council.

Employ Community Development Officers.

Community centres should actively involve community members.

Provide noticeboards to advertise community activities.

Subsidise community centre fees, bus passes and electricity bills for those unable to access healthy lifestyles.

Encourage high quality and accessible employment.

Ensure better rubbish management and availability of recycling bins.

Provide communal workspaces.

Developers should provide residents with membership to a local gym.

Work with the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Sustainability & Transformation Partnership to develop health-related policies.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Councils' preferred approach is for new developments to apply health principles, drawing on the ten principles developed from the Healthy New Towns initiative.

The operation of clubs and activities is beyond the scope of the Local Plan. However, the provision of community infrastructure is addressed under several themes, primarily Wellbeing and Social Inclusion.

Community development has an important role in helping new communities to establish and will be part of early infrastructure provision.

The creation of clubs, activities, and community support officers is beyond the scope of the Local Plan, but the Plan will seek to ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to support community activities.

Such measures could form part of community development requirements considered in the planning of major new developments.

The Local Plan will allocate sufficient employment land to meet the area's needs, informed by the Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020).

The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding affordable workspace and local work hubs.

Subsidies for community centres, bus passes, and electricity bills are beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Waste management and the availability of recycling bins goes beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

The provision of gym passes for residents by developers is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Q20. How do you think we should achieve improvements in air quality?

Overarching theme / topic

Support for air quality improvements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support proposals to improve air quality in the Issues and Options Local Plan.

Raise awareness of improvements to air quality in and around homes, vehicles and energy consumption.

How the comments have been taken into account

A range of policy proposals seek to support sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Biodiversity and green infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Increase the tree cover, hedges, green infrastructure and green space.

Double the tree cover.

New development should provide new green space and trees and require minimum tree planting for new development.

Mention the role of trees in improving air quality.

Plant pollutant-absorbing trees and a diversity of species along roads.

Enhance habitats.

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposals in the Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure theme seek to support and enhance green infrastructure, tree planting and biodiversity.

Overarching theme / topic

Health

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support vertical and roof gardens.

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposals in the Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure theme seek to support and enhance green infrastructure, tree planting and biodiversity.

Overarching theme / topic

Construction

Summary of issues raised in comments

Construction practices should not impact air quality.

How the comments have been taken into account

The climate change theme includes requirements for construction environmental management plans.

Overarching theme / topic

Impact of location and design of new development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Design homes to limit exposure to air pollution, with good ventilation.

Use materials which do not emit dust into the air.

How the comments have been taken into account

Policies will require homes to be appropriately designed.

The Climate Change theme includes requirements for construction environmental management plans.

Overarching theme / topic

Retrofitting existing buildings

Summary of issues raised in comments

Retrofit existing housing.

How the comments have been taken into account

The plan can support adaptation of buildings, but retrofitting is beyond the scope of the plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable design, heating and materials

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support sustainable heating sources, including heat pumps for space heating in new and existing development, and provide guidance on heat pumps.

Support electric building strategies and zero carbon development.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Climate Change theme includes policy proposals that would set standards for net zero carbon homes.

Overarching theme / topic

Support for sustainable energy generation

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve electricity infrastructure.

Increase solar and wind power.

Encourage land use for sustainable electrical energy, and fruit and vegetable production.

Provide subsidies for those with lower incomes to transition away from fossil fuels.

Increase awareness on solar power, energy from waste and nuclear energy.

Transition villages reliant on oil to natural gas.

Reduce fossil fuels, including importing goods from across the country and internationally.

How the comments have been taken into account

A policy is proposed that would require energy masterplans for major sites.

The Climate Change theme includes policy proposals that would support delivery of renewable energy.

Overarching theme / topic

Monitoring, targets and restrictions

Summary of issues raised in comments

Establish baseline data.

Set targets to help reduce pollution.

Consider the national announcement to carry forward to 2035 the end date for new diesel and petrol vehicles.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Sustainability Scoping Report provides information on baseline data.

Proposals in the plan seek to respond to targets regarding carbon emissions.

The consultation proposes to require infrastructure for electric vehicles.

Overarching theme / topic

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Install monitoring stations.

Publicise pollution data in real time, such as through an app or in schools.

Make use of smart technology to improve air quality.

Set air quality standards for developers and businesses.

Set higher standards in areas at risk of air quality issues.

Consider low emission zones in Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs).

Extend clean air zones to residential areas.

Reduce coal burning on boats.

Ban open burning.

Limit combustion in urban and residential areas.

Restrict wood burning stoves.

Do not burn fossil fuels in new development areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

The above issues are noted and are considered to go beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in and on the edge of existing and sustainable settlements and on growth corridors.

Ensure development, schools, facilities and employment sites are accessible by sustainable transport, including active travel and public transport, and in sustainable locations, near employment sites.

Do not support car-dependent development.

Support a strategy that enables sustainable transport over car use.

Development should be able to accommodate innovations in transport.

Create employment space in communities.

Support air quality impact assessments for new development.

Do not support new development.

Do not support Green Belt or countryside development.

Only permit development in low air quality areas where it does not worsen air quality.

Consider development in neighbouring authorities which may bring increased traffic into Greater Cambridge.

Convert the Grand Arcade car park to micro apartments.

Support air quality impact assessments for new development.

Transport Assessments must demonstrate how developments will improve and maintain air quality.

How the comments have been taken into account

Sustainable transport opportunities have been considered when comparing options and identifying the preferred development strategy. More information can be found in the Strategy topic paper.

The First Proposals includes policies to support local employment opportunities.

National planning policy requires plans to respond to development needs.

A range of options have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy. More information can be found in the Strategy topic paper.

Developers of large developments would be required to submit a Low Emissions Strategy to demonstrate how they are addressing air quality.

The Councils will work with nearby authorities through the duty to cooperate.

The redevelopment of the Grand Arcade car park has not been submitted to the Call for Sites, but the plan does seek to deliver homes in accessible locations.

Developers of large developments would be required to submit a Low Emissions Strategy to demonstrate how they are addressing air quality.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Large businesses should subsidise their employees' public transport costs.

New development should provide improved, connected, affordable and safe public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure, cycle parking and cycle security through S106.

Increase bus service frequency and introduce night service.

Support low carbon and zero carbon transport options.

Invest in sustainable transport.

Make park and rides transport hubs.

Replace bus routes with a tram system.

Extend Cambridge's pedestrianised streets.

Reduce pollution at Emmanuel Street bus station.

How the comments have been taken into account

Policies in the Infrastructure theme would require developments to support sustainable travel.

A number of schemes are being planned by the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

The replacement of bus routes with a tram system would be a matter for the Local Transport Plan.

Measures for the city centre are being considered by the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

Overarching theme / topic

Electric transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide electric vehicle and Personal Light Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure in all new development and set minimum electric vehicle charging spaces requirements.

Adapt street furniture to accommodate electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Build electric vehicle charging infrastructure on roads.

Offer free electric vehicle charging points.

Provide electric vehicle parking spaces only.

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure should not reduce cycling and walking access.

Do not support the prioritisation of electric cars in bus lanes.

Develop the infrastructure for battery-powered travel and smaller, lighter vehicles.

Ensure financial incentives for alternatives to car use are better than car use.

Support electric buses and electric taxis.

How the comments have been taken into account

The parking policy proposed would include provision for electric charging infrastructure.

Policies seek electric charging infrastructure to be designed into developments.

The prioritisation of electric cars in bus lanes is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

The provision of financial incentives for alternatives to car use is primarily beyond the scope of the Local Plan, but could potentially form part of travel planning for individual developments.

The provision of electric buses and taxis is being explored by the Local Transport Authority. The proposed parking policy includes provision for electric charging infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Rail

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve rail connections between urban areas.

Support a rail station at Addenbrookes.

How the comments have been taken into account

East West Rail has been taken into account when developing the First Proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Cycling

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require high levels of cycle parking from new developments.

Support innovative solutions to cycle parking.

Install paid cycle parking.

Encourage new and existing workplaces to provide showers, changing facilities and lockers.

Convert half of road space to cycle lanes and buses.

How the comments have been taken into account

Measures to require cycling infrastructure are proposed in the Infrastructure theme of the First Proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Vehicular transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Reduce car usage or ban cars and make roads one way.

Work with landowners to explore ways of reducing car usage from their sites.

Ban cars in Cambridge and introduce rickshaws; ban cars around schools at drop-off and pick-up times; ban diesel cars from parking within 100 metres of schools; ban cars in urban areas between certain hours.

Support car-free days.

Support efforts to reduce vehicle numbers on Magdalene Street and promote the use of non-pollutant vehicles instead.

Reduce traffic on congested roads.

Support car sharing, free park and ride schemes, and car club locations.

Reduce car idling.

Reduce car parking and garages in development, particularly in areas with access to services and facilities, with exceptions for disabled residents.

Consider raising parking fees or implementing Creative Car Parks with Automated Number Plate Recognition.

Reduce parking spaces in Cambridge to residents, blue-badge holders, market traders, and community care workers.

Reduce HGV traffic in Cambridge, villages, and Clean Air Zone (CAZ) residential areas.

Ban coaches transporting visitors from Cambridge centre.

Restrict shop deliveries to low-traffic times.

Introduce a congestion charge on diesel and petrol cars in Cambridge and use the fees to fund free bus services or electric vehicles.

Ensure the public understands Local Plans cannot impose congestion charges.

Set and enforce a lower speed limit in all of Cambridge.

Do not expand roads.

How the comments have been taken into account

The plan seeks to focus new development on areas where alternative modes of travel are available.

The travel planning process has been used as a method of working with major sites to encourage sustainable travel.

Sustainable transport opportunities have been considered when comparing options and identifying the preferred development strategy. More information can be found in the Strategy topic paper.

The approach to car parking seeks lower levels of parking in accessible areas.

Overarching theme / topic

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Draw on successes from the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD.

Support public art on Mill Road.

Work with health bodies.

Support homeworking with fibre to the home.

How the comments have been taken into account

The First Proposals seek to build on these policies with further measures to support sustainable development.

Health is a central theme of the plan, and we are engaging with health bodies.

The Infrastructure theme includes proposals for a digital connectivity policy.

Overarching theme / topic

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support waste incinerators.

Enforce metered water.

Use recycled plastic street furniture.

How the comments have been taken into account

The above issues go beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Q21. How should the Local Plan protect our heritage and ensure new development is well-designed?

Overarching theme / topic

Townscape and public realm

Summary of issues raised in comments

Conceal commercial waste bins in public spaces.

New development proposals should be accompanied by quality public realm and open space improvements in the surrounding area.

Do not remove historic street furniture and lighting.

Consider the impact of new development on Cambridge's approaches.

How the comments have been taken into account

A policy regarding quality of the public realm is proposed.

Where the removal of street furniture and lighting requires planning permission, proposals would be subject to the heritage policy proposals set out in the Preferred Options report.

The approaches to Cambridge form part of its setting, which is an important purpose of the Cambridge Green Belt.

Overarching theme / topic

Water management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Concern over abstraction of the River Cam.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Integrated Water Strategy which accompanies the consultation has considered water supply issues and guided the development of the Preferred Options report.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments

Concerned the methodology for Cambridge City Council's Historic Core Appraisal was not robust.

Prepare a Historic Environment Strategy.

Concern regarding the quality of the 2018 Historic Environment Strategy.

How the comments have been taken into account

The plan is being informed by a Historic Impact Assessment, and the Local Plan will provide an appropriate strategy for heritage.

Overarching theme / topic

Conservation area appraisals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Produce a designation report for Steeple Morden Conservation Area and consider extending the designation to cover the Odsey railway area.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Councils have a programme in place for updating Conservation Area appraisals.

Overarching theme / topic

Cambridge Market

Summary of issues raised in comments

Protect the market in Cambridge with a bylaw.

How the comments have been taken into account

This is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Protection of specific heritage assets

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support an integrated approach to the protection of the heritage value of the whole system of Nine Wells, Hobson's Brook, Hobson's Conduit Head, the tunnels and the underground pipework. The above-ground section should be designated as Green Space and as a Conservation Area.

How the comments have been taken into account

The current Local Plan identifies protected green space, and a review will be carried out prior to the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic

Considering development proposals affecting heritage assets

Summary of issues raised in comments

Strengthen the role of the Design and Conservation Panel and Cambridgeshire Quality Panel and consider requiring developers of large-scale sites to go before the panel.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service has been undertaking a review of the design panel to ensure it continues to provide an effective service.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Cambridge Airport.

Support development in sustainable locations.

Support the allocation of new development in villages when supported by new infrastructure and sustainable transport links.

Support the development of new settlements.

Support small and medium-sized development.

Object to development in villages.

Object to development in villages and towns near heritage assets.

Support development which can enhance the historic environment.

Do not support large-scale development near small settlements, Conservation Areas, and historic assets.

How the comments have been taken into account

The strategy section of the Preferred Options report was based on consideration of a range of strategy options available to the plan, including the pros and cons of developing in a range of locations. A range of evidence has informed the Preferred Options report, which provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new Local Plan.

The impact on heritage assets has been considered when identifying development allocation proposals included in the strategy chapter.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support better quality green spaces in new development proposals.

Incorporate greenery into the built environment and increase greenery in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

These issues are addressed in the Green Infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Housing need and type

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support self-build housing and more affordable housing.

Build new development to wheelchair homes standard.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Preferred Options propose to deliver housing to meet identified needs.

The Housing theme proposes to require all dwellings to be adaptable.

Overarching theme / topic

Balance growth and the historic environment

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support growth alongside the protection of the historic environment.

Concern that individual buildings (e.g. the former Mill Road Library), the historic city, its skyline, and its setting are seriously threatened by the quantum of growth being contemplated.

Balance heritage protection with growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Preferred Options proposals seek to balance growth with protection of the historic environment.

The strategy in the Preferred Options report has considered a range of issues, including impact on the historic environment.

Overarching theme / topic

Active travel

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage active travel.

Improve footpaths and pedestrianise the city centre.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Strategy and Infrastructure themes in the Preferred Options seek to support active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Reduce car use

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the creation of car-free streets that allow for community uses.

Reduce car parking and traffic near historic places.

Reduce car use and ban HGVs and large buses in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Infrastructure section of the Preferred Options Report proposes a policy approach to parking which would seek to keep parking levels low where there are sustainable transport modes available.

While these issues are also the remit of the Local Transport Plan, the Local Plan proposed options include policies seeking to deliver accessible developments, which would include measures to ensure they support sustainable modes of travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should be supported by sensitive and ingenious infrastructure and sustainable transport links.

Subject highways proposals to a design and sustainability test.

How the comments have been taken into account

The proposed approach to the development strategy in the Local Plan seeks opportunities for development to access sustainable transport.

Highways proposals that form part of planning applications are subject to consultation with the Local Highway Authority, who consider whether they meet required standards.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change and sustainable design

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support only zero carbon development.

Support energy efficient development.

Support sustainably designed development.

Balance protection of the historic environment and achieving net zero targets.

The new Local Plan should prioritise the climate.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Climate Change theme of the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings.

The Great Places theme includes policy proposals for adapting heritage buildings to climate change, proposing ways to implement on-site measures while continuing to protect heritage assets.

Climate change is a key theme which has been considered in the Preferred Options Report.

Overarching theme / topic

Design

Summary of issues raised in comments

Limit building height.

Require new developments to have open spaces or vistas.

Support innovative and high-quality design.

Support the coexistence of contemporary design and the historic environment.

Support a radical change in design and building tradition.

Support vernacular architecture.

Draw design inspiration from European architecture.

Ensure new development and renovations meet British Standard 8300.

Consider building standards for new development.

Improve the quality of design in new buildings.

Replicate the quality of design in buildings and open spaces within the city centre across other areas of Cambridge.

Ensure conversions and extensions reflect the style of their building.

Ensure all new buildings are sympathetically designed with the local architecture in mind and reflect the historic environment.

Preserve the character and appearance of the city in shape, form, and density.

How the comments have been taken into account

Issues around the skyline and building height are identified in the preferred policy approaches regarding Great Places.

The Great Places theme proposes a number of policy approaches that would seek to guide the form of development, supported by district design guidance.

The Great Places theme includes policy proposals which set a strategic vision for achieving high-quality design and policies to implement that vision.

Proposed design policies seek to ensure that proposals meet the principles of inclusive and healthy design.

The Preferred Options Report also proposes specific standards buildings must achieve regarding climate change.

The strategic vision for design applies across Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic

Design Guides and Codes

Summary of issues raised in comments

Where a village design guide or neighbourhood plan is not in place, the Council should produce an SPD to guide new development.

Require major development to implement agreed design codes.

Produce and enforce design codes to ensure high-quality design.

Support a Greater Cambridge design guide which encourages high-quality sustainability and design.

How the comments have been taken into account

Following changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Council will be considering its approach to design guides and design codes.

Design codes are likely to form part of the implementation process regarding the policy approaches set out in the Preferred Options Report.

The Great Places theme includes policy proposals which set a strategic vision for achieving high-quality design and policies to implement that vision.

Overarching theme / topic

Masterplans

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage integrated masterplans that provide long-term strategic development and balance heritage protection and growth.

Consider the formal adoption of masterplans.

How the comments have been taken into account

Masterplans and design codes are likely to form part of planning for major or long-term development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Building materials

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the use of high-quality materials.

Consider cladding for new buildings.

Encourage the use of natural products in building materials, such as timber, hempcrete, and strawbale.

How the comments have been taken into account

Use of high-quality materials is referred to in the proposed policy approach regarding achieving high-quality development.

The encouragement of natural products in building materials also links to considering the carbon implications of developments, which is addressed in the Climate Change theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Local Plan policy approach to heritage

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider Cambridge's historic environment as a whole.

The new Local Plan should seek to protect heritage assets.

Preserve sightlines, historic views, and character.

Include a policy which incorporates the ten Healthy New Town Principles.

Include a policy to mitigate the direct and indirect effects on heritage assets and conservation areas from new development.

Consider the potential listing of as yet unidentified heritage assets over the plan period.

Support a planning policy requiring a landmark building at each development site.

Include a policy framework that sets out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment.

Support a policy that enables communities to identify community heritage assets.

Ensure design-related planning policies are flexible to allow for innovation, creativity, and contemporary design near the historic environment.

Include flexible policy requirements to allow for different solutions throughout the Plan period.

How the comments have been taken into account

A Strategic Heritage Impact Assessment has been commissioned to accompany the Preferred Options Report.

A policy is proposed to ensure the impact on heritage assets is fully considered in planning decisions.

The Great Places theme includes policy proposals which set a strategic vision for achieving high-quality design and creating a legacy of beautiful buildings and spaces in Greater Cambridge.

The Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme addresses the incorporation of the ten Healthy New Town Principles.

The Councils will be exploring how they consider local heritage assets.

The Preferred Options set out policy principles that aim to allow flexibility while ensuring high-quality design, including the use of materials and architectural detailing that reflect or contrast with existing forms in a respectful way.

Q22. How do you think we should protect, enhance and adapt our historic buildings and landscapes?

Overarching theme / topic

Heritage protection

Summary of issues raised in comments

The new Local Plan should seek to protect heritage assets.

Do not allocate new development too close to heritage assets.

Protect historic buildings and landscapes from new development, except where new investment could support the future of the heritage asset.

Policies in the Plan could consider the potential listing of as yet unidentified heritage assets over the plan period.

How the comments have been taken into account

Heritage impacts have been considered through the site selection process and will also inform detailed site design.

Proposals in the Great Places theme include continued recognition of the importance of local heritage assets (including buildings of local importance), with criteria for their selection to be included.

Overarching theme / topic

Retrofitting heritage assets

Summary of issues raised in comments

Proposals to retrofit heritage buildings with carbon reduction measures should be undertaken in accordance with national planning policy and guidance.

The new Local Plan should support the adaptation of historic buildings to accommodate new uses.

The Local Plan must enable historic buildings to adapt to meet the requirements of a net zero carbon future and the realities of climate change.

Historic buildings need extensive retrofitting to achieve PassivHaus standards.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Great Places theme of the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding adapting heritage buildings to climate change. It proposes ways in which on-site measures could be achieved while continuing to protect heritage assets.

Overarching theme / topic

Protecting and enhancing landscape character

Summary of issues raised in comments

Local Plan site allocation should seek to discourage any development in landscape character areas identified as being of highest value or at highest risk.

The strategy needs to consider the whole landscape associated with historic Cambridge, including the upper Cam (Byron's Pool), the lower Cam (Lents and Mays course to Baits Bite), and Grantchester Meadows.

Existing landscape and settlement patterns should inform new development.

There is scope to improve the landscape setting of other settlements, including some villages.

Local Plan policy should require developments to be in keeping with the landscape character assessments.

How the comments have been taken into account

A Landscape Character Assessment has been prepared to inform decision-making.

The Great Places theme includes a policy approach regarding landscape impacts.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Key parts of the Cambridge rural hinterland need to be protected in perpetuity and enhanced as part of a nature recovery network.

The new Local Plan should encourage more planting in urban areas to support the environment.

The new Local Plan should encourage the creation of habitats in urban areas to support flora and fauna.

Landscapes need to be as biodiverse, CO_2-sequestering, and water-absorbing as possible.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Green Infrastructure theme includes detailed proposals regarding enhancement of the green infrastructure network, informed by the Opportunity Mapping Project.

The Green Infrastructure theme includes proposals regarding biodiversity net gain and enhancement of the tree canopy.

Issues relating to biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and water absorption are addressed in the Climate Change theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Views and setting

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development proposals should consider their impact on views to and from the Greater Cambridge boundary.

Provide guidance on setting and views to and from designated and undesignated heritage assets.

Emphasis should be on respect for settings and avoiding or minimising harm.

How the comments have been taken into account

Landscape impacts of development proposals have been considered in the site assessment process.

A Baseline Heritage Impact Assessment has been prepared to inform decision-making.

The Great Places theme includes a policy approach regarding heritage, which reflects national planning guidance.

Overarching theme / topic

Landscape protection

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider the strategic protection of landscape in the area through the new Local Plan.

The new Local Plan should include policies which seek to protect sensitive and valued landscapes in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Great Places theme includes a policy approach regarding landscape impacts. A Landscape Character Assessment has also been prepared to inform decision-making.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in the east of Cambridge where there are fewer sensitive landscapes and historic buildings.

Objection to building in the Green Belt; only support the development of brownfield land.

How the comments have been taken into account

The development strategy proposes development at Cambridge East.

The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of different strategy options, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made on the edge of Cambridge, except in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. A limited number of releases are also proposed in the rural area. More information is available in the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Active travel

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage walking and cycling.

Pedestrianise Cambridge city centre.

How the comments have been taken into account

Policy approaches set out in the Great Places theme seek to focus development around people, supporting movement by walking and cycling.

The Infrastructure theme includes policy approaches regarding parking, which promote a design-led approach, including reduced levels of parking where alternative modes of transport are available.

Overarching theme / topic

Car use reduction

Summary of issues raised in comments

Reduce car parking and traffic near historic places.

Reduce cars in the City Centre.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Infrastructure theme includes policy approaches regarding parking, which promote a design-led approach, including reduced levels of parking where alternative modes of transport are available.

Overarching theme / topic

Green corridors

Summary of issues raised in comments

Cambridge should continue to retain significant green corridors through the urban areas and linking to an enhanced countryside beyond.

How the comments have been taken into account

Green corridors represent an important part of the Cambridge Green Belt, and the approaches set out in the First Proposals seek to maintain these.

Overarching theme / topic

Development near heritage assets

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support for commercial development alongside the protection of the historic environment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Heritage impacts have been considered through the site selection process and will also inform detailed site design.

Overarching theme / topic

Seeking public benefits from new development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Developments with extensive public benefits should be supported where there could be potential impacts on heritage assets.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Great Places theme includes a policy approach regarding heritage, which reflects national planning guidance.

Overarching theme / topic

Design

Summary of issues raised in comments

Limit building height

How the comments have been taken into account

The First Proposals include a policy requirement that tall building proposals must be of exceptional quality and ensure that the character or appearance of Cambridge, as a city of spires and towers emerging above the established tree line, is maintained.

Q23. How do you think we could ensure that new development is as well-designed as possible?

Overarching theme / topic:

Self-build development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocate 10% of developments of 30 or more dwellings for self-builders or co-housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the housing theme includes a policy approach which would seek 5% of homes on sites over 20 to be self-build.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy approach

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allow flexibility for innovation and technology.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design , but they are not considered to be overly rigid.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy approach

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Greater flexibility is required in the planning process to support different kinds of development. The approach taken with 'bulk developers' may not therefore be appropriate for co-housing community projects or self-build housing

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design , but they are not considered to be overly rigid.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy approach

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the existing approach to assessing design in planning applications.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. As set out in the First Proposals, the planning service has been undertaking a review of the design panel approach.

Overarching theme / topic:

Car use reduction

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Challenge car-centric designs and plans.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy approaches set out in the Great Places theme would seek to focus development around people, supporting movement by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic:

Car use reduction

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not provide on street parking for private cars with new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The infrastructure theme includes policy approaches regarding parking, which seek a design led approach, including reduced levels of parking where alternative modes of transport are available.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support cycling infrastructure separate from walking infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The infrastructure theme includes policy approaches regarding transport and connectivity, which include delivering high quality cycling infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should provide sustainable transport and be connected to sustainable transport networks.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy approaches set out in the Great Places theme would seek to focus development around people, supporting movement by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support frequent pedestrian and cycle crossings.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy approaches set out in the Great Places theme would seek to focus development around people, supporting movement by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support high quality, permeable, interconnected and accessible cycling infrastructure, separate from walking infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy approaches set out in the Great Places theme would seek to focus development around people, supporting movement by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide and maintain existing high quality cycle routes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy approaches set out in the Great Places theme would seek to focus development around people, supporting movement by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support separate cycling and walking infrastructure, and public transport accessible by foot or bike.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy approaches set out in the Great Places theme would seek to focus development around people, supporting movement by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Prioritise walking and cycling in new development and discourage private vehicles.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy approaches set out in the Great Places theme would seek to focus development around people, supporting movement by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Design new development with walking and cycling as the main form of transport.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy approaches set out in the Great Places theme would seek to focus development around people, supporting movement by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic: Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP: Design standards should not be restrictive.

How the comments have been taken into account: Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design , but they are not considered to be overly rigid.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support standard designs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Draw design inspiration from small volume housebuilders, such as Goldsmith Street in Norwich.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new development is well-designed.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support linear development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new development is designed with appropriate scale.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design, including that the scale is appropriate to the location.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Improve building standards including layout, space, ventilation and heating.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, these issues are addressed by the Great Places theme, but also in the Climate Change theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Involve communities at the design stage.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the policy approach regarding people and place responsive design includes using community engagement to inform design decisions.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Promote Natural Cambridgeshire's Developing with Nature Toolkit in a design policy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policies in the Green Infrastructure theme seek to support biodiversity net gain.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Recommend using the four ‘C’s’ of Community, Connectivity, Climate and Character from the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth for the design vision.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The design policies proposed in the Great Places theme have been shaped around the four C’s.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Set higher design standards.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support diverse styles.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy proposals seek to provide a framework for ensuring high quality design, but are considered to also enable innovation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design (general)

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support multi-unit buildings.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue has been particularly explored through the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan, which seeks to deliver a mixed-use urban development. This can also inform development of other communities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Renewable energy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support new development heated by gas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks to require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Renewable energy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Each building should generate and store energy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks to require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure well-designed new development by meeting Passivhaus standards, using air source heat pumps, solar panels and electric boilers.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks to require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure well-designed new development through Passivhaus, accessibility and climate change resilience.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks to require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Equip all new development with Passivhaus standards of insulation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks to require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support sustainable heating systems, solar panels and renewable energy, improved insulation of walls and windows, reduced cement in constructions replaced by sustainable wood, and upgraded sewer systems.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks to require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new development is well-designed through high sustainability standards, including no fossil fuels, solar panels, rain water storage, excellent insulation and

green spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks to require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards, as well as seeking high standards of water efficiency.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Encourage zero carbon design through an awards scheme.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks to require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support design solutions to achieve zero carbon.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks to require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support diverse and sustainable designs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the design policies seek to secure high quality design.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development designed for longevity.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue is addressed in the Climate Change theme, which seeks the sustainable use of materials.

Overarching theme / topic:

Historic environment protection

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new development is well-designed by responding to surrounding heritage.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the historic environment is an important consideration when designing developments, and the First Proposals includes policy requirements to ensure it is fully considered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Historic environment protection

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Require consideration of the character and appearance of the historic environment in design policies.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the historic environment is an important consideration when designing developments, and the First Proposals includes policy requirements to ensure it is fully considered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Historic environment protection

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for new development which supports the character and appearance of historic buildings, including the provision of green infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the historic environment is an important consideration when designing developments, and the First Proposals includes policy requirements to ensure it is fully considered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new development contributes to the infrastructure needs of the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the Local Plan will be informed by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will identify the infrastructure needed, when it is needed, and how it will be funded.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new development is designed with high-quality and interconnected green infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, these issues are addressed in the Green Infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new development is designed with gardens.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Housing theme includes a policy approach regarding space standards which would require provision of outdoor space.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new development is well-designed with planting.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, design policies proposed seek appropriate types of open space, and the Green Infrastructure theme provides further details.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Encourage developers to follow Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace Guidance.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this is addressed in the Green Infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the provision of open green space.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, these issues are addressed in the Green Infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Connections to employment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Integrate industrial and residential areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this issue has been particularly explored through the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan, which seeks to deliver a mixed-use urban development. This can also inform development of other communities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Provision of infrastructure, services and facilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should dedicate space to local facilities, businesses and green spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policies proposed would require new developments to include a mix of uses in order to meet the needs of local communities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Provision of infrastructure, services and facilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support local community spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policies proposed would require new developments to include a mix of uses in order to meet the needs of local communities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Monitoring

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support compliance monitoring and enforcement to ensure well-designed new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, although this is primarily outside the scope of the plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the use of design codes for large scale new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the use of design guides and codes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the use of design standards to guide the consideration of development proposals.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the use of design standards to guide the consideration of development proposals, particularly encouraging sustainable design features.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support style guides and design-related SPDs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Publicise best practice examples of design and share this through email threads or monthly updates.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Review Design Review Panels for a more positive approach.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Review SPDs on design-related matters.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support design panels, design guides and best practice guidance.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Greater Cambridge is establishing a Place and Design Quality Panel, formed from reviewing existing Design Review services at both Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Councils, to support its aspirations to raise design quality across the local plan area, and has conducted a site typologies study to understand, protect, utilise and enhance the valued characteristics of different areas in the plan. These should ensure that the key aspects and qualities of the built form and varying contexts across the Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support design-led area-based guidance, including SPDs

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design codes, guides and panels

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Significant developments in prominent locations must go before the Design & Conservation Panel or the Cambridgeshire Quality Panels.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Greater Cambridge is establishing a Place and Design Quality Panel, formed from reviewing existing Design Review services at both Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Councils, to support its aspirations to raise design quality across the local plan area, and has conducted a site typologies study to understand, protect, utilise and enhance the valued characteristics of different areas in the plan. These should ensure that the key aspects and qualities of the built form and varying contexts across the Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Best practice design examples

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support design of development at Clay Farm / Glebe Farm, Trumpington Meadows and North West Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Lessons learned from recent developments has been applied to the suggested design policies, and can also be used when preparing future design guidance.

Overarching theme / topic:

Best practice design examples

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Take design inspiration from Copenhagen, Barcelona and Oslo.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Innovative design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support innovation to ensure well-designed new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy proposals seek to provide a framework for ensuring high quality design, but are considered to also enable innovation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Innovative design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support innovative design in new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policy proposals seek to provide a framework for ensuring high quality design, but are considered to also enable innovation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Provide a mix of uses

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support mixed use neighbourhoods.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the proposals in the First Proposals would seek to deliver mixed use developments which are able to meet needs for services, facilities and employment locally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Update the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the policy approaches in the Great Places theme have sought to structure around the themes of the Quality Charter, and provide additional information regarding design quality expectations.

Overarching theme / topic:

Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Use the criterion “does this scheme meet the standards set out in the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth?” as the basis for planning application assessments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the policy proposed would require all applicants to demonstrate how their proposals sustain and enhance the unique qualities of the Greater Cambridge area.

Overarching theme / topic:

Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission’s report

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Use the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission’s report “Living with Beauty".

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals highlights that changes to the national planning policy have recently introduced a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. We will be considering how we update our guidance to reflect the new approaches introduced nationally.

Overarching theme / topic:

Water management

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support water smart communities which have open space, sustainable water use, climate change resilience, multifunctional water features and water efficient homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme addresses water efficiency and the integrated management of water in new developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Water management

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Water and its use should be an integral part of development proposals.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme addresses water efficiency and the integrated management of water in new developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Water management

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Retain and improve waterways, their settings and associated corridors in the Greater Cambridge area for navigation, environmental, leisure and tourism through the provision of related facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Green Infrastructure theme includes proposals for a specific policy regarding river corridors to ensure issues are fully considered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Water management

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Retain on-site open watercourses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme addresses water efficiency and the integrated management of water in new developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Water management

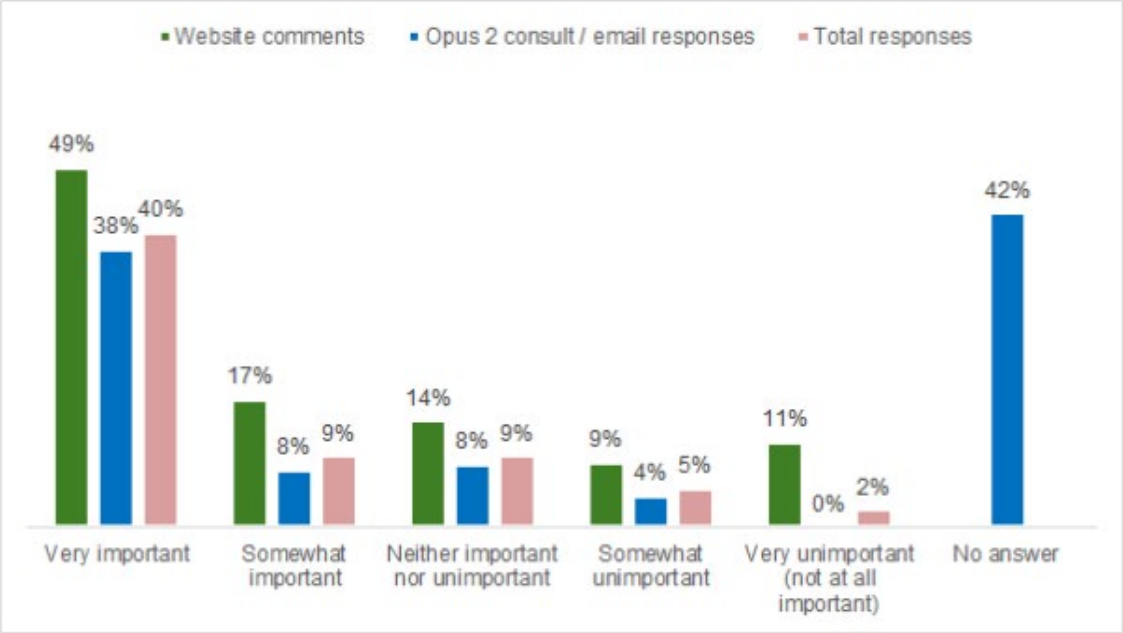
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide adequate maintenance strips for on-site open watercourses; protected watercourses; Sustainable Drainage Systems and other parts of the water level and flood risk management systems.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme addresses water efficiency and the integrated management of water in new developments.

Q24: How important do you think continuing economic growth is for the next Local Plan?



35 Website comments and 144 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

Most respondents felt that continuing economic growth was important, with 49% either agreeing or strongly agreeing overall.

71%of website commenters (35 in total) an 98% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (141) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Very important to continue economic growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

It will be very important for the emerging GCLP to support economic growth in Greater Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The needs of the Greater Cambridge Economy have been carefully considered when developing the preferred options. The Councils commissioned a Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020) which explored potential jobs growth, and the need for different types of employment land in terms of quantity, type and location. This includes consideration of the needs of the high tech

clusters that form part of the Cambridge economy. The proposed options respond to the most likely jobs growth outcome identified in the study. It also identifies potential land allocations which would add to the committed land supply to meet those needs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Very important to continue economic growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

It is vital that the GCLP supports the economic growth of the area to fully realise the benefits of the investment in infrastructure and to ensure residents are able to live fulfilling lives

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Very important to continue economic growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

CPIER highlights need to support economic growth, and states that the UK Government should adopt a ‘Cambridge or overseas’ mentality towards knowledge-intensive business in this area

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Very important to continue economic growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Continued economic growth is extremely important in the next Local Plan period, not least because it is inextricably linked to quality of life social, physical and mental wellbeing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Very important to continue economic growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Continued economic growth is the only way for an area to achieve long term

improvements in socioeconomic living standards for the benefit of all residents.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Seek to increase the level of economic growth in the area

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Cambridge and Peterborough Devolution Deal commits the authorities in the area to planning to double economic output by 2040. This approach is supported.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils commissioned a Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020) to provide an evidence-based approach to the likely economic growth in the period to 2041.

Overarching theme / topic:

Need for economic related evidence base updates

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

It is recommended that an up-to-date Retail and Leisure Study is commissioned, to ensure the approach to retail in the Plan meets the needs of the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

A new retail and leisure study has been commissioned to inform the Local Plan. Further information can be found in the Jobs Topic Paper which accompanies the preferred option. The Councils have also commissioned a Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), which has informed the preferred options stage.

Overarching theme / topic:

Need for economic related evidence base updates

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should set out clearly what is the current situation and how these factors are assumed to be linked in the future

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Need for economic related evidence base updates

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan evidence base should assess the impacts of a range of growth scenarios, to support the identification of an appropriate strategy in the Plan

How the comments have been taken into account:

The Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), as part of the wider review of Development Strategy Options, has considered a range of growth scenarios.

Overarching theme / topic:

Need for economic related evidence base updates

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan evidence base should assess the impacts of a range of growth scenarios, to support the identification of an appropriate strategy in the Plan

How the comments have been taken into account:

The Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), as part of the wider review of Development Strategy Options, has considered a range of growth scenarios.

Overarching theme / topic:

Employment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should seek to provide a range of employment at all levels

How the comments have been taken into account:

The preferred options identified seek to deliver a range of employment land types and locations, and include policy proposals which would seek to widen the job opportunities provided by new developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Employment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Vital that the new Local Plan maximises jobs growth

How the comments have been taken into account:

In accordance with national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan should seek to allocate sufficient employment land to meet the needs of the area.

Informed by the Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), the preferred options report responds to the employment land needs identified.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should seek to create an innovation cluster, which can play a major part in delivering economic adaptations which support climate change mitigation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Informed by the Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), the preferred options report responds to the employment land needs identified.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Investment in knowledge clusters and technologies that support and reduce the impact on climate change should be given priority.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the creation of a range of employment opportunities in rural areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options report includes proposals for policies which would support employment development in the rural area of various types appropriate to the location whilst balancing sustainability issues.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Local Plan should provide sufficient land and policy support for locally as well as regionally or internationally generated employment development to be located where residents and services can reach them sustainably and the culture of

success can be nurtured.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policies and allocations are proposed in the Preferred Options Report which support a range of types and scales of employment. Access to transport has been a key consideration in identifying the proposed locations, and policies proposed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Economic, housing and infrastructure growth must be given comparable weight to the other Big Themes at the very heart of the Local Plan

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan seeks to continue to support the important Cambridge economy, whilst also considering housing and other infrastructure needs, as well as the impact on the environment. A range of evidence has informed the preferred options report, and the preferred options report provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Economic growth is essential in order to meet the big themes identified in the consultation document

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan needs to stop the underlying trend of skilled manufacturing and development space being lost and not replaced in the right locations

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. As well as responding to the need for new sites, policies are proposed which would seek to protect existing employment sites, particularly for industrial employment in Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support economic growth and productivity taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policies proposed seek to respond to a range of needs for employment space.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Economic growth is desirable but it cannot be at the expense of the environment, social cohesion and the wellbeing of residents. We need growth that is genuinely sustainable rather than an unbalanced rapid dash

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan seeks to continue to support the important Cambridge economy, whilst also considering housing and other infrastructure needs, as well as the impact on the environment. A range of evidence has informed the preferred options report, and the preferred options report provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support fast paced economic growth, to maximise Cambridge's current strong economic position

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Economic growth should be linked to environmental impacts, therefore only allowing growth with environmental impacts which support the aims and objectives of the Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Only support sustainable economic growth

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to economic growth due to impacts on infrastructure, house prices, and the ability of the City Centre to cope with the increased population

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to supporting further economic growth in principle, due to it being unsustainable, and negative impacts on the environment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan seeks to continue to support the important Cambridge economy, whilst also considering housing and other infrastructure needs, as well as the impact on the environment. A range of evidence has informed the preferred options report, and the preferred options report provides the opportunity to respond to the approach proposed for the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to economic growth due to impacts on the environment and water provision

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options report has been informed by an Integrated Water Strategy that considers the availability of water to support growth that could be identified in the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to economic growth due to impacts on the environment and water provision

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options report has been informed by an Integrated Water Strategy that considers the availability of water to support growth that could be identified in the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to further economic growth until more sustainable transport and green infrastructure is provided in the area

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Green Infrastructure is a key theme of the preferred options consultation. Evidence accompanying the plan has explored how green infrastructure could be enhanced through the local plan and by working with partners. The development strategy proposed responds to planned transport infrastructure enhancements in the area. Views are sought through the consultation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to economic growth which results in the loss of Green Belt land

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Preferred options report proposes the preferred approach to the development strategy for 2041, which has been developed by considering and comparing the alternative strategies available. A number of developments in the Green Belt are proposed, where it is considered they are justified by site specific

circumstances. The preferred options report provides the opportunity to comment on these prior to the preparation of the draft local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Only support economic growth on brownfield land

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Use of previously developed land is an important factor, but the plan has to balance a range of issues. Through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment opportunities for brownfield development have been considered. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options has considered brownfield land opportunities alongside a range of other factors. The allocations proposed in the preferred options report include some major brownfield sites, but also some greenfield sites.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The target of doubling the level of economic output over 25 years is far too high. Object to seeking this level of growth

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils commissioned a Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), which considers the likely growth of the economy over the period to 2041, and the land requirements that would entail.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Only support controlled economic growth, linked to housing growth and the provision of affordable housing

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The needs of the Greater Cambridge economy have been carefully considered when developing the preferred options. The Councils commissioned a Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020) which explored potential jobs growth, and an accompanying study has considered how this would relate to

the need for homes. This has been reflected in the approach to jobs and homes identified for consultation in the preferred options report. More information can also be found in the Strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Location of economic growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Sustainable economic growth is supported which should not compromise the City's identity, and should seek to protect the environment

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policies and allocations proposed in the Preferred Options Report seek to support and enhance sustainable economic growth in the area, taking into account the impacts of growth on the character and appearance of the area, and the impacts on the environment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Location of economic growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support growth outside of Cambridge City

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options report identifies a number of development locations outside Cambridge. The Local Plan needs to identify and respond to the development needs of Greater Cambridge unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework. The preferred options sets out how development needs could be met, and they are being subject to consultation before the local plan is drafted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for economic growth in market towns as well as Cambridge City

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The market towns are located outside Greater Cambridge. The Local Plan needs to identify and respond to the development needs of Greater Cambridge unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably

outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework. The preferred options sets out how development needs could be met, and they are being subject to consultation before the local plan is drafted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Transport is key to the spatial strategy. No support for reduced car parking and access in Cambridge City Centre.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure section of the Preferred Options Report proposes a policy approach to car parking in new developments which would seek to reduce parking where there are sustainable transport alternatives.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

An effective transportation system is fundamental to sustaining economic growth. Car-based commuting is unsustainable, therefore support growth along the East West Rail line.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The development strategy proposed in the Preferred Options Report considers the location of homes relative to jobs and sustainable transport infrastructure. Further information can be found in the strategy section of the plan, as well as the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Economic growth needs to be captured in an appropriate spatial strategy which balances employment growth with housing development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed in the Preferred Options Report seeks to ensure that a sufficient level of housing growth is allocated to support economic growth anticipated.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure housing growth is located close to employment opportunities

How the comments have been taken into account:

The development strategy proposed in the Preferred Options Report considers the location of homes relative to jobs and sustainable transport infrastructure. Further information can be found in the strategy section of the plan, as well as the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Economic growth should be supported by appropriate services and facilities, including healthcare services

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This issue is addressed in the Infrastructure theme in the preferred option report, and sets out policy proposals regarding infrastructure delivery. The Local Plan will also be accompanied by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will set out what is needed, when it is needed, and how it will be funded.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Hi-tech related growth will require a higher quality environment

How the comments have been taken into account:

The Great Places theme proposes policy approaches which would seek high quality design in all new development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to the allocation of A5 uses

How the comments have been taken into account:

Local Plan development management policies can seek to restrict A5 uses (hot food takeaways) in certain areas, for example near schools. The Preferred

Options Report seeks views on this issue in the Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to Policy 44 of the existing Local Plan, restricting the development of supporting residential facilities to be in step with expansion in student places.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policies seek to address the impact of language schools on housing stock. The policy approach is proposed to be taken forward into the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Policies in the new Local Plan should provide flexibility for businesses in the area to expand. The new Local Plan should seek to support business to expand without overly restrictive policies.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The Preferred Options Report proposes policies which seek to support the expansion of businesses appropriate to the location.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should include a new strategy for tourism, seeking to increase longer-stay visits who have the greatest benefits to the economy, and reducing short-stay visits.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The Preferred Options Report proposes policy approaches to address visitor accommodation and visitor facilities. It seeks to support the benefits provided by tourism, as well as addressing some of the challenges, particularly in relation to short term lets. The Jobs Topic Paper provides further information, including the approach to preparing further evidence at the next stages of plan making when the impacts of COVID-19 on the industry can be better understood.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Tourism related facilities should be provided outside of the City Centre

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support homeworking by ensuring the provision of good quality broadband services

Economic growth should be supported, and site-specific proposals are referenced as being suitable to help accommodate it.

The new Local Plan should focus on creating good places to live

Set up Greater Cambridge Job Guarantee Program. Supporting people who have been out of work for long periods of time to find a job.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The Infrastructure theme of the Preferred Options Report proposes a policy approach which would require the provision of high quality broadband services in new development proposals to support opportunities for homeworking.

Noted. A range of site-specific proposals have been referenced in representations to this question. Sites suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

The Great Places theme in the Preferred Options Report proposes policies which seek high quality design and landscaping in all new development proposals.

The new Local Plan can support economic growth and job creation through economic policies and the aims and objectives of the new Local Plan. It is however beyond the scope of the Local Plan to develop a Job Guarantee Program.

Q25: What kind of business and industrial space do you think is most needed in the area?

Overarching theme / topic

Type of employment space

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide a wide variety of employment space in terms of location, size, function, and price to offer choice for occupiers.

Ensure provision of business and industrial space, including start-up, incubator, and grow-on space, with flexibility to adapt to changing working practices.

Plan for flexible workspace and co-working hubs with shared facilities.

Provide small employment space for high-tech and manufacturing companies in key villages and new settlements.

Support for skate shops, skate parks, art galleries, and youthful cultural spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to these by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review 2020.

Further information is available in the Strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

The Jobs theme includes policy proposals regarding work hubs and shared facilities.

A study of the needs of Creative Industries has been carried out and has informed policy proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Economic growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Strengthen opportunities for local supply chains to engage in the growth industries of the region.

Greater Cambridge should provide housing delivery in excess of its standard method figure, potentially doubling delivery rates to meet current demand.

Provide flexible commercial space in both urban and rural areas.

Policies should seek to strengthen Cambridge's Science and Technology sector.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals for creating inclusive employment and business opportunities.

The Strategy Chapter considers local need for housing and employment growth.

The Jobs theme includes policy proposals regarding affordable workspace and work hubs.

A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to these by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review 2020, including the needs of Cambridge's high technology clusters. Further details are available in the Strategy theme and accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues raised in comments

Allocate new employment land to provide local jobs closer to homes, diversify rural employment, and reduce commuting.

Ensure new employment space maximises health and wellbeing through location and building design.

Identify sufficient land and business space to meet the growth of knowledge-intensive businesses.

Allocate a dedicated park for the AgriTech sector.

Provide a distribution hub to reduce HGV traffic and air pollution in Cambridge.

Allocate additional land to support the expanding life sciences sector.

Include adaptable business and light industrial space in new developments.

Allocate land for manufacturing enterprises in major developments.

Allocate new business parks to meet future business needs.

Identify B8 distribution opportunities along the A14 corridor.

Allocate employment sites for B1, B1C, and B2 uses along the A10 corridor.

Allocate land for the relocation of light industrial manufacturing.

Support business units in medium and smaller villages to create local jobs and reduce travel.

Retain businesses within Cambridge City rather than relocating them to the periphery.

Allocate land to support growth in life sciences, digital and information technologies (including AI), advanced manufacturing and materials, and agri-tech sectors.

Objection to allocating additional employment land; preference for prioritising affordable housing.

Objection to allocating more employment land where existing sites, such as the Biomedical Campus, are not yet fully developed.

How the comments have been taken into account

The development strategy considers the relationship between homes and jobs, and access to sustainable transport. Further information can be found in the Strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

A range of sites are already identified as commitments, with the Preferred Options Report proposing additional sites based on the Employment Land Review 2020. This includes support for high-tech clusters, life sciences, warehousing, and a mix of business uses in both urban and rural areas.

It is not considered that there is a need for a specific major site for agri-tech in Greater Cambridge. The First Proposals includes a number of site proposals in addition to the significant committed land supply for employment.

Policies are proposed to protect existing employment sites, particularly for industrial uses in Cambridge.

The strategy also balances employment land needs with the provision of affordable housing.

Specific considerations for the Cambridge Biomedical Campus are addressed in the Strategy theme and Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Rural economy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support policies which allow flexible growth of local businesses within the rural economy

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Preferred Options Report includes proposals for policies which would support employment development in the rural area of various types appropriate to the location whilst balancing sustainability issues.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure all business and industrial spaces are connected to sustainable modes of transport and are accessible from surrounding residential areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The identification of site allocations in the Preferred Options Report has considered the relationship with the transport network and sustainable travel opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Require new employment-related development to provide cycle facilities, including changing rooms and electric bike parking.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Preferred Options Report proposes policy approaches to ensure appropriate cycle parking in the Infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Currently, there is insufficient business space to meet the needs of the agri-tech sector.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). However, it is not considered that there is a need for a specific major site for agri-tech in Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Need for facilities in the Cambridge area for technology development / process development related to advanced therapies, including cellular and gene therapies. Need for facilities which are responsible for turning the research into usable therapies.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). This includes responding to the needs of Cambridge's high technology clusters. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There are insufficient manufacturing facilities for making clinical grade products that can be used for patients.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). This includes opportunities for industry and warehousing as well as research and development and offices.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Need for more prime office floorspace in high quality developments in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a need for small to medium office and manufacturing/engineering/laboratory units.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Policy approaches are also proposed regarding affordable workspace and local work hubs. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a need for more serviced and un-serviced offices.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Policy approaches are also proposed regarding affordable workspace and local work hubs. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Mix suitable employment space with housing more organically to encourage local working.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding affordable workspace as well as local work hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a need for small, affordable start-up units for lower skilled businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding affordable workspace as well as work hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a need for small incubator units for industrial, research and development or office-based businesses to provide opportunity for small business to start and hopefully grow into larger premises.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding affordable workspace as well as work hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

When it comes to high quality, affordable prototyping manufacturing and testing space, there is a major shortage in the area. This type of employment use needs to operate from larger buildings and cannot operate from the stock of offices and laboratories currently available within the local market.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different

sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocating space for large tech company headquarter buildings with good access to sustainable modes of transport.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). The identification of site allocations in the Report has considered the relationship with the transport network and sustainable travel opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is need for a mixture of B1, B2 and B8 industrial spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Need for more warehouse space in the area, linked to transport connections.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). This includes proposals for additional space regarding local warehousing.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should seek to provide for lower skilled jobs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding creating inclusive employment and business opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Local Plan should seek to provide new retail development and hotel accommodation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Preferred Options Report proposes policies regarding retail and visitor accommodation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Needs for growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Plan should encourage the development of incubator and innovation developments in prime locations. Cambridge needs to do more to support its own “home-grown” commercial opportunities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding affordable workspace as well as work hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Environment and climate change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Spaces should be sustainable, built to Passivhaus standards, with good access by sustainable modes of transport and good disabled access.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the Preferred Options Report proposes

building standards that would apply to employment developments, and the Infrastructure theme addresses transport access.

Overarching theme / topic:

Retail

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should seek to support traditional market traders.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allow a degree of flexibility within the key employment policies in order to allow for the changing circumstances of the market which move much faster than planning policy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposals in the Preferred Options Report respond to the evidence provided by the Employment Land Review, and seek to deliver a flexible supply of employment land which can respond to changing circumstances.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Local Plan must not seek to dilute or work against the promotion of start-ups and existing businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020).

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should be regularly reviewed to ensure forecasted growth is occurring as planned.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan will be subject to regular review.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should seek to protect existing businesses by providing / maintaining affordable space.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. As well as responding to the need for new sites, policies are proposed which would seek to protect existing employment sites, particularly for industrial employment in Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

To support the economy, the new Local Plan should seek to support sectors in education, health and tourism.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report proposes policy approaches related to the tourism industry. Education and health are addressed in the Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Encourage the location of businesses that can provide jobs for local young people.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding creating inclusive employment and business opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should support homeworking.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Preferred Options Report identifies policy approaches related to support of homeworking, which can be found in the Jobs theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support ‘farmstarts’ / small growers.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report proposes policy approaches related to the rural economy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support tourism related activities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report proposes policy approaches related to the tourism industry.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a need for more leisure facilities in the area, including swimming pools.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Infrastructure needs related to development will be identified through the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will accompany the draft Local Plan.

Q26: Do you think we should be protecting existing business and industrial space?

Overarching theme / topic:

Assessing the need for existing employment space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

A greater understanding of industrial need is required, and in particular how essential

it is for certain businesses to be in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Proposed Options Report has been informed by the Employment Land Review (2020) which has explored the needs of the economy. As well as responding to the need for new sites, policies are proposed which would seek to protect existing employment sites, particularly for industrial employment in Cambridge. Detailed issues have also been explored through the North East Cambridge AAP process.

Overarching theme / topic:

Assessing the need for existing employment space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a need in the local area for more B1c, B2, and B8 uses to fulfil operator demand.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Proposed Options Report has been informed by the Employment Land Review (2020) which has explored the needs of the economy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Assessing the need for existing employment space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a significant shortage of both residential and commercial floorspace across Greater Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Proposed Options Report has been informed by the Employment Land Review (2020) which has explored the needs of the economy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Assessing the need for existing employment space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Assess existing employment land to determine the most appropriate locations to continue employment uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has reviewed existing employment sites and allocations to consider if they warrant continued allocation or protection, and the findings are reflected in the Proposed Options Report.

Overarching theme / topic:

Assessing the need for existing employment space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the change of use of employment land in village locations where the uses are now inappropriate for the local area due to noise and the use of the local road network by HGVs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed policy approach regarding protection of employment land would continue to allow redevelopment where it was demonstrated existing use is generating environmental problems such as noise, pollution, or unacceptable levels of traffic and any alternative employment use would continue to generate similar environmental problems.

Overarching theme / topic:

Protecting existing employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Protect existing employment in rural areas and sustainable locations

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. As well as responding to the need for new sites, policies are proposed which would seek to protect existing employment sites, particularly for industrial employment in Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Protecting existing employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Protect existing employment space which meets local needs

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. As well as responding to the need for new sites, policies are proposed which would seek to protect existing employment sites, particularly for industrial employment in Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Protecting existing employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Local Plan should seek to protect sites associated with waste management, concrete, coated roadstones, and rail heads from the pressures for housing land.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure chapter of the Preferred Options Report proposes the approach to protecting existing infrastructure. The North East Cambridge AAP has considered the particular circumstances around the site at Chesterton Sidings.

Overarching theme / topic:

Protecting existing employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new Local Plan policies require appropriate marketing of employment sites before change of use can be allowed.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. As well as responding to the need for new sites, policies are proposed which would seek to protect existing employment sites, particularly for industrial employment in Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Protecting existing employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider enforcing a charge / payment per job lost where the change of use of an employment site has occurred.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. As well as responding to the need for new sites, policies are proposed which would seek to protect existing employment sites. However, putting forward a charge as suggested is not possible in the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Protecting existing employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to requiring evidence of marketing employment sites before a change of use can occur.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however it is considered that a policy which would seek to protect existing employment sites is justified. Protecting employment space is an important part of the sustainability of places, and for meeting the needs of the economy. It is considered that a policy seeking protection is justified. Further information is provided in the Jobs Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Protecting existing employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to the arbitrary protection of employment space which is not needed.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however it is considered that a policy which would seek to protect existing employment sites is justified. Protecting employment space is an important part of the sustainability of places, and for meeting the needs of the economy. It is considered that a policy seeking protection is justified. Further information is provided in the Jobs topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Accessibility

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Employment opportunities in the area should be accessible by sustainable and active modes of transport.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The identification of site allocations in the Preferred Options Report has considered the relationship with the transport network and sustainable travel opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Assess existing employment space to review performance against proposed carbon reduction measures in the Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy approaches proposed in the Climate Change theme would seek for new employment developments to respond to climate change including addressing carbon impacts.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should seek to encourage local businesses to reduce their carbon footprint.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy approaches proposed in the Climate Change theme would seek for new employment developments to respond to climate change including addressing carbon impacts.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the protection of employment space to reduce commuting distances and the associated impacts on the environment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. As well as responding to the need for new sites, policies are proposed which would seek to protect existing employment sites, particularly for industrial employment in Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Local Plan should seek to provide a wide range of employment opportunities in different sectors to ensure a robust economy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure the new Local Plan supports a wide range of sectors, not just technology and science sectors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Further information can be found in the

strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should allocate additional land for general industrial uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Additional employment land should be allocated to ensure existing businesses can continue to stay in the area where they are required to relocate.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide appropriate locations which encourage and support local small and start-up businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Policy approaches are also proposed regarding affordable workspace and work hubs. Further information can be found in

the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a need for 'transfer' warehousing outside of Cambridge, to transfer goods onto smaller vehicles for access into the city.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Transport theme includes a section and policy approach related to freight and delivery consolidation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Need for smaller manufacturing / production premises in village locations outside of Cambridge to support demand.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Additional employment allocations should be made (with reference to a number of site specific proposals).

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of site-specific proposals have been referenced in representations to this question. Sites suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should encourage more flexible employment spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Policy approaches are also proposed regarding affordable workspace and work hubs. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

North East Cambridge represents a significant and unique opportunity to create a new and innovative high-density, high quality, mixed use Quarter for Cambridge and its surrounding area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Policy approaches are also proposed regarding affordable workspace and work hubs. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Change of use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Planning policy should support the effective use of land for new development, by allocating housing growth on under-utilised employment areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has reviewed existing employment sites and allocations to consider if they warrant continued allocation or protection, and the findings are reflected in the Proposed Options Report.

Overarching theme / topic:

Change of use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the removal of employment uses from the area, to be replaced by no development, to reduce water usage.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. In accordance with the requirements of national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan should seek to meet the growth needs of the area unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. The plan has been informed by a range of evidence, including considering the impact of development on the environment. The Employment Land Review (2020) has reviewed existing employment sites and allocations to consider if they warrant continued allocation or protection, and the findings are reflected in the Proposed Options Report. Water availability is an important issue for the plan, and an Integrated Water Strategy has been commissioned to inform the plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Retail

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Replace all edge of centre retail sheds with housing to support the City Centre.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail policies proposed under the Jobs theme will be informed by an updated assessment of the retail needs of Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Retail

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the allocation of additional land for supermarkets in Trumpington.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail policies proposed under the Jobs theme will be informed by an updated assessment of the retail needs of Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Retail

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to the development of out of town shopping areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail policies proposed under the Jobs theme address this issue, and

propose to continue a sequential approach which seeks to focus development into town centres.

Overarching theme / topic:

Retail

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the creation of small shopping arcades which support small retail units.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail policies proposed under the Jobs theme address this issue, proposing ways to support retail during a period of rapid change in retail habits.

Overarching theme / topic:

Retail

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the conversion of shops to housing / offices where the need for physical retail premises is declining.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail policies proposed under the Jobs theme address this issue. It is considered important to keep town centres as active and viable places, therefore the approach proposes to seek to maintain a range of uses, and in some areas restrict changes to residential where planning permission is required. Further information can be found in the Jobs Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure new residential developments support home working.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Preferred Options Report identifies policy approaches related to support of homeworking, which can be found in the Jobs theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Incorporate industrial (i.e. B1c) accommodation within a mixed use development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The major development sites proposed in the Preferred Options Report are to include a range of housing and employment types.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The economy of the area should be supported by the provision of high quality education.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure theme of the Preferred Options Report considers infrastructure needs related to education. The Jobs theme also proposes a policy approach related to faculty development.

Q27: How should we balance supporting our knowledge-intensive sectors, with creating a wide range of different jobs? What kind of jobs would you like to see created in the area?

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a requirement for a range of job opportunities, in urban and more rural areas. The Local Plan policy framework needs to provide for a full range of opportunities

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the provision of a range of size and type of units and facilities for pilot plants as well as future production facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Availability of suitable sites and premises in excellent locations outside of Cambridge is a key factor in spreading the economic growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

It would be inappropriate to actively encourage inward investment from sectors unrelated to the knowledge cluster through specific land allocations in the Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Whilst the preferred options seek to support the high technology cluster, it also seeks to deliver a range of other jobs to provide access to employment to a range of people.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should focus high-tech knowledge intensive sectors in Cambridge City, and allocate other sectors in new settlements outside the city.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. The high tech sectors can be found in a range of locations across Greater Cambridge, and the proposed options seek to respond with a range of suitable policies.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocating new employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Sites for manufacturing, storage and distribution which are not particularly well-suited to a city centre or urban edge location, should be allocated in the new Local Plan, close to major transport links and public transport, but also close to houses for the workforce.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. This includes proposals for industrial uses and warehousing.

Overarching theme / topic:

Location of employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Concern about the proliferation of science/business parks dotted around the rural fringes of Cambridge. Collectively they are having a significant impact on travel patterns (exacerbated because some of them are poorly located for public transport or cycling) and the previously rural character of the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Developing growth sectors

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should support artificial intelligence (AI), science and technology, and biomedical clusters to locate in the area and develop local supply chains.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Informed by the Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), the Preferred Options Report responds to the employment land needs identified.

Overarching theme / topic:

Developing growth sectors

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should support growth in the agri-tech research and development sector.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is not considered that there is a need for a specific major site for agri-tech in Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Developing growth sectors

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Seek to develop a low carbon / green technology cluster of companies that develop approaches to reducing our impact on the environment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Informed by the Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), the Preferred Options Report responds to the employment land needs identified.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth needs in the area

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a local shortfall in floorspace for industrial and warehousing/logistics operators. The new Local Plan should support the location of the logistics sector in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. This includes proposals for industrial uses and warehousing.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth needs in the area

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

An economic development assessment is required to analyse current employment patterns and existing skills profiles in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

In accordance with national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan should

seek to allocate sufficient employment land to meet the needs of the area. Informed by the Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), the Preferred Options Report responds to the employment land needs identified.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth needs in the area

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should seek to support the need of lower skilled workers in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth needs in the area

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a need to encourage more skilled and semi-skilled blue collar employment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth needs in the area

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Based on economic growth projections, the existing provision of locations for mid-tech clusters in the area would be full during the Plan period. There is therefore a need to allocate additional employment land in the new Local Plan to accommodate mid-tech clusters.

How the comments have been taken into account:

In accordance with national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan should seek to allocate sufficient employment land to meet the needs of the area. Informed by the Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), the Preferred Options Report responds to the employment land needs identified.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth needs in the area

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is a need for small premises to be located in towns and villages throughout the

area to support small businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). A number of sites are proposed at villages, along with policies to support windfall sites coming forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth needs in the area

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to economic growth in this area. Growth should instead be located in North Wales or in the north of England.

How the comments have been taken into account:

In accordance with national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan should seek to allocate sufficient employment land to meet the needs of the area. Informed by the Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), the Preferred Options Report responds to the employment land needs identified.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Need to encourage working patterns which support reduced travel and the use of more sustainable modes of transport.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the Preferred Options Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic linkages

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Huntingdonshire District Council will be pleased to work collaboratively with Greater Cambridge to encourage linkages to Huntingdonshire and in particular Alconbury Enterprise Zone and supply chains in terms of Huntingdonshire's advanced manufacturing industry.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Discussions with neighbouring authorities have continued, and have been captured in the evidence on duty to cooperate accompanying the Preferred Options Report.

Overarching theme / topic:

Retail

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for affordable retail rents and lower rates. The Local Plan should seek to ensure all types of businesses can afford to locate in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. While much of this issue may be beyond the scope of the plan, the Jobs theme does include a policy approach regarding affordable business space.

Overarching theme / topic:

Job creation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should encourage flexible jobs, part time jobs, supporting people with varying needs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Preferred Options Report includes policy approaches regarding creative industries.

Overarching theme / topic:

Job creation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the creation of creative jobs in arts and culture in the area, and jobs which connect people with nature and the land.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The expansion of Papworth Business Park to the east is considered an appropriate location for B1, B2 and B8 uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The redevelopment of the Travis Perkins site for a high density mixed-use development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Supporting the development of a dedicated agri-tech park at Hinxton.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Redevelopment of areas around Cambridge central station for high quality offices.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Development of land at Capital Park provides an opportunity for a variety of commercial developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Redevelopment of Kett House and 10 Station Road for a high density commercial-led development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Gas Field, Madingley Road provides an opportunity for a variety of commercial developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for employment related development at Cambridge East.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the Lolworth Developments Ltd (LDL) 100 ha employment site proposal for storage and distribution close to Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Proposed growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Endurance site at Melbourn is the perfect example of a site suited for delivering these non-traditional types of business for Cambridgeshire.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Environment and climate change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should encourage market gardening and farming to produce local food and reduce food miles.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. In some ways this is beyond the scope of the Plan, but the open space policies can consider the need for allotments and other types of open space.

Overarching theme / topic:

Environment and climate change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the development of wind turbines in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme proposes a policy approach regarding renewable energy proposals, including the approach to wind energy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Environment and climate change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should support the creation of jobs in the green, sustainable economy (e.g. recycling, sustainable food products).

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Environment and climate change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New businesses being established in the area should be required to maintain biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Both issues are addressed in the Preferred Options Report.

Overarching theme / topic:

Environment and climate change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should seek to encourage support chain companies which will support existing companies, and reduce the distances required to transport goods.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different

sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. The report also proposes a policy approach to support delivery consolidation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should support the creation of community centres where people can learn new skills while also seeking to address loneliness and mental health issues.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Wellbeing and Social Inclusion section of the Preferred Options Report includes policy approaches which would seek to address needs for community facilities and deliver meanwhile uses.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Plan should require new businesses to create links with local schools and colleges.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Plan, but the Jobs section of the Preferred Options Report does propose a policy approach which would seek to widen the job opportunities created by new development.

Q28: In providing for a range of employment space, are there particular locations we should be focusing on? Are there specific locations important for different types of business or industry?

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New Local Plan should support a range of businesses located at South

Cambridgeshire villages, in both small premises and business parks or industrial estates

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). A number of sites are proposed at villages, along with policies to support windfall sites coming forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Spread employment space throughout the area in a dispersed manner to spread the economic benefits, reduce pressure on Cambridge City infrastructure, and potentially reduce commuting distances.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Plan for new business space or flexible co-working space in and adjacent to neighbourhoods or villages, thereby reducing the need to travel.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Recommend a dispersal strategy moving jobs away from Cambridge city and into the key rural centres.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Locations with high levels of public transport access should be identified for business uses. This would include sites within walking distance of train stations, travel hubs and along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals Report, and the accompanying Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Locations with high levels of public transport access should be identified for businesses with high employment densities

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the location of employment growth on public transport corridors

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Growth locations should be accessible by active and sustainable travel modes

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The edge of the city is likely to need to be the focus for future employment growth. To achieve the most sustainable commuting patterns, housing similarly needs to be

located on the edge of the city

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A number of sites on the edge of Cambridge are proposed in the First Proposals Report along with policies to support windfall sites coming forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Seek to co-locate new employment and housing in new settlements

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments in our new communities, and the First Proposals Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). A number of opportunities for new employment are proposed within or alongside new communities along with policies to support windfall sites coming forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the location of new employment land in new communities

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

General comments on growth locations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the allocation of employment clusters that provide for a range of users, including B1c, B2 and B8 in close proximity to major road networks at the edge of villages or in close proximity to services and existing employment uses

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites in a number of different locations across Greater Cambridge by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020).

Overarching theme / topic:

Types of employment sites / space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

More community-scaled facilities for start-ups and incubators should also be encouraged within new or expanding housing areas and employment areas

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding affordable workspace as well as local work hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Types of employment sites / space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New Local Plan should allow for new business space, or flexible co-working space, in neighbourhoods or villages to help reduce the need to travel and support the net zero carbon aspirations

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the Preferred Options Report includes policy proposals regarding affordable workspace as well as local work hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Types of employment sites / space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There is now an established demand from across the ‘mid-tech’, ‘high technology’ and ‘bio tech’ industries (amongst others) for hybrid business units that cater for a mix of business needs

How the comments have been taken into account:

In accordance with national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan should seek to allocate sufficient employment land to meet the needs of the area. Informed by the Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020), the preferred options report responds to the employment land needs identified.

Overarching theme / topic:

Types of employment sites / space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support homeworking by providing dwellings with flexible spaces, good broadband services, and local cafes or co-working spaces

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure theme of the preferred options report proposes a policy approach which would require the provision of high quality broadband services in new development proposals to support opportunities for homeworking, the homes theme addresses adaptions to homes that may be needed and the jobs theme includes policies to support home working and local employment hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Types of employment sites / space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provision of affordable workspaces with subsidised or low-rent for small businesses and start-ups, and short-term premises for pop-ups.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Jobs theme in the First Proposals Report includes policy proposals regarding affordable workspace as well as local work hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Types of employment sites / space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

All new developments should include some flexible employment space

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the First Proposals Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Policy approaches are also proposed regarding affordable work space and work hubs. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying Strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Types of employment sites / space

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

It is essential that a range of business and industrial space is provided. This should include space for start-ups (for those business in the early stage of a new business), Incubator (providing start-up and scale-up space for companies, including support and services) and grow-on space (premises suitable for small growing businesses). The plan should be flexible to adapt to changing working practices and respond quickly to opportunities for specialist space.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites in a number of different locations across Greater Cambridge by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). Policy approaches are also proposed regarding affordable work space and local work hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Taller prime office buildings could locate at Cambridge's railway stations to focus development at transport hubs; keeping the city compact, but supporting the demand for high quality office space, particularly that arising from a cluster of knowledge intensive and artificial intelligence firms around Cambridge Central station

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

A new settlement at Station Fields has the ability to provide new local employment opportunities

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The expansion of Papworth Business Park to the east is considered an appropriate location for B1, B2 and B8 uses

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

We would encourage further employment land allocations at Cambourne as part of such an approach.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Land east of Long Road, Comberton could deliver both modern homes, that have been designed to allow working from home, as well as new modern business/flexible co-working space for the wider community.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Brickyard Farm, Boxworth site offers a unique and essential opportunity to address the gap in supply to meet particular needs and requirements of the logistics sector.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing

commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support employment growth at Cambourne alongside the introduction of new infrastructure, including the East West Rail and the Cambridge Autonomous Metro.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Cambridge Science Park North should be allocated to provide skilled manufacturing and development of science and technology products linked to research and development

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Supporting the development of a dedicated AgriTech park at Hinxton Grange

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocate land north-east of Villa Road, Histon, for uses associated with the AgriTech or high-tech sector to complement the established firms that are located within Vision Park and NIAB's crop research facilities at Park Farm.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Development of land at Capital Park provides an opportunity for a variety of commercial developments

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the redevelopment of the Barrington cement works is an opportunity for heavier industrial units.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Land at Ely Road, Milton site has the potential to provide office space close to the Science Park for employment use either as part of a mixed use residential allocation,

or as a satellite employment allocation in its own right.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide new B1 uses as part of a comprehensively planned mixed-use community on the edge of Cambridge

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Gas Field, Madingley Road provides an opportunity for a variety of commercial developments

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for employment related development at Cambridge East. The principle of residential and employment uses have already been established at Cambridge East through the AAP and this site is the primary candidate for large-scale mixed use development that can meet a range of employment needs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the Lolworth Developments Ltd's (LDL) 100 ha employment site proposal for storage and distribution close to Cambridge, on land between Bar Hill and the new settlement of Northstowe.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Hybrid business units at Trinity Hall industrial estate

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

A new community proposed at the Six Mile Bottom Estate would provide for jobs and homes significantly reducing the need for car journeys

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing

commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for residential and employment development at Foxton, adjacent to Foxton station.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Proposed employment hub of 1 hectare on land adjacent to Balsham Road, Linton

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Endurance Estate’s site at Melbourn should be been identified as a suitable site to be allocated as a mixed-use business park within the emerging Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support employment growth at Northstowe

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support employment growth at Fulbourn and Abington Park Farm

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support employment growth at Cottenham, Melbourne and Sawston

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support employment growth on land to the south of the A14 services

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support employment growth at Stapleford and Great Shelford

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the allocation of a strategic scale logistics site at the Crow Green junction of the A1198 / A428.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the allocation of a major new General Aviation and aerospace cluster (“AvTech”) at Duxford

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Specific growth locations recommended

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for employment growth in south Cambridge, including villages such as Duxford and Whittlesford

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic: Important existing employment areas
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP: Existing Science Parks are important sites, and for medical science the area around Addenbrookes is important. The Genome campus, Granta Park, and just across the border with Essex Chesterford Park, are all important existing employment sites. Melbourne Science Park should also be considered in the Plan.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. A range of sites are already identified as commitments, and the Preferred Options Report seeks to add to those sites by responding to the recommendations of the Employment Land Review (2020). A number of sites are proposed are adjacent to existing science and research parks.

Overarching theme / topic:
Important existing employment areas
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:
Melbourn Science Park, Granta Park and Cambridge Innovation Park, currently have available space or the potential for further growth
How the comments have been taken into account:
Noted. The Employment Land Review (2020) has considered the needs of different sectors, and the plan responds with allocations which would add to existing commitments. Proposals have been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.
Overarching theme / topic:
Important existing employment areas
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:
Is it really a good idea to lose the specialist engineering employment opportunities which Cambridge Airport and Marshalls currently provides?
How the comments have been taken into account:
Noted. The relocation of Marshalls is outside the control of the Local Plan. However, the Strategy section of the First Proposals document seeks a mix of employment

uses on the Cambridge East site.

Overarching theme / topic:

Economic links with surrounding areas

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider links with economic growth areas in Essex

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Through the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, the Council will consider the strategic cross boundary links with surrounding areas. This will include economic links.

Overarching theme / topic:

Retail

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Encourage retail growth in Cambridge City Centre for small independent businesses by lowering rates

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Jobs theme regarding retail and centres seeks to respond to this point.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Business locations should not adversely impact residential areas in relation to visual and traffic impacts

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Jobs theme regarding new employment development seeks to respond to this point.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

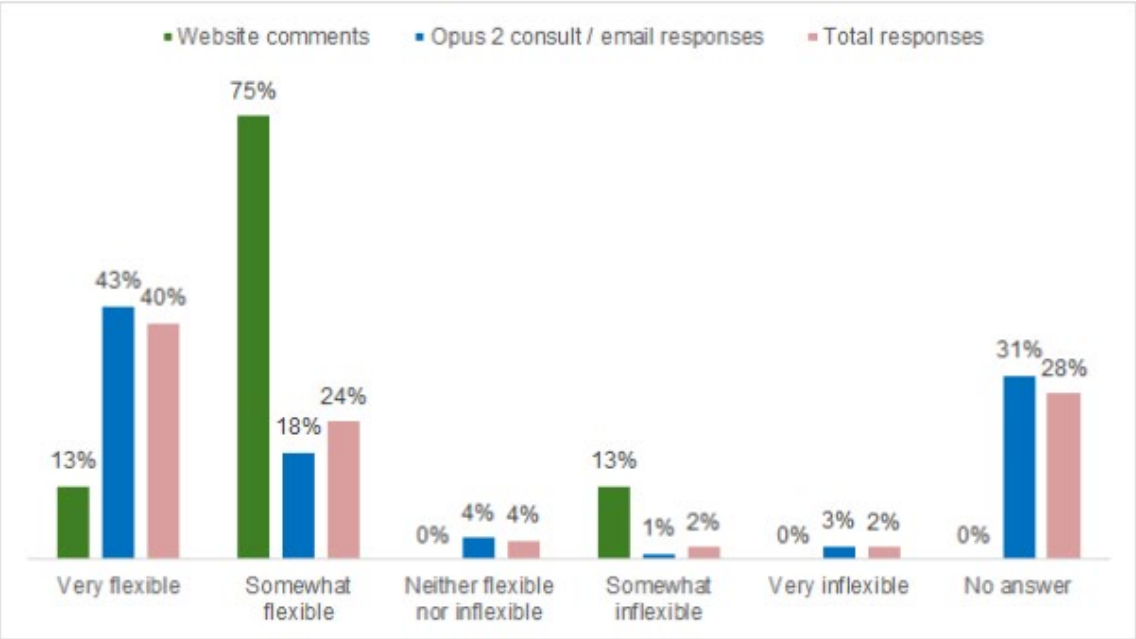
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Protect existing shops and schools in South Newnham Neighbourhood Area

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Jobs themes supports the retention of retail uses on high streets and in local communities. Education will be explored by the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Q29: How flexible should we be about the uses we allow in our city, town, district, local and village centres?



8 website comments and 77 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

Most respondents felt we should be flexible, with 64% overall answering very or somewhat flexible. Website commenters strongly felt that some, but not a lot of flexibility was preferable, although there were relatively few respondents to this question.

88% of website commenters (8 in total), and 57% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (77) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Supporting a range of uses

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Policy can help to support a range of business types, from a flexible range of unit types and sizes (including for start-ups and Small and Medium Sized Enterprises), specialist uses like commercial laboratory space, hybrid buildings capable of a mix of uses, incorporating offices and manufacturing uses, to shared social spaces, for example central hubs, cafes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The needs of the Greater Cambridge Economy have been carefully considered when developing the preferred options. The Councils commissioned a Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020) which explored potential jobs growth, and the need for different types of employment land in terms of quantity, type and location. Policies and proposals in the preferred options seek to respond to the needs identified, and a range of policies in the preferred options address the issues such as shared social spaces.

Overarching theme / topic:

Supporting a range of uses

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Seek to ensure that the Local Plan meets the varied employment needs of the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The needs of the Greater Cambridge Economy have been carefully considered when developing the preferred options. The Councils commissioned a Greater Cambridge Employment Land Review (2020) which explored potential jobs growth, and the need for different types of employment land in terms of quantity, type and location.

Overarching theme / topic:

Flexibility for change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Enable town centres to be flexible to response to changes in the future.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail polices proposed under the jobs theme address this issue. It is considered important to keep town centres as active and viable places, therefore the approach proposes to seek to maintain a range of uses, and in some areas restrict changes to residential where planning permission is required. Further information can be found in the Jobs topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Flexibility for change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Changing retail habits should allow for alternative uses to be provided in central areas, such as more leisure, residential and office uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Flexibility for change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the reductions in policy requirements / burdens when seeking changes of use.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Flexibility for change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Policies need to be flexible to allow centres to define their own identities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Flexibility for change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Flexibility may be needed to support tourism.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Flexibility for change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the use of vacant retail premises for the display of art.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Flexibility for change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for more conversion of retail premises to residential uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail polices proposed under the jobs theme address this issue. It is considered important to keep town centres as active and viable places, therefore

the approach proposes to seek to maintain a range of uses, and in some areas restrict changes to residential where planning permission is required. Further information can be found in the Jobs topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Flexibility for change

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to flexibility to change in Cambridge City Centre, where the character of some areas can be detrimentally affected by alternative uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail and centres policy approach proposed in the jobs theme seeks to support the adaption of centres in light of changing retail habits. Any changes requiring planning permission would need to consider the impact on character and heritage, and policy proposals on these issues are identified in the Great Places theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for mixed use developments

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Mixed use site allocations should be encouraged, particularly in rural and new settlements

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Major allocations proposed in the preferred options report would seek to deliver mixed use development where day to day needs can be meet on site.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for mixed use developments

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Mixing uses creates accessible environment through active modes of transport, reducing the need to travel by car.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for mixed use developments

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The mix of uses on a site should be appropriate to the context of the surrounding area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

See response above

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support a flexible approach to the density and height of development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Approaches to density and height are explored in the Great Places theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Any flexibility applied should still seek to protect the character and appearance of the area, and protect heritage assets.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Town centre proposals would also need to consider heritage issues. The proposed option report includes policy approaches regarding heritage in the Great Places theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Vision / strategy for central areas

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

A clear vision for the city centre is needed with flexible policies to maintain the vibrancy and prevent areas of disused and underused buildings which will harm the attractiveness of the city

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail and centres policy approach proposed in the jobs theme seeks to support the adaption of centres in light of changing retail habits.

Overarching theme / topic:

Provision of services

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure that any increased flexibility does not result in the loss of the provision of essential services and facilities in centres.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail and centres policy approach proposed in the jobs theme seeks to strike this balance.

Overarching theme / topic:

Improving centres / high streets

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should support and encourage improvements to be made to high streets in the area to make them better environments to visit.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail and centres policy approach proposed in the jobs theme seeks to support the adaption of centres in light of changing retail habits.

Overarching theme / topic:

Improving centres / high streets

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should seek to reduce congestion in centres

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Partnership is exploring city access as part of their role in improving transport infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic:

Home working

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should include flexible policies which support home working

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure theme of the preferred options report proposes a policy approach which would require the provision of high quality broadband services in new development proposals to support opportunities for homeworking, and the Jobs theme addresses adaptions to homes that may be needed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Need for restrictions

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There should be restrictions in place for student accommodation and Airbnb

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Jobs theme regarding visitor accommodation, which specifically seeks to respond to issues relating to short term lets.

Overarching theme / topic:

Need for restrictions

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure the management and control of polluting businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding pollution seeks to ensure issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Overarching theme / topic:

Need for restriction

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to polluting agricultural uses in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Wellbeing and social inclusion theme regarding pollution seeks to ensure issues are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Overarching theme / topic:

Need for restrictions

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Seek to restrict the growth in tourism related facilities in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The Preferred options report proposes policy approaches to address visitor accommodation and visitor facilities. It seeks to support the benefits provided by tourism, as well as addressing some of the challenges, particularly in relation to short term lets. The Jobs Topic Paper provides further information, including the approach to preparing further evidence at the next stages of plan making when the impacts of covid19 on the industry can be better understood.

Overarching theme / topic:

Need for restrictions

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Encourage more independent shops, and provide lower rates for independent businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach proposed in the Jobs theme regarding retail and

centres seeks to respond to this point.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The Plan should include a review policy, to ensure the Plan remains up to date.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. National Planning policy requires plans to be regularly updated.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider how centres could support climate change mitigation and adaptation features, including flood protection and increased planting and green space.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The issues of responding to climate change and improving green infrastructure are addressed in detail in the preferred options report.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Local communities should be actively consulted regarding new development and change of use.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils' statement of community involvement sets out how the council will engage both in plan making and on planning applications.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support communities seeking to purchase and manage village retail facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is largely beyond the scope of the plan, but policy approaches are proposed regarding the protection of important local facilities where they require planning permission.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for development of brownfield land only.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Use of previously developed land is an important factor, but the plan has to balance a range of issues. Through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment opportunities for brownfield development have been considered. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options has considered brownfield land opportunities alongside a range of other factors. The allocations proposed in the preferred options report include some major brownfield sites, but also some greenfield sites.

Q30: What approach should the next plan take to supporting or managing tourism in Cambridge and the rural area?

Overarching theme / topic:

Restricting tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The next local plan needs to develop policy which will constrain tourist numbers.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan cannot restrict the number of tourists visiting the area.

Overarching theme / topic:

Restricting tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Seek to manage tourism by introducing a visitor / tourist tax which would generate additional revenue and restricting the number of tourist coaches entering the city by, for example, requiring all tourist coaches to drop off passengers at Park and Ride sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Taxation is beyond the scope of the Local Plan

Overarching theme / topic:

Restricting tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Seek to reduce visitor number in Cambridge by promoting other areas to visit.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Local Plan

Overarching theme / topic:

Restricting tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Restrict the use of houses as AirBnBs

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme addresses this issue. Where planning permission is required, the plan will explain the exceptional circumstances when a conversion from residential use to visitor accommodation will be permitted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Visitor facilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for an increase in visitor facilities in the area, including a hotels, conferencing facilities, cafes, restaurants and gyms.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation and retail policies proposed under the jobs theme address these issues. The visitor accommodation policy will respond to the need for new visitor accommodation informed by new needs assessments. New visitor attractions will be supported subject to criteria such as sustainable travel. The retail will continue to support the development of, and where possible protect existing, shops and services.

Overarching theme / topic:

Visitor facilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Recommend licensing and regulation of tour guides, clear and co-ordinated signposting of key sites, and effective tourist management at city centre locations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Local Plan

Overarching theme / topic:

Visitor facilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Recommend improving and increasing the provision of skateboarding facilities to increase the visitor economy

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The open space policy proposed under the biodiversity and green spaces theme addresses this issue. The open space policy will require open space and recreation provision to be provided by new residential development including space for skateboarding.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for growth in tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Policies need to support and protect existing tourism facilities whilst allowing for appropriate expansion and development in context with each site.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme address this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will protect visitor accommodation and support new visitor attractions subject to criteria such as sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for growth in tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Development in Cambridge East could provide the opportunity to increase cultural and tourism related activities for the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation and community facilities policies proposed under the jobs and wellbeing and inclusion themes, respectively address these issues. The visitor accommodation policy will support new visitor attractions subject to criteria such as sustainable travel. The community facilities policy will support new cultural facilities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for growth in tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Create additional visitor attractions in rural areas, to take the pressure off existing attractions such as local nature reserves.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme addresses

this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will support new visitor attractions subject to criteria such as sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for growth in tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider encouraging more overnight visitors, as this has a more positive impact on the economy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme addresses this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will respond to the need for new visitor accommodation informed by new needs assessments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for growth in tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider locating tourist accommodation in residential areas to contribute to a loosening of social cohesion

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme addresses this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will respond to the need for new visitor accommodation informed by new needs assessments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for growth in tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the development of budget accommodation outside the city to encourage more visitors to the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme addresses this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will respond to the need for new visitor accommodation informed by new needs assessments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

There should be a reduction in the amount of hotels in the city, to support an

increase in residential properties in the city.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme addresses this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will respond to the need for new visitor accommodation informed by new needs assessments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in tourism

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to tourism growth in rural areas, as this could increase the use of cars to access visitor facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme addresses this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will support new visitor attractions subject to criteria such as sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for improving sustainable transport links to tourist / visitor activities and sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme address this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will support new visitor attractions subject to criteria such as sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support tourism growth accessible by sustainable modes of transport (train and coach).

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme address this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will support new visitor attractions subject to criteria such as sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support for the provision of tourism activities which incorporate sustainable modes of transport (cycle tours for example)

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme address this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will support new visitor attractions subject to criteria such as sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Tourist coaches should be banned from accessing the City Centre

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Local Plan

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Recommend expanding park and ride facilities to accommodate future growth in tourism related activities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme address this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will support new visitor attractions subject to criteria such as sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green and blue infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the retention and improvement of waterways to support tourism.

Recommend the production of a Water Space Strategy

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping Study includes water spaces.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base / supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should be supported by the production of a sustainable tourism plan / strategy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The emerging Destination Management Plan (DMP) will be a consideration in the new Local Plan which should consider how tourism can be more sustainable.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base / supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The drafting of the new Local Plan should be informed by the emerging Destination Management Plan (DMP) being produced by Visit Cambridge

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The emerging Destination Management Plan (DMP) will be a consideration in the new Local Plan. However, it may be several years before tourism returns to pre-pandemic levels.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base / supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Given the amount of hotels built recently in the area, the Council should assess the need for any more hotels in the future.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The visitor accommodation policy proposed under the jobs theme addresses this issue. The visitor accommodation policy will respond to the need for new visitor accommodation informed by new needs assessments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Retail

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Seek to encourage more independent retail stores and businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The retail policy proposed under the jobs theme address these issues. The retail policy will continue to support the development of, and where possible protect existing, shops and services.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Tourism should be assessed using the same sustainability criteria that would apply to other economic benefits.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. All policies in the Local Plan will include a comprehensive assessment based on sustainability criteria.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Objection to development in the Green Belt and in the countryside.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred option strategy seeks to make the best use of brownfield land, but that the scale of development needs requires some additional development to be located on some greenfield sites.

Q31 How should the Local Plan help to meet our needs for the amount and types of new homes?

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils are required to calculate their housing need based on the national standard method and plan for this growth, unless exceptional circumstances justify an alternative approach taking account of demographic trends and market signals. There is a housing need in Greater Cambridge and therefore the Councils must plan for growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support new development in the north of England instead of Greater Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils are required to calculate their housing need based on the

national standard method and plan for this growth, unless exceptional circumstances justify an alternative approach taking account of demographic trends and market signals. There is a housing need in Greater Cambridge and therefore the Councils must plan for growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not plan for economic growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. However, national planning policy requires local plans to support economic growth and productivity. The continuing strength of the Greater Cambridge economy and its national importance provides justification for continuing to support economic growth in Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Reduce employment growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. However, national planning policy requires local plans to support economic growth and productivity. The continuing strength of the Greater Cambridge economy and its national importance provides justification for continuing to support economic growth in Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Coordinate housing and economic growth to reduce commutes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred housing and jobs requirements have been developed taking account of the relationship between jobs growth and housing needs. The preferred development strategy is for homes and jobs to be located close to each other or accessible by sustainable modes of transport. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocate a sufficient variety of land throughout the plan period and across the plan area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A wide range of developers have put forward sites for consideration through the Call for Sites, and the Councils preferred development strategy includes a mix of sites from small sites in villages to strategic extensions to Cambridge and Cambourne. This mix of sites will deliver throughout the plan period.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocate a minimum 10% of small and medium sites, including in rural areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is anticipated that the housing requirement will be met by a variety of sizes of sites, including smaller sites that will account for in excess of 10% of the housing requirement.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development of strategic, large, medium and small sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A wide range of developers have put forward sites for consideration through the Call for Sites, and the Councils preferred development strategy includes a mix of sites from small sites in villages to strategic extensions to Cambridge and Cambourne. This mix of sites will deliver throughout the plan period.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along transport corridors, including the East-West rail line, around key settlements, in rural locations, in the Green Belt, densification, on brownfield sites, in villages and towns and on and on the edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan sets out a preferred development strategy that focusses new development in sustainable locations, near to employment sites and sustainable

transport options. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan sets out a preferred development strategy that focusses new development in sustainable locations, near to employment sites and sustainable transport options. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support new villages, new towns.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred development strategy includes a mix of sites from small sites in villages to strategic extensions to Cambridge and Cambourne. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support a flexible growth strategy, able to accommodate new sites coming forward during the plan period.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will continue to allow windfall sites (sites not allocated) to come forward during the plan period within Cambridge and the villages.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Work with SMEs to deliver small sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A wide range of developers have put forward sites for consideration through the Call for Sites, and the Councils preferred development strategy includes a mix of sites from small sites in villages to strategic extensions to Cambridge and Cambourne.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support development of gardens, green space, countryside and Green Belt release.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan sets out a preferred development strategy that focusses new development in sustainable locations, near to employment sites and sustainable transport options. Some land within the Green Belt is proposed for new development where this can be justified by exceptional circumstances. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan includes preferred approaches that limit the types of developments that will be allowed in the countryside, set out when the development of gardens is acceptable, and protect green spaces.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support high density development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. National planning policy requires plans to support making efficient use of land, and sets out that locations served by public transport provide opportunities for higher density developments. The preferred approach is therefore to apply a design led approach to determining the capacity of sites so that best use is made of land.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support development in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Our evidence shows that our villages should play only a limited role in meeting future development needs, however some growth is necessary to retain the

vitality of our villages.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider housing and employment need of neighbouring authorities where development is near the Greater Cambridge border.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Through the Duty to Co-operate the Councils are engaging with neighbouring authorities and other organisations.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Assess the impact of higher levels of growth, including on local and strategic infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have tested the impacts of varying housing and jobs growth level options on different considerations, such as infrastructure. More information is included in the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Delivering more housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support co-operative housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for community led housing and co-housing developments, that allows for these developments where they are consistent with residential planning policies.

Overarching theme / topic:

Delivering more housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Convert closed business use buildings to housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Permitted development rights allow some existing redundant employment buildings to be converted to housing. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan in its Great Places, Jobs and Homes themes will include a suite of policies setting out the types

of development that are appropriate in different locations.

Overarching theme / topic:

Delivering more housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Convert existing large properties into micro apartments and extend existing properties.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for the sub-division of existing plots that takes account of a range of factors including harm to local character, open space, heritage, biodiversity and trees.

Overarching theme / topic:

Delivering more housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support subdivision of family homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for the sub-division of existing plots that takes account of a range of factors including harm to local character, open space, heritage, biodiversity and trees.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and requirement

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Meet housing needs for older people, students, key and essential workers, care leavers, ex-service personnel, specialist needs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have commissioned evidence to understand the housing needs of different groups, and this has been used to inform the preferred approach for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. Policies are included that cover a wide range of housing needs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and requirement

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure sufficient houses are delivered to facilitate home ownership and prioritise long-time residents of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have commissioned evidence to understand the housing needs of different groups, and this has been used to inform the preferred approach for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. This has included considering the need for affordable homeownership, as well as market homes, homes for rent, and affordable homes.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and requirement

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support communities through the new Local Plan to meet their own housing need.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will allow individuals or groups to bring forward self and custom build homes or community led housing developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and requirement

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Publish housing need figures.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan sets out the housing need for the area.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and requirement

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Use the standard method to calculate the minimum local housing need, and adjust the figure for the growth strategy, identified strategic infrastructure improvements and meeting affordable housing needs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred housing and jobs requirements have been developed taking account of the relationship between jobs growth and housing needs. The Councils have calculated their housing need based on the standard method but also based on alternative scenarios taking account of anticipated economic growth in the area. The preferred approach is to plan for higher levels of economic growth and the housing growth associated with that level of jobs. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and requirement

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Plan for the standard method.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have considered their housing and jobs requirements based on the standard method, however, given the likely higher levels of jobs growth, the preferred approach is to plan for higher jobs and housing growth than the standard method. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and requirement

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Plan for 66,700 dwellings over the plan period.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have considered their housing and jobs requirements based on the standard method, however, given the likely higher levels of jobs growth, the preferred approach is to plan for higher jobs and housing growth than the standard method. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and requirement

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Base the housing requirement on need instead of demand.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, evidence informing the local plan focuses on the need for new housing.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing need and requirement

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Plan for higher levels of growth, above the standard method.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have considered their housing and jobs requirements based on the standard method, however, given the likely higher levels of jobs growth, the preferred approach is to plan for higher jobs and housing growth than the standard method. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Gypsy and Traveller site needs

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Meet needs for Gypsy and Traveller communities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred approach is that the Greater Cambridge Local Plan will seek to meet identified needs. A new needs assessment is underway and expected to report at the end of 2021, as face to face surveys have been delayed by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Overarching theme / topic:

Gypsy and Traveller site needs

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Increase G&T plot availability with easier planning permission.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred approach is for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan to safeguard existing sites and respond to the need for new sites by seeking provision within large scale new communities and significant major development sites, stand-alone allocations, and the inclusion of a policy to enable windfalls in suitable locations.

Overarching theme / topic:

Gypsy and Traveller site needs

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure G&T sites have proper facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred approach is that the Greater Cambridge Local Plan will include a design focused policy to ensure sites are built to an appropriate quality to meet the needs of future residents.

Overarching theme / topic:

Gypsy and Traveller site needs

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Facilitate access to lawyers with expertise for Travellers.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however this is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic: Housing types

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP: Build 1 and 2 bed homes.

How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types and sizes in all new developments. The proposed approach for individual policy areas are guided by evidence of housing needs of specific groups.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing types

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Build family sized homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types and sizes in all new developments. The proposed approach for individual policy areas are guided by evidence of housing needs of specific groups.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing types

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Build homes for downsizing and bungalows.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types and sizes in all new developments. The proposed approach for individual policy areas are guided by evidence of housing needs of specific groups.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing types

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Build tiny homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types and sizes in all new developments. The proposed approach for individual policy areas are guided by

evidence of housing needs of specific groups.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing types

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide a range of housing types, tenures and sizes, and mixed housing developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types, sizes and tenures in all new developments. The proposed approach for individual policy areas are guided by evidence of housing needs of specific groups.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing types

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Require a higher proportion of starter homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is for the provision of at least 25% First Homes as set out in national planning guidance, and for a mix of other affordable housing tenures that take into account the issues of affordability experienced in Greater Cambridge and also viability.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing types

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide self-build plots, Build to Rent, cohousing, sheltered housing and lifetime homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types, sizes and tenures in all new developments. The proposed approach for individual policy areas are guided by evidence of housing needs of specific groups. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan includes policies for self-build, Build to Rent, community led housing, specialist housing, and accessible and adaptable homes.

Overarching theme / topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Meet affordable housing need, at 40% of proposals.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to seek 40% affordable housing on all developments of 10 or more dwellings. The Councils have evidence of need for affordable housing, however they need to ensure that collectively all the requirements on new developments do not make schemes unviable. It is also important that within the affordable homes secured, a mix of tenures can be provided.

Overarching theme / topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Require a higher proportion of affordable homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to seek 40% affordable housing on all developments of 10 or more dwellings. The Councils have evidence of need for affordable housing, however they need to ensure that collectively all the requirements on new developments do not make schemes unviable. It is also important that within the affordable homes secured, a mix of tenures can be provided.

Overarching theme / topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Work with central government to maximise Council owned new housing for affordable tenure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however, this is beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Stop right to buy or sell the properties back to Councils.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however, this is beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide more council housing at social rents.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types, sizes and tenures in all new developments. The proposed approach for securing affordable housing is to seek a mix of affordable housing tenures that take into account the issues of affordability experienced in Greater Cambridge and also viability.

Overarching theme / topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide affordable housing in South Cambridgeshire for residents with local connections.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach for new housing is to seek to create balanced and mixed communities, this includes homes for local workers. Local Lettings Plans for new affordable homes can prioritise local workers. Affordable housing developments can also prioritise those with local connections.

Overarching theme / topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Situate and integrate affordable housing sensitively.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types, sizes and tenures in all new developments. The proposed approach for affordable housing sets out guidance on the clustering and distribution of affordable homes within new developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Build affordable housing in wealthier neighbourhoods.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced

communities by seeking a range of housing types, sizes and tenures in all new developments. The proposed approach for affordable housing sets out guidance on the clustering and distribution of affordable homes within new developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should be informed by a robust evidence base.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils, along with neighbouring Councils, commissioned a housing needs of specific groups study, and this evidence base study has been used to inform the preferred approaches for the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Develop the infrastructure for battery powered travel.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. As set out in the Infrastructure theme, the preferred approach for the Local Plan is to require new developments to provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support car sharing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the infrastructure theme includes policies regarding transport.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide high-quality and connected sustainable transport.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The provision of public transport is outside of the scope of the Local Plan, however, the preferred development strategy is to locate new development close to existing and proposed high quality public transport routes. More information is

included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should be connected to sustainable and public transport links.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred development strategy is to locate new development close to existing and proposed high quality public transport routes. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should not depend on cars.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Infrastructure should be in place on occupation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is included in the Infrastructure chapter of the Preferred Options Local Plan, and the preferred approach is to only permit development if there is, or will be, sufficient infrastructure capacity to support and meet all the requirements arising from the new development, at the time when they are needed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include a policy requiring developers to meet agreed contributions.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is included in the Infrastructure chapter of

the Preferred Options Local Plan, and the preferred approach is to only permit development if there is, or will be, sufficient infrastructure capacity to support and meet all the requirements arising from the new development, at the time when they are needed. Developers will be required to deliver infrastructure directly, or contribute through planning obligations, community infrastructure levy or its successor.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Address water supply before proceeding with new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Preferred Options Local Plan sets out the Councils response to the water supply issues.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include policies on minimum room sizes, indoor light levels, outdoor space and minimising overcrowding.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan. Policies within the Homes chapter of the preferred options Local Plan include requiring new homes to meet residential space standards and have access to outdoor space.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include a policy requiring living space in HMOs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred approach is for HMOs to meet the residential space standards and licensing standards relating to space standards.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Adopt the recommendations of the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include policies supporting university development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for a criteria based policy for use when considering proposals for student accommodation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include a policy requiring landlords to maintain high quality rental properties.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Local Plan, however, the Councils preferred approach for new housing developments is to secure high quality design, with individual homes meeting indoor space standards and having access to outdoor space.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

A proportion of land in new developments should be allocated to Community Land Trusts.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for community led housing and co-housing developments, that can include Community Land Trusts, that allows for these developments where they are consistent with residential planning policies. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types, sizes and tenures in all new developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support high quality design in new development, including insulation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan and the Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings and designing buildings to take account of climate change.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should be accessible to wheelchair users.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options Local Plan includes a requirement for new homes to be accessible and adaptable, including for wheelchair users.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support prefab design.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have not set out specific requirements for the construction methods of new homes, and therefore prefab homes, or other methods of construction could be used by developers provided that the overall design of the new home is consistent with other policies within the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should be low or zero carbon and energy efficient.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include policies which require housing to cope with colder winters and hotter summers.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing buildings to take account of climate change.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support living roofs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding designing buildings to take account of climate change, and this includes supporting the inclusion of green roofs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support solar energy production in new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support renewable heating of new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support rainwater catchment systems and grey water use in new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding water efficiency of new buildings.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Use natural materials in building construction instead of carbon intensive materials.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Only permit proposals for large-scale homes where they meet high sustainability standards.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include a policy requiring minimum clean energy standards.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure and biodiversity

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide biodiverse green spaces and allotments for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options document sets out a preferred approach for the provision of open space within new developments. More detail is included in the Biodiversity and Green Spaces chapter of the Local Plan and accompanying Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure and biodiversity

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should avoid harm to the environment and mitigate impact where necessary.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options document sets out policies for the delivery of new developments that enhance biodiversity, and also control impacts from new developments. More detail is included in the Biodiversity and Green Spaces chapter of the Local Plan and accompanying Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure and biodiversity

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support tree and hedge planting in new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options document sets out policies for the delivery of new developments that enhance biodiversity. More detail is included in the Biodiversity and Green Spaces chapter of the Local Plan and accompanying Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Increase residential moorings along the River Cam.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. An accommodation needs assessment is being carried out which will assess the needs of house boat dwellers. The coronavirus pandemic has delayed the

completion of the face-to-face survey elements of this assessment, such that it has not been possible to complete this assessment in time to inform this consultation. It will be available at the next stage of plan making, and will be used to inform the draft Local Plan, including whether any allocations are needed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Limit speculative investment, ownership from overseas investors, AirBnB, student housing, aparthotels, second homes, rental properties and short term let properties.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is beyond the scope of the Local Plan to control the sale of new homes or the renting of new homes, except where they are affordable homes and the Councils are involved in the letting process. The Local Plan includes in the Jobs and Homes chapters preferred approaches relating to new developments of student accommodation, Build to Rent developments, and visitor accommodation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

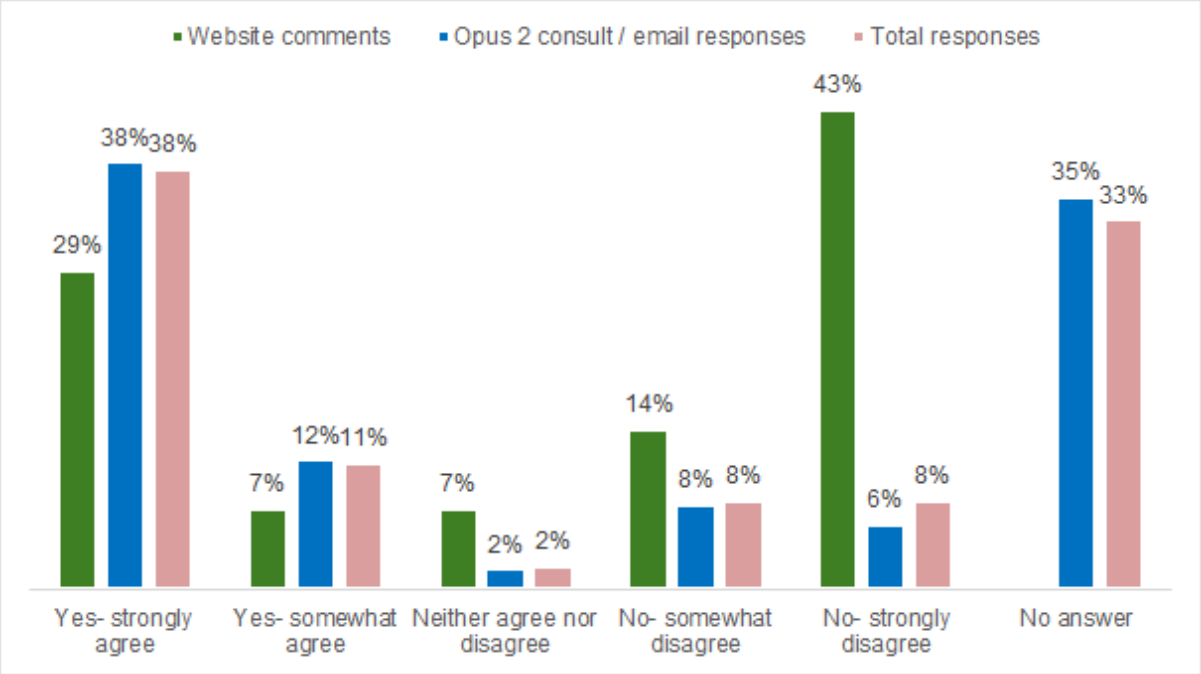
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Regulate rental fees.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Q32. Do you think we should plan for a higher number of homes than the minimum required by government, to provide flexibility to support the growing economy?



14 website comments and 225 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

Overall, more respondents agreed than disagreed with the question, with 49% of comments answering either strongly or somewhat agree. However website commenters were heavily split, with 43% strongly disagreeing, and 29% strongly agreeing.

71% of website commenters (10 in total) and 96% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (217) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to a higher housing target

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

No, Greater Cambridge should not plan for higher growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan needs to identify and respond to the development needs of Greater Cambridge unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the

National Planning Policy Framework. The preferred options sets out how development needs could be met, and they are being subject to consultation before the local plan is drafted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to a higher housing target

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Limit development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan needs to identify and respond to the development needs of Greater Cambridge unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework. The preferred options sets out how development needs could be met, and they are being subject to consultation before the local plan is drafted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to a higher housing target

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Plan for the standard method housing figure only.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the council has commissioned and published evidence which has informed what are considered to be the objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs in the area. This identifies a level of development higher than the standard method responding to anticipated economic growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Yes, Greater Cambridge should plan for higher growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the council has commissioned and published evidence which has informed what are considered to be the objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs in the area. This identifies a level of development higher than the standard method responding to anticipated economic growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Yes, Greater Cambridge should plan for higher growth where this is supported by adequate infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the council has commissioned and published evidence which has informed what are considered to be the objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs in the area. This identifies a level of development higher than the standard method responding to anticipated economic growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Yes, Greater Cambridge should plan for higher growth where it does not harm the environment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the council has commissioned and published evidence which has informed what are considered to be the objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs in the area. This identifies a level of development higher than the standard method responding to anticipated economic growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Plan for higher growth to meet affordable housing needs, economic and employment growth and the needs of an older population.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the council has commissioned and published evidence which has informed what are considered to be the objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs in the area. This identifies a level of development higher than the standard method responding to anticipated economic growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing target recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Build 2,900 homes per annum to deliver a total of 66,700 dwellings between 2017–2040.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the council has commissioned and published evidence which has informed what are considered to be the objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs in the area. This identifies a level of development higher than the standard method responding to anticipated economic growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing target recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Apply a 5% buffer to the LHN.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the council has commissioned and published evidence which has informed what are considered to be the objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs in the area. This identifies a level of development higher than the standard method responding to anticipated economic growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing target recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider whether any unmet needs from other authorities in the housing market area can be met within the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the Councils have prepared a statement on the results so far of its discussion with surrounding authorities. They have not been asked at this point to meet any need arising from surrounding areas.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing target recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocate small sites such as 10% of the overall housing figure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the approach to small sites is set out in the Strategy topic paper. Overall the plan includes policy to deliver a range of small sites over the 10% figure, but it is also aware of the need to balance strategy approaches with the need to plan to reduce carbon and deliver a sustainable development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing target recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Disperse employment and housing growth outside of Greater Cambridge, including to the North or to urban centres with good transport connections in neighbouring authorities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan needs to identify and respond to the development needs of Greater Cambridge unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework. The preferred options sets out how development needs could be met, and they are being subject to consultation before the local plan is drafted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing target recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support housing for population working in London.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, whilst an element of the population will inevitably commute to London the focus of need is from population growth and the success of the Greater Cambridge economy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development in villages, in key settlements, in sustainable locations near public transport and facilities, to the west or south of Cambridge, of brownfield sites and densification.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the Councils have considered a range of strategy options and a large number of sites before determining the preferred approach to the development strategy. Further information on the reasoning behind the preferred approach can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support a flexible growth strategy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the preferred approach seeks to deliver a flexible land supply able to respond to development needs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Housing growth must be complemented by adequate employment allocations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, an employment land review has been completed to inform plan making. A significant amount of employment land is already committed, and the First Proposals strategy has sought to complement this with additional supply responding to the quantitative and qualitative issues identified.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not build on farm land.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the development strategy proposed has sought to focus on brownfield land opportunities, but given the limited brownfield opportunities available an element of agricultural land is likely to be needed in order to meet development needs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The housing assessment should be based on a blended economic growth rate of 2.8% per annum.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the council has commissioned and published evidence which has informed what are considered to be the objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs in the area. This identifies a level of development higher that the standard method responding to anticipated economic growth.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide a range of housing types and tenures.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Housing mix and site allocation related policies in the new Local Plan will require new development proposals to provide a mix of housing types which meets the needs of the area.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Recommend a new Local Plan policy barring new housing from speculative investment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is not possible for the Local Plan to dictate who can buy homes which have been built.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Remove the criteria restricting the provision of new student accommodation to those attending a full-time course of one year or more from student housing related policies.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is, however, important that new student accommodation is linked to a higher-education institution, to ensure that it meets the identified student growth needs for the respective institutions. Furthermore, this ensures that the accommodation is used for the purpose it is intended for. It should also be noted that the associated S106 legal agreement which secures this restriction normally applies a 'cascade' approach allowing the accommodation to be used by alternative users when there is no demand for the accommodation by students. An example includes people attending conferences. Furthermore, these restrictions normally only apply during term-time.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider a Local Plan review before the required five years after adoption to assess the plan in light of the economic situation following the exit from the European Union.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan will include monitoring indicators to determine the need for a review of the Plan. The performance of the policies within the new Local Plan will be assessed regularly by the Council using monitoring indicators agreed through the production of the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Unclear where funding for significant infrastructure to meet needs from higher levels of growth will be secured.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will consider how and when infrastructure should be delivered to support growth proposed in the Plan. Site allocation related policies and the growth strategy within the new Local Plan will seek to ensure that growth is supported by appropriate new improved infrastructure, services and facilities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Concern infrastructure will not be able to cope with higher levels of growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will consider how and when infrastructure should be delivered to support growth proposed in the Plan. Site allocation related policies and the growth strategy within the new Local Plan will seek to ensure that growth is supported by appropriate new improved infrastructure, services and facilities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Infrastructure should be in place on occupation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will consider how and when infrastructure should be delivered to support growth proposed in the Plan. Site allocation related policies and the growth strategy within the new Local Plan will seek to ensure that

growth is supported by appropriate new improved infrastructure, services and facilities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide high quality sustainable public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of transport improvements are being planned in the area, as set out in the Local Transport Plan. The growth strategy in the First Proposals has considered the availability of sustainable travel opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Inform the new Local Plan with a robust evidence base.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of evidence has been commissioned to inform the plan making process and consider the impacts of options being considered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Publish the evidence base at Regulation 19.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils are not waiting for the Regulation 19 to publish evidence, but are publishing evidence at each stage of the plan making process instead.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Draw from the 2021 census instead of the 2011 census.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan evidence base will use the most up to date information at the time of production. The majority of data from the 2021 Census is unlikely to be available until 2022/23.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Assess the impact of the proposed levels of growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan evidence base is seeking to comprehensively assess the appropriateness and impacts of proposed growth in the area.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Study the capacity of the area in terms of the natural and historic environment, infrastructure capacity and planning constraints to handle higher levels of growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of evidence has been commissioned to inform the plan making process and consider the impacts of options being considered. This includes a strategic heritage impact assessment and infrastructure delivery study.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Assess proposed growth levels through an SA and HRA.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan process is being accompanied by sustainability appraisal and habitats regulations assessment, to ensure that sustainability impacts of proposals are fully understood.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Conduct a SHLAA review of sites submitted through the Call for Sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Council have produced a Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Publicise the data behind the housing requirement.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of evidence was published in November 2020 relating to development needs. The strategy topic paper details how this has informed the preferred approach set out in the First Proposals.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider the concealed households for under 35 year olds when assessing housing need.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The plan is being informed by a housing needs study which identifies the needs for different kinds of homes.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider the level of housing affordability needed to attract and retain employees.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposals in the First Proposals report seek to identify and respond to housing needs and secure a high level of affordable housing provision.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide evidence for the deliverability of proposed levels of growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan process is being informed by a Housing Delivery Study, which considers issues such as the ability for the market to absorb levels of new development.

Overarching theme / topic:

Impact of higher growth levels on the natural and historic environment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Higher growth levels should not impact the environment and climate change mitigation/adaptation priorities of the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the First Proposals provides a range of policy measure that would seek to respond to the challenges of climate change. The development strategy proposed seeks to focus growth where there are opportunities for sustainable travel, and access to jobs and services.

Overarching theme / topic:

Impact of higher growth levels on the natural and historic environment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Concern that water supply cannot support higher levels of growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, The Integrated Water Management Study commissioned to inform the local plan has highlighted the challenges of providing water sustainably to higher levels of development. The First Proposals highlights that water infrastructure is needed to ensure the aquifer is appropriately protected.

Overarching theme / topic:

Impact of higher growth levels on the natural and historic environment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Concern higher levels of growth will be vulnerable to flooding.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been commissioned to inform the Local Plan. Developments will also be required to include sustainable drainage systems to manage water effectively.

Overarching theme / topic:

Impact of higher growth levels on the natural and historic environment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Concern higher levels of growth will lead to loss of green space, countryside and Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure theme identifies proposals that would invest in green infrastructure and require biodiversity net gain to be achieved from developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Impact of higher growth levels on the natural and historic environment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Concern higher levels of growth will lead to loss and harm of the historic

environment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, historic environment issues have been considered when developing the preferred strategy approach for the First Proposals.

Overarching theme / topic:

Impact of higher growth levels on the natural and historic environment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Concern higher levels of growth will lead to biodiversity loss.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure theme identifies proposals that would invest in green infrastructure and require biodiversity net gain to be achieved from developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Mooring rights

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Increase mooring rights beyond the urban stretch of the River Cam and make these sites available on a rent or charge basis for daily or monthly use.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, Needs assessment is currently being prepared which will consider the need for moorings, and will be used to inform the draft local plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic:

Gypsy and Traveller sites

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide hygiene and laundry facilities at Gypsy and Traveller sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is proposed to include policies regarding site design in the new local plan.

Q33 What kind of housing do you think we should provide?

Overarching theme / topic:

Site allocations in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocate specific sites for specialist accommodation, and in proximity to existing homes, public transport, and medical and community facilities, within the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils evidence of housing needs of specific groups have provided recommendations relating to the provision of specialist housing and homes for older people. The Councils preferred approaches for different types of housing are guided by the recommendations from this evidence, and for specialist housing includes a requirement for provision of specialist housing as part of the housing mix of new developments, particularly at new settlements and within urban extensions. Further evidence on the provision of specialist housing is being prepared.

Overarching theme / topic:

Site allocations in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocate sites in sustainable locations, near employment sites and sustainable transport options linked to Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan sets out a preferred development strategy that focusses new development in sustainable locations, near to employment sites and sustainable transport options. More information is included in the Development Strategy section of the Local Plan and the Strategy Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Site allocations in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Needs to be sufficient residential moorings allocated.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. An accommodation needs assessment is being carried out which will assess the needs of house boat dwellers. The coronavirus pandemic has delayed the completion of the face-to-face survey elements of this assessment, such that it has not been possible to complete this assessment in time to inform this consultation. It will be available at the next stage of plan making, and will be used to inform the draft Local Plan, including whether any allocations are needed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Site allocations in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocate sites for Build to Rent

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A preferred approach for Build to Rent developments is set out for the Local Plan. This is for a criteria based policy for use when considering Build to Rent developments. Build to Rent can be provided within allocated sites, provided that the proposal is consistent with the Councils preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic:

Site allocations in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Allocate sites capable of delivering policy compliant levels of affordable housing and self-build plots.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils Viability Assessment has considered whether all the requirements set out in the preferred options Local Plan can be sought without making developments unviable, and the viability evidence will be refined at future stages of plan making.

Overarching theme / topic:

Site allocations in the new Local Plan

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Engage with a range of developers, including SMEs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A wide range of developers have put forward sites for consideration through the Call for Sites, and the Councils preferred development strategy includes a mix of sites from small sites in villages to strategic extensions to Cambridge and Cambourne.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the integration of people with disabilities in communities and mixed-aged developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced

communities by seeking a range of housing types, sizes and tenures in all new developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide accessible and adaptable housing / 'Life-Time' homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Lifetime Homes standard has been replaced by the optional standards for accessible and adaptable homes. The Councils preferred approach sets out a requirement for all homes to meet the M4(2) Building Regulations standard for accessible and adaptable homes.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support community-led building projects and organisations, and co-housing developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for community led housing and co-housing developments, that allows for these developments where they are consistent with residential planning policies.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support different methods of construction.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approaches for new homes allow for different methods of construction to be used provided that they deliver the requirements set out.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Policies should be flexible to ensure viability of development. Should not be overly prescriptive.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approaches for each of their housing policies include flexibility to allow for changing circumstances over the plan period. The Councils Viability Assessment has tested the viability of requiring all the Councils preferred approaches on a range of developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should deliver 40% affordable housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to seek 40% affordable housing on all developments of 10 or more dwellings. The Councils have evidence of need for affordable housing, however they need to ensure that collectively all the requirements on new developments do not make schemes unviable. It is also important that within the affordable homes secured, a mix of tenures can be provided.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

New development should deliver above 40% affordable housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to seek 40% affordable housing on all developments of 10 or more dwellings. The Councils have evidence of need for affordable housing, however they need to ensure that collectively all the requirements on new developments do not make schemes unviable. It is also important that within the affordable homes secured, a mix of tenures can be provided.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should be flexible to respond to changing housing needs over the plan period. Should also allow consideration of individual site circumstances and circumstances of the local area to be taken into account, including market conditions.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approaches for each of their housing policies include

flexibility to allow for changing circumstances over the plan period. Exceptions are included within some preferred approaches to allow for site specific circumstances.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include a policy for the entire plan area on providing essential local worker accommodation or expand the definition of key workers so that essential local workers are eligible for affordable homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach for new housing is to seek to create balanced and mixed communities, this includes homes for local workers. Local Lettings Plans for new affordable homes can prioritise local workers.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Greater provision should be made for self-build. Consider including a self and custom build exceptions policy instead of requiring a proportion from development allocations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for self and custom build that requires its provision specifically on developments of 20 dwellings or more, but also allows for any new homes that would be consistent with policy to be provided as self or custom build homes. Allowing self and custom build homes as exceptions to policy has not been included in the Councils preferred approach as this could impact on the delivery of exception sites for affordable housing.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider viability of requiring self and custom build and implications if plots not taken up.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out within the preferred approach for self and custom build homes that if these plots have not been sold as a self or custom build plot after

at least 12 months of appropriate marketing they can then be delivered by the developer or others.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Ensure adequate provision of executive homes in order to ensure that managerial staff and business owners are retained within the local authority areas. Variety of sites in urban and rural locations should be considered in order to reflect the needs of higher income groups and provide a choice of location across the Greater Cambridge area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approaches for new homes seek to ensure the provision of balanced and mixed communities. Executive homes can be delivered within Greater Cambridge, provided that any proposals are consistent with the policies for residential development.

Overarching theme / topic:

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include a policy supporting the provision of university accommodation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for a criteria based policy for use when considering proposals for student accommodation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide more affordable housing, particularly council housing / social housing that is actually affordable.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for the affordable housing policy to include a split in the different affordable housing tenures that will be sought, and that this should include an element of social rent homes in recognition that the Councils have been identified by the Government as areas of high affordability pressure.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Include a housing mix policy to meet housing needs. Provide homes of a full range of different types, sizes and tenures. Provide housing for key workers, older people, families, HMOs, co-housing and specialist housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to deliver mixed and balanced communities by seeking a range of housing types, sizes and tenures in all new developments. The proposed approach for individual policy areas are guided by evidence of housing needs of specific groups.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide more bungalows for older people and disabled people.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach includes encouraging the delivery of a mix of types of homes – houses, flats and bungalows.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Establish a housing requirement specifically for the needs of older people. Provide supported living for older people.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils evidence of housing needs of specific groups have provided recommendations relating to the provision of specialist housing and homes for older people. The Councils preferred approaches for different types of housing are guided by the recommendations from this evidence. Further evidence on the provision of specialist housing is being prepared.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide small-sized housing / more 1 and 2 bed homes, including bedsits, micro apartments, and housing for students and downsizing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach for the housing mix to be provided seeks to ensure the delivery of balanced and mixed communities with a range of housing types and sizes, while also responding to its evidence of housing needs of specific groups.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Explore other means of making housing more widely accessible, such as through private rented homes. Assess need and demand for purpose built private rented accommodation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have included a preferred approach for Build to Rent developments that support their delivery, while ensuring that communities provide for a variety of housing needs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing type

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide temporary housing for homeless people.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the Local Plan. The Councils both have Homelessness Strategies that consider the most appropriate way to respond to homelessness in their areas.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Encourage high-quality design from new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support homes designed like hofje’s in the Netherlands.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Follow NHS England Health Towns Initiative and apply principles to new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is for new developments to require health principles to be applied to new developments, drawing on the ten principles developed from the Healthy New Towns initiative.

Overarching theme / topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Build sustainable housing. Build homes to passive house standards. Build to highest possible eco-standards

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme of the preferred options report includes policy proposals regarding net zero carbon buildings, setting out potential standards that could be applied to new development, guided by the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Study.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should be informed by a robust evidence base.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The Councils, along with neighbouring Councils, commissioned a housing needs of specific groups study, and this evidence base study has been used to inform the preferred approaches for the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Housing mix policies should be informed by an assessment of need.

How the comments have been taken into account:

The Councils, along with neighbouring Councils, commissioned a housing needs of specific groups study, and this evidence base study has been used to inform the preferred approaches for the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider the number of empty homes when determining the housing requirement for the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Making best use of existing homes is one of the key principles of the Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy.

Q34 How should we meet the need for additional Gypsy, Traveller and caravan sites?

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Consult with the Gypsy and Traveller (G&T) community to determine their need for new sites.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Efforts have been made to engage as many people as possible in the production of the Local Plan. Targeted consultation with the gypsy & traveller community has been undertaken through the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Seek the views of local communities through consultation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Efforts have been made to engage as many people as possible in the production of the Local Plan. Targeted consultation with the gypsy & traveller community has been undertaken through the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Recommend that consultation is undertaken with neighbouring authorities to address need for G&T provision in a strategic manner.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment has been jointly commissioned with neighbouring authorities to ensure a strategic approach is taken.

Overarching theme / topic

Identification of site allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Council should seek to identify appropriate allocations in areas which are sustainable and provide a good quality of life.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Local Plan will seek to identify sites to meet the accommodation needs of gypsies & travellers in line with national planning policy and guidance. Potential sites have been sought through the Call for Sites process and this consultation provides another opportunity to propose suitable sites.

Overarching theme / topic

Identification of site allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The amount of allocations in the Plan should be informed by a G&T accommodation needs assessment, which should form part of the evidence base for the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A gypsy & traveller accommodation needs assessment has been commissioned and will inform the allocation of sites. It will form part of the Local Plan evidence base. However, completion of the study has been delayed due to the practicalities of undertaking fieldwork during the pandemic.

Overarching theme / topic

Identification of site allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support for the allocation a G&T sites near Cam North Station.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Access to services and facilities will be an important consideration in the spatial distribution of allocated sites.

Overarching theme / topic

Identification of site allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support for the allocation of G&T sites to meet the needs of the area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Local Plan will seek to meet gypsy & traveller needs in accordance with the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment and national planning policy and guidance.

Overarching theme / topic

Identification of site allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support the dispersal of site allocations throughout the area, rather allocating a large amount of need in one location.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Subject to the needs identified, it is proposed to seek to allocate a range of sites spanning large scale new communities, significant major development sites and standalone allocations, alongside the inclusion of a policy to enable windfalls in suitable locations.

Overarching theme / topic

Identification of site allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Objection to the allocation of caravan sites which do not support the G&T community

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The allocation of caravan sites which do not specifically address the needs of the gypsy & traveller community will be considered when the results of the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment are known.

Overarching theme / topic

Identification of site allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support for the allocation of more common land to provide G&T sites. Consider reviving the ‘green lanes network’.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst a range of sources of land will be explored, common land is unlikely to be available for development.

Overarching theme / topic

Identification of site allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support the allocation of travellers sites in urban locations to ensure good access to services, facilities and employment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Access to services and facilities will be an important consideration in the spatial distribution of allocated sites.

Overarching theme / topic

Identification of site allocations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Council land should be made available for the allocation of new sites

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of potential sources will be explored

Overarching theme / topic

Type of sites required

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Allocate transit sites, providing a stopping place for 3–6 weeks at a time.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Local Plan will seek to allocate transit sites if a need is confirmed by the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic

Type of sites required

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support for family run sites.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Type of sites required

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support for sites which provide tenants with the opportunity to buy a plot after 3

years of being on site.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The future management of sites is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Council should seek to meet the accommodation needs of G&T within the authority area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Local Plan will seek to meet gypsy & traveller needs in accordance with the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment and national planning policy and guidance.

Overarching theme / topic

Housing mix

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The new Local Plan should seek to provide a range of housing types to meet the needs of the area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment, when published, will be used to inform the housing mix and help to ensure an appropriate range of house types is provided.

Overarching theme / topic

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The new Local Plan should clearly outline expected growth and delivery rates to inform the provision of associated infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The expected growth and delivery of gypsy & traveller sites will be informed by the Gypsy & Traveller Needs Accommodation Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Council should seek to improve access to existing G&T sites in north Cambridge

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Local Plan will include a policy to safeguard existing gypsy & traveller sites. The plan will also include a design focused policy to ensure future sites are built to an appropriate quality to meet the needs of future residents. Access to Chesterton Fen is an issue being explored by the North East Cambridge AAP.

Overarching theme / topic

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide support services for travellers at local libraries.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The provision of support services at local libraries is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

A G&T liaison and support officer at the Council would be helpful

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A gypsy & traveller liaison and support officer is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Q35 How should we ensure a high standard of housing is built in our area?

Overarching theme / topic

Design related documents and review panels

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Design Review Panels. Continue to use existing design workshops. Hold design competitions.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Planning service have recently undertaken a review of their design review panels, and continue to recognise their important role.

Overarching theme / topic

Design related documents and review panels

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support and produce Design Codes, including local Design Codes, Neighbourhood Plans, Village Design Guides, and Landscape and Townscape Assessments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Councils will be reviewing its approach to design guidance in light of changes to the national planning policy framework.

Overarching theme / topic

Design related documents and review panels

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require design codes for sites greater than 200 dwellings or a flexible design code for development schemes delivered in excess of five years.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the First Proposals include a range of policies regarding design, and design codes will play a role in ensuring high quality design is delivered.

Overarching theme / topic

Implementation of planning policy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Implement and enforce standards through planning conditions. Monitor and enforce design in new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. All developments are required to be built in accordance with an approved planning permission, and this includes any conditions attached to that permission such as that the development will be built in accordance with the approved detailed plans. New developments are also required to be built in accordance with Building Regulations.

Overarching theme / topic

Implementation of planning policy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure planning applications are assessed to ensure high standards of housing. Refuse planning applications which do not meet design standards set out in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. All planning applications are considered against national planning policy and local planning policy (including the Local Plan), and a decision is made based on whether the application is in accordance with these policies. Exceptions are only allowed in specific circumstances.

Overarching theme / topic

Accessibility standards

Summary of issues raised in comments

Apply accessibility and adaptability standards across the plan area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred approach for the Local Plan is to include accessibility and adaptability standards that are consistent across Greater Cambridge. This approach is based on the Councils' evidence of housing need. Exemptions are allowed in specific circumstances.

Overarching theme / topic

Accessibility standards

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider locally specific accessibility standards.

How the comments have been taken into account

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is based on the Councils' evidence of housing need. Exemptions are allowed in specific circumstances.

Overarching theme / topic

Accessibility standards

Summary of issues raised in comments

Allow flexibility for the provision of accessibility standards.

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Overarching theme / topic

Space standards

Summary of issues raised in comments

Allow flexibility for exceptions to space standards in co-living and tiny homes, and provide requirements around shared space.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred approach for the Local Plan is to allow exceptions where new homes are being provided to meet a specific evidenced need (e.g. accommodation for homeless, disabled or specific young adults) and evidence is provided to demonstrate that meeting this nationally described standard would result in unsuitable homes for the identified occupants.

Overarching theme / topic

Space standards

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage new development above minimum standards set out in national standards.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred approach for the Local Plan is for new developments to meet or exceed national space standards.

Overarching theme / topic

Space standards

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not set minimum space standards in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. It is important that all new residential developments provide a high standard of amenity for existing and future users, and therefore to secure this the Councils have included specific requirements as their preferred approach for the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Design related documents and review panels

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Support Design Review Panels. Continue to use existing design workshops. Hold design competitions.

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Overarching theme / topic

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Overarching theme / topic

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How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred approach for the Local Plan is for new developments to meet or exceed national space standards.

Overarching theme / topic

Space standards

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not set minimum space standards in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. It is important that all new residential developments provide a high standard of amenity for existing and future users, and therefore to secure this the Councils have included specific requirements as their preferred approach for the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Broadband

Summary of issues raised in comments

Super-fast fibre broadband should be included with new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for a criteria based policy for the consideration of digital infrastructure, including broadband. More detail is included in the Infrastructure Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support high-quality design, including innovation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Draw on design principals put forward by pro-design bodies.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Design of new development should reflect vernacular architecture.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan. These include principles for what needs to be provided to deliver high quality design.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support prefab design.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils have not set out specific requirements for the construction methods of new homes, and therefore prefab homes, or other methods of construction could be used by developers provided that the overall design of the new home is consistent with other policies within the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support self-build.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for self and custom build that requires its provision specifically on developments of 20 dwellings or more, but also allows for any new homes that would be consistent with policy to be provided as self or custom build homes.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Adopt recommendations from Building Better, Building Beautiful.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Design for health, wellbeing, cohesiveness and social interaction.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support large properties.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils have set out a preferred approach for the housing mix of new developments that is based on evidence of housing needs. This recommends the provision of a mix of housing types, sizes and tenures.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide internal residential space to work from home.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the first proposals seeks to implement residential space standards, and also to support adaption of homes where this requires planning permission.

Overarching theme / topic

Design recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide flexibility to the provision of private residential amenity.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is for all new homes to have access to private outdoor amenity space. This is important so that developments create places with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users. Outside amenity space is an important part of this and the need for it was emphasised during the coronavirus pandemic.

Overarching theme / topic

Development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support mixed use development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The policies in the new Local Plan will enable the delivery of mixed use developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support health impact assessments on large-scale development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils preferred approach is to require Health Impact Assessments to accompany planning applications.

Overarching theme / topic

Development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support lifetime homes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Lifetime Homes standard has been replaced by the optional standards for accessible and adaptable homes. The Councils preferred approach sets out a requirement for all homes to meet the M4(2) Building Regulations standard for accessible and adaptable homes.

Overarching theme / topic

Development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Developers in Greater Cambridge must adopt the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan has been structured around the themes from the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth.

Overarching theme / topic

Development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Favour developers who have committed to Better Buildings Partnership or Advancing Net Zero.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, however the Councils will make decisions on planning applications based on whether the proposed development meets the requirements as set out in the Local Plan rather than based on who is the developer. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage developers to market cost-savings of energy efficient new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted although this is outside the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require a higher number of high quality, secure and accessible cycle parking spaces suitable for families and large bikes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, proposals regarding cycle parking standards are included in the first proposals infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide electric bike charging infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, proposals regarding cycle parking standards are included in the first proposals infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Design car-free development and public spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise walking and cycling routes over vehicles.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A range of policies to secure high quality design for new homes and places are set out in the Great Places chapter of the preferred options Local Plan.

Q36 How should the Local Plan ensure the right infrastructure is provided in line with development?

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Produce an IDP.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: An IDP is being drafted and will form part of the overall evidence base in support of the GCLP. The IDP will assess existing infrastructure in the area, identify what further infrastructure is required to sustainably support the proposed growth and outline how and when the infrastructure will be delivered and how much it will cost.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Model growth to assess infrastructure need.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Examine where existing infrastructure is under pressure, such as the A505.

How the comments have been taken into account

The IDP will identify where and what type of infrastructure is under existing pressure and therefore face further development pressure in the future. The IDP will consider development pressure on the infrastructure network and identify those development sites that will be required to make contributions towards new or enhanced infrastructure. CIL Regulation 122 ensures that infrastructure contributions required from new developments will be directly related to that site and not address existing deficiencies. Where these deficiencies need to be addressed the IDP will identify alternative funding arrangements. In relation to highways infrastructure, a Transport Assessment will be required to assess the current and potential future capacity of roads and junctions in the area. The conclusions of this work will be presented in the IDP and GCLP.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Produce a cost apportionment study for the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan and set out the conclusions in a policy.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will outline the appropriate apportionment of infrastructure across proposed development sites. The apportionment will be based on the size of the development, and therefore the demand placed upon the need for new or improved infrastructure. In allocating infrastructure requirements to development sites, an assessment will be made outlining the proposed approach to apportionment in the

Local Plan Viability Study, to review the impact of proposed development contributions on the viability of proposed development. Viability challenges on particular sites may require amendments to the proposed approach to apportionment.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Produce traffic modelling to test proposed policies.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A Transport Assessment will be required to assess the current and potential future capacity of roads and junctions in the area. The conclusions of this work will be presented in the IDP and new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Produce a Local Transport Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A Transport Assessment will be required to assess the current and potential future capacity of roads and junctions in the area. The conclusions of this work will be presented in the IDP and new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Update cycle parking standards.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Parking standards for all transport modes will be reviewed as part of the production of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Produce the new Local Plan in coordination with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Transport Plan, Combined Authority spatial strategy, and energy and

water supplier investment strategies.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The new Local Plan and IDP will be informed by plans produced by infrastructure providers and through discussions with relevant infrastructure providers and stakeholders. Documents which have informed the production of the Plan will form part of the new Local Plan evidence base.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Model ventilation in streets with closed tree canopies to identify causes.

How the comments have been taken into account

The new Local Plan evidence base will include an assessment of air quality in the area, to consider if any actions or policy requirements are needed within the new Local Plan to improve air quality in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base and supporting documents

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Upgrade flood plain management strategies.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The new Local Plan evidence base will include a new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Warehousing and distribution should be located along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: To reduce the need for significant new road infrastructure and place further constraints on highway capacity, the growth strategy in the new Local Plan will seek to allocate new warehouse and employment development along existing transport corridors.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Development should be in sustainable locations, near key infrastructure, services and facilities, employment, and public and sustainable forms of transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through transport and site allocation policies, and through the growth strategy and overarching aims and objectives, the new Local Plan will seek to reduce the need to commute long distances, and will seek to encourage the use of active and sustainable modes of transport.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Infrastructure should be in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through transport and site allocation policies, and through the growth strategy and overarching aims and objectives, the new Local Plan will seek to reduce the need to commute long distances, and will seek to encourage the use of active and sustainable modes of transport.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support a spatial strategy with a mixed approach and Green Belt release.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A range of growth options has been considered in determining the growth strategy for the new Local Plan. This has taken into account support for a flexible growth strategy and development in the Green Belt, urban extensions, western corridor, transport corridors, rural areas, and on the edge of urban and rural settlement, for small and medium scale development, and the densification of urban areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support mixed use urban development and urban densification.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A range of growth options has been considered in determining the growth strategy for the new Local Plan. This has taken into account support for a flexible growth strategy and development in the Green Belt, urban extensions, western corridor, transport corridors, rural areas, and on the edge of urban and rural settlement, for small and medium scale development, and the densification of urban areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support urban extensions.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support small and medium sized development.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support development along the western corridor.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A range of growth options has been considered in determining the growth strategy for the new Local Plan. This has taken into account support for a flexible growth strategy and development in the Green Belt, urban extensions, western corridor, transport corridors, rural areas, and on the edge of urban and rural settlement, for small and medium scale development, and the densification of urban areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support development along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A range of growth options has been considered in determining the growth strategy for the new Local Plan. This has taken into account support for a flexible growth strategy and development in the Green Belt, urban extensions, western corridor, transport corridors, rural areas, and on the edge of urban and rural settlement, for small and medium scale development, and the densification of urban areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support rural development.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support development on the edge of urban and rural settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A range of growth options has been considered in determining the growth strategy for the new Local Plan. This has taken into account support for a flexible growth strategy and development in the Green Belt, urban extensions, western corridor, transport corridors, rural areas, and on the edge of urban and rural settlement, for small and medium scale development, and the densification of urban areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support subdivision of existing properties.

How the comments have been taken into account

Housing related policies in the new Local Plan will seek to encourage initiatives which support meeting housing needs and increase the provision of dwellings in the area sustainably. Policy approaches in the new Local Plan which support the subdivision of large properties where appropriate will be considered. Development management policies will also guide decision making in relation to considering the potential impacts of proposals for subdivision.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Deliver rural exception sites in existing communities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Support for rural exception sites will be considered by the Council when determining the approach to growth in rural areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not support small development which does not contribute towards infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The new Local Plan will allocate a range of types of development. The IDP will consider the cumulative impacts of planned small developments in the area, to determine the overall impacts on infrastructure in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Prioritise development supported by existing infrastructure, including in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The growth strategy in the new Local Plan will consider the opportunities arising from the provision of existing infrastructure in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not support large-scale development.

How the comments have been taken into account

The objection to large-scale development will be considered when determining the growth strategy in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not support development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, however national planning policy requires plans to respond to development needs.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide jobs and housing for people with low education.

How the comments have been taken into account

In accordance with national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan will seek to meet local needs for growth.

Overarching theme / topic

Location and type of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Protect Nine Wells and the south end of Hobson’s Brook, including the surrounding

agricultural land, from infrastructure and development.

How the comments have been taken into account

The objection to development at Nine Wells and the south end of Hobson's Brook, including the surrounding area, will be considered when determining the growth strategy for the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Impacts of growth

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

New development and infrastructure should avoid impacts to the natural environment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: All policies in the new Local Plan will seek to protect and enhance the natural environment. Protection of the natural environment will be a key strategic aim of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Meet infrastructure needs for existing development through S106 agreements.

How the comments have been taken into account

CIL Regulation 122 ensures that infrastructure contributions required from new developments are directly related to that site and cannot therefore address existing infrastructure deficits in the area. To address existing deficits, alternative funding sources will be required. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will seek to identify how existing infrastructure needs in the area can be addressed.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Prioritise infrastructure projects which support growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure

provision. Phasing, the delivery and costs of infrastructure will be an integral part of the development of the IDP.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Planning applications should include infrastructure plans, including public transportation plans.

How the comments have been taken into account

It will not be necessary for all planning applications to include infrastructure information, this will only be relevant to large scale developments. Strategic sites allocated in the new Local Plan will be guided by the conclusions of the IDP. Site allocation and infrastructure related policies in the new Local Plan will require large scale development proposals to present proposed infrastructure improvements and outline how improvements are proposed to be delivered.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Ensure infrastructure is in place on occupation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Where possible, the IDP will seek opportunities to forward fund infrastructure provision. Where infrastructure provision is not essential in advance of new development taking place, it is sensible for infrastructure provision to take place alongside the delivery of new development proposals. The IDP will outline how and when new infrastructure will be provided to support growth in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Developer contributions for schools should be confirmed at the application stage.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Where possible, the IDP will seek opportunities to forward fund infrastructure provision. Where infrastructure provision is not essential in advance of new development taking place, it is sensible for infrastructure provision to take place

alongside the delivery of new development proposals. The IDP will outline how and when new infrastructure will be provided to support growth in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Cycling infrastructure should be in place prior to occupation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Where possible, the IDP will seek opportunities to forward fund infrastructure provision. Where infrastructure provision is not essential in advance of new development taking place, it is sensible for infrastructure provision to take place alongside the delivery of new development proposals. The IDP will outline how and when new infrastructure will be provided to support growth in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide sufficient public transport prior to development of Bourn Airfield.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Where possible, the IDP will seek opportunities to forward fund infrastructure provision. Where infrastructure provision is not essential in advance of new development taking place, it is sensible for infrastructure provision to take place alongside the delivery of new development proposals. The IDP will outline how and when new infrastructure will be provided to support growth in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Infrastructure should be in place prior to planning permission.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Where possible, the IDP will seek opportunities to forward fund infrastructure provision. Where infrastructure provision is not essential in advance of new development taking place, it is sensible for infrastructure provision to take place alongside the delivery of new development proposals. The IDP will outline how and when new infrastructure will be provided to support growth in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not withhold planning permission where there are delays to strategic infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Note: The IDP will consider infrastructure requirements in the area based on existing infrastructure provision, the demand arising from new development, and the housing trajectory in the new Local Plan. This will ensure the delivery of new housing is aligned to the provision of new and improved infrastructure. Infrastructure and site allocation related policies in the new Local Plan will guide decision making in relation to infrastructure provision for new development proposals. Planning decisions will need to take account of the appropriate delivery of required new or improved infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Ensure developers meet S106 obligations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The plan will seek to include clear infrastructure requirements.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Co-locate infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will seek to identify how existing infrastructure needs in the area can be addressed, through a range of potential options including the co-location of infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure phasing and delivery

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Commit to planned infrastructure projects.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will seek to identify how existing infrastructure needs in the area can be addressed, through a range of potential options including the co-location of infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide affordable and regular public and sustainable transport to reduce car use.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide zero carbon public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Review bus routes to increase usability and service frequency throughout the day and night.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments

supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide free and frequent electric shuttle buses.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide park and ride buses on all major roads into Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide dedicated bus and cycle lanes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments

supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide direct buses from Cambourne into Cambridge and St Neots.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide school buses for schools with long journey times.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide a rapid transit system.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments

supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Build a tram line between St Neots and Haverhill.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide an electric tram through Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide a metro.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments

supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not support the proposed metro.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide train lines or a guided busway for south east Greater Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support East-West rail.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments

supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide improved train connections east of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide a new train station at Addenbrookes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: There will be consideration for new and improved transport related infrastructure through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and will consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Introduce a transport card system.

How the comments have been taken into account

Beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Incentivise train use and introduce congestion charges.

How the comments have been taken into account

Transport and site allocation policies will encourage the provision, use, and appropriate design of sustainable travel. Site allocation policies will seek the provision of infrastructure which support the use of sustainable modes of transport. Congestion charges are beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Public transport

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Reduce flying.

How the comments have been taken into account

Beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Cycling infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide safe and segregated cycling and walking infrastructure, not intersected by major roads.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved highways infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Cycling infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide new and improved cycle paths in Madingley Road, Milton, Waterbeach,

Landbeach, and Ashwell and Morden Station.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved highways infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Cycling infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide accessible and well-designed cycle parking in transport hubs and new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved highways infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Cycling infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

East-West Rail and South Station should provide cycling and walking infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved highways infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Cycling infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Developments should be required to aim for at least 40% bicycle trips.

How the comments have been taken into account

Transport and site allocation policies will encourage the provision, use, and appropriate design of sustainable and active travel. Site allocation policies will seek the provision of infrastructure which supports the use of sustainable modes of transport.

Overarching theme / topic

Highways

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Oppose road expansions and the Ox-Cam Expressway.

How the comments have been taken into account

The objection to the provision of additional road infrastructure is noted, however additional road infrastructure will be required to support deliverable growth in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Highways

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide improved links between the southeast villages and the A14.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved highways infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Highways

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Set 15–20 mile speed limits in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Highways

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Tax concrete use.

How the comments have been taken into account

Beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Car use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not support car-centric development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Transport and site allocation policies in the new Local Plan will encourage the use and appropriate design of sustainable and active travel. Site allocation policies will seek the provision of infrastructure which supports the use of sustainable modes of transport.

Overarching theme / topic

Car use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Introduce car free zones in Cambridge City Centre.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Sustainable modes of travel along with car free areas will be considered, taking into account the needs of all users of the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Car use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not obstruct car use.

How the comments have been taken into account

Support for car use will be considered by the Council when drafting transport related policies for the new Local Plan. However, in accordance with national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan will focus on encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport.

Overarching theme / topic

Car use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure near new development and in car parks.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Transport policies and site allocation policies in the new Local Plan will require the provision of infrastructure to support electric vehicle charging within new development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Car use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Reduce car parking facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Car parking policy will be set out in transport related policies in the new Local Plan, or in a supporting SPD, to guide the provision of parking for new developments in the area. The overall management of car parking facilities in the area is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Car use

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Encourage shared/community ownership of zero carbon vehicles.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Transport and site allocation policies will encourage the use and appropriate design of sustainable and active travel. Site allocation policies will seek the provision of infrastructure which support the use of sustainable modes of transport.

Overarching theme / topic

General transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide safe crossings.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved transport related infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

General transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support the planned major transport projects in Figure 22 of the Issues and Options GCLP.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved transport related infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

General transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Connect rural transport hubs to regional or national hubs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved transport related infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP and transport assessments supporting the new Local Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Community infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide community and leisure facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved community and sports related infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP, which will include an assessment of associated evidence base documents, and consultation with infrastructure providers, relevant organisations, and stakeholders. The conclusions of the IDP will be presented within site allocation, infrastructure, and community and sports related policies in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Community infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide more social spaces in Papworth Everard.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved community and sports related infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP, which will include an assessment of associated evidence base documents, and consultation with infrastructure providers, relevant organisations, and stakeholders. The conclusions of the IDP will be presented within site allocation, infrastructure, and community and sports related policies in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sports facilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide a full size 3G pitch in Bar Hill.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved community and sports related infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP, which will include an assessment of associated evidence base documents, and consultation with infrastructure providers, relevant organisations, and stakeholders. The conclusions of the IDP will be presented within site allocation, infrastructure, and community and sports related policies in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support the delivery of Free Schools.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved education infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP, which will include an assessment of associated evidence base documents, and consultation with the education authority, relevant organisations, and stakeholders. The conclusions of the IDP will be presented within site allocation and infrastructure related policies in the new Local Plan and will guide the identification of appropriate developer contributions.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support the delivery of schools with site allocation policies and a flexible policy framework to provide sufficient school places.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved education infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP, which will include an assessment of associated evidence base documents, and consultation with the education authority, relevant organisations, and stakeholders. The conclusions of the IDP will be presented within site allocation and infrastructure related policies in the new Local Plan and will guide the identification of appropriate developer contributions.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide a sixth form college in Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved education infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP, which will include an assessment of associated evidence base documents, and consultation with the education authority, relevant organisations, and stakeholders. The conclusions of the IDP will be presented within site allocation and infrastructure related policies in the new Local Plan and will guide the identification of appropriate developer contributions.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Planning obligations should fund schools.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved education infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP, which will include an assessment of associated evidence base documents, and consultation with the education authority, relevant organisations, and stakeholders. The conclusions of the IDP will be presented within site allocation

and infrastructure related policies in the new Local Plan and will guide the identification of appropriate developer contributions.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Recognise in the new Local Plan that school needs can change over time and result in surplus sites, and that developer contributions can be secured retrospectively.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved education infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP, which will include an assessment of associated evidence base documents, and consultation with the education authority, relevant organisations, and stakeholders. The conclusions of the IDP will be presented within site allocation and infrastructure related policies in the new Local Plan and will guide the identification of appropriate developer contributions.

Overarching theme / topic

Health and social care

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide adequate health and social care infrastructure for an ageing and growing population.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: New and improved health and social care infrastructure will be considered through the production of the IDP. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainability, climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

SuDS and water re-use should form an integral part of new development proposals.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Design, flood management, and climate change mitigation and adaptation policies in the new Local Plan will be informed by the use of SuDS and water re-use within development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainability, climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support local renewable power generation and consider hydrogen fuel.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The new Local Plan will seek to support new sustainable approaches to energy generation.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainability, climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Develop a vision to decarbonise heating in the plan area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The new Local Plan will seek to support new sustainable approaches to energy generation.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainability, climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Infrastructure should be zero carbon.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The new Local Plan will encourage initiatives which support the delivery of low carbon development proposals, including associated infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Introduce more ambitious green infrastructure targets.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green infrastructure and site allocation related policies in the new Local Plan will encourage the provision of new and improved green infrastructure and require details of appropriate long-term management arrangements for new green space within development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide long-term management of green infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green infrastructure and site allocation related policies in the new Local Plan will encourage the provision of new and improved green infrastructure and require details of appropriate long-term management arrangements for new green space within development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Introduce green walls in street canyons.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green infrastructure, biodiversity and site allocation policies in the new Local Plan will encourage the provision of green walls, hedges, and appropriate tree cover within development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Modify tree canopies to increase street ventilation in street canopies.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green infrastructure, biodiversity and site allocation policies in the new Local Plan will encourage the provision of green walls, hedges, and appropriate tree cover within development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Choose low VOC-emitting tree species.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green infrastructure, biodiversity and site allocation policies in the new Local Plan will encourage the provision of green walls, hedges, and appropriate tree cover within development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Create green oases.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green infrastructure, biodiversity and site allocation policies in the new Local Plan will encourage the provision of green walls, hedges, and appropriate tree cover within development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Plant hedges between traffic and pedestrians.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green infrastructure, biodiversity and site allocation policies in the new Local Plan will encourage the provision of green walls, hedges, and appropriate tree cover within development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Utilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Include a policy stating foul sewerage network and Water Recycling capacity, and when and where there will be available capacity for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will consider utilities related infrastructure requirements in the area based on existing infrastructure provision and the demand arising from new development proposals. The IDP will outline how and when new infrastructure will be delivered.

Overarching theme / topic

Utilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Expand existing utilities infrastructure for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will consider utilities related infrastructure requirements in the area based on existing infrastructure provision and the demand arising from new

development proposals. The IDP will outline how and when new infrastructure will be delivered.

Overarching theme / topic

Utilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

UKPN should use compulsory purchasing to deliver direct routes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Broadband

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide broadband.

How the comments have been taken into account

Site allocations and communications infrastructure related policies proposed for the new Local Plan will require the appropriate provision of infrastructure supporting high speed broadband within new developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Broadband

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide fibre to the premises to all new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Site allocations and communications infrastructure related policies in the new Local Plan will require the appropriate provision of infrastructure supporting high speed broadband within new developments. The IDP will consider the strategic need for communications infrastructure in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure needs

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Address water shortage.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: An Integrated Water Management Study has been commissioned to inform the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Introduce CIL.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Council will consider the approach to infrastructure funding in light of the evidence informing the Local Plan and when the outcome of the Planning White Paper is known.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Deliver sufficient development to fund needed infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will consider infrastructure requirements in the area based on existing infrastructure provision, the demand arising from new development, and the housing trajectory in the new Local Plan. This will ensure the delivery of new housing is aligned to the provision of new and improved infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Deliver large-scale development to fund major infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will consider infrastructure requirements in the area based on existing infrastructure provision, the demand arising from new development, and the housing trajectory in the new Local Plan. This will ensure the delivery of new housing is aligned to the provision of new and improved infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Seek wider funding for major infrastructure projects.

How the comments have been taken into account

The IDP will identify a range of funding options to support the delivery of infrastructure in the area. For strategic site allocations, the IDP will outline how

essential infrastructure will be funded and delivered, as this information will be vital in considering the deliverability of the growth strategy in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Consider a joint bid with Essex County Council for infrastructure delivery.

How the comments have been taken into account

The IDP will identify a range of funding options to support the delivery of infrastructure in the area. For strategic site allocations, the IDP will outline how essential infrastructure will be funded and delivered, as this information will be vital in considering the deliverability of the growth strategy in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Ensure long-term funding to maintain infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

The IDP will identify a range of funding options to support the delivery of infrastructure in the area. For strategic site allocations, the IDP will outline how essential infrastructure will be funded and delivered, as this information will be vital in considering the deliverability of the growth strategy in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support pooled contributions.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will outline the appropriate apportionment / pooling of infrastructure across proposed development sites.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Work with infrastructure providers, hold workshops with service providers to discuss Local Plan allocations, and work with developers in regard to infrastructure provision.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through the production of the new Local Plan and associated evidence base documents, and in accordance with the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, duty to cooperate bodies, infrastructure providers, and stakeholders will be consulted to inform the production of the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Work with Highways England prior to site allocation to assess highway need.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through the production of the new Local Plan and associated evidence base documents, and in accordance with the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, duty to cooperate bodies, infrastructure providers, and stakeholders will be consulted to inform the production of the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Consult communities to help determine infrastructure need.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through the production of the new Local Plan and associated evidence base documents, and in accordance with the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, duty to cooperate bodies, infrastructure providers, and stakeholders will be consulted to inform the production of the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Acknowledge that EWR and Greater Cambridge are working collaboratively in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through the production of the new Local Plan and associated evidence base documents, and in accordance with the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, duty to cooperate bodies, infrastructure providers, and stakeholders will be consulted to inform the production of the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Viability assessment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not accept the Internal Rate of Return methodology.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The Local Plan Viability Assessment will use the residual Land Value methodology and consider an appropriate approach to assessing development return in development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Pollution

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

New infrastructure must mitigate pollution.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Pollution related policies in the new Local Plan will seek appropriate mitigation within new development proposals where the risk of pollution is apparent.

Q37 How should we encourage a shift away from car use and towards more sustainable modes of transport such as public transport, cycling and walking?

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in sustainable locations with access to education, jobs, services, facilities, sustainable transport options and public transport links.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report has considered a range of issues including access to sustainable transport opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in villages near employment centres and with access to services.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report has considered a range of issues including access to sustainable transport opportunities. The approach to development schemes in villages with different levels of services and facilities has also been carefully considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Only support development near rail lines.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to sustainable transport opportunities. This includes rail but is not exclusive to rail.

Overarching theme / topic: Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments: Housing near Cambridge Biomedical Campus should be connected to the campus by sustainable transport links.

How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options includes major allocations around Cambridge, which would have access to high-quality transport measures providing connections to the campus.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Infrastructure should be in sustainable locations, avoid impacts to the natural environment and deliver environmental enhancements.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. Policies proposals on

the biodiversity and green infrastructure theme require consideration of the impact of proposals on the natural environment, and to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services
Summary of issues raised in comments Consider rural development in sustainable locations with the potential to improve sustainable transport.
How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report has considered a range of issues including access to sustainable transport opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services
Summary of issues raised in comments Support development along transport corridors, including the CAM, densification and Green Belt release on the edge of Cambridge.
How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to sustainable transport opportunities. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services
Summary of issues raised in comments Support the allocation of small, medium and large sites for development.
How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report proposes a range of development sites.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services
Summary of issues raised in comments Review current settlement boundaries and the settlement hierarchy according to existing and potential sustainability levels.
How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to sustainable transport opportunities. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Support mixed use developments with service provision.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to services and facilities. The new communities proposed have potential to include services and facilities so people can access these locally. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Allocate development along existing and planned transport schemes, including the proposed Cambridge South Rail Station.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to sustainable transport opportunities. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Assess sites based on their potential to provide transport infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to sustainable transport opportunities. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Encourage businesses near employment areas.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted, the strategy proposes developments which would respond to the needs of the economy. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Support the retention of employment in towns and villages.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. Policy proposals in the jobs theme propose to continue to protect existing employment sites.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Ensure new development has access to open space.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted, such approaches are proposed in the Green Infrastructure theme in the preferred options report.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments New development should avoid impacts to the natural environment and should take a partnership approach to delivering strategic enhancements.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted, such approaches are proposed in the Green Infrastructure theme in the preferred options report.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Consider how sustainable transport can be improved and connected for existing development.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted, a range of measures are being explored through the Greater Cambridge Partnership and through the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Connect sustainable and public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted, a range of measures are being explored through the Greater Cambridge Partnership and through the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments New development should prioritise sustainable and public transport over cars.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to sustainable transport opportunities. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Encourage sustainable transport, including active travel, and reduce car use.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to sustainable transport opportunities. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Encourage new home-owners to adopt sustainable transport.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. This is the purpose of the travel plans process, referenced in the proposed approach regarding transport in the infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Schools should be accessible by walking or cycling, and car access restricted.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted, encouraging walking/cycling access to schools in new developments would be important. The infrastructure theme proposes approaches to support sustainable travel, and issues are also addressed in the Great Places theme.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Improve traffic light sequencing for pedestrians and cyclists.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The new Local Plan

should seek to encourage the use of active modes of transport. However, the sequencing of lights is beyond the scope of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Provide affordable sustainable transport options.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to sustainable transport opportunities. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments Support proposed measures in the Issues and Options Local Plan in relation to sustainable transport.

How the comments have been taken into account Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Expand and enhance a safe, well-lit walking and cycling network, including in rural areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Connectivity to transport infrastructure is an important issue, considered in the infrastructure theme of the preferred options. The transport policy proposals would seek to support walking and cycling and create safe connected places.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide walking and cycling infrastructure with train stations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Connectivity to transport infrastructure is an important issue, considered in the infrastructure theme of the preferred options.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure walking and cycling surfaces are suitable for a range of bikes and mobility scooters.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Connectivity to transport infrastructure is an important issue, considered in the infrastructure theme of the preferred options. The transport policy proposals would seek to support walking and cycling and create safe connected places.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Infrastructure for sustainable transport should be separate from roads and highways infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Connectivity to transport infrastructure is an important issue, considered in the infrastructure theme of the preferred options. The transport policy proposals would seek to support walking and cycling and create safe connected places.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide transport hubs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The development strategy proposed in the preferred options report considers access to sustainable transport opportunities. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Introduce rickshaws in Cambridge city centre.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan, although a variety of measures could form part of travel plans associated with individual sites.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure suitable, sustainable, regular and affordable alternatives are provided when reducing car access to Addenbrooke's and Rosie Maternity Hospitals.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Transport assessment and travel plan process will need to consider travel alternatives.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide cycle links at rail stations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Connectivity to transport infrastructure is an important issue, considered in the infrastructure theme of the preferred options.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide unobstructed, smooth surfaced and high visibility cycle routes accessible for people of all abilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Connectivity to transport infrastructure is an important issue, considered in the infrastructure theme of the preferred options. The transport policy proposals would seek to support walking and cycling and create safe connected places.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide walking infrastructure alongside all cycle routes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Connectivity to transport infrastructure is an important issue, considered in the infrastructure theme of the preferred options. The transport policy proposals would seek to support walking and cycling and create safe connected places.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide electric bike sharing facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan, although a variety of measures could form part of travel plans associated with individual sites.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure a cycle shop or maintenance hub is provided in large-scale new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposals regarding cycle parking policy includes requirements for maintenance facilities.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise cycle infrastructure above roads and provide segregated cycle routes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposed policy approach would seek to create walkable neighbourhoods and healthy towns to encourage active sustainable travel; the policy will ensure priority is given to people over vehicular traffic (with low speeds), to make journeys by walking and cycling more direct and convenient than by car.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Train stations, bus stops and new development must provide secure and high-quality cycle parking for a range of cycles.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure theme includes proposed policy approaches regarding cycle parking.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Integrate all public spaces, open spaces and development with the cycling network.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Place making is addressed in the Great Places theme, which includes creating safe connected places.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide cycle lanes and footpaths from Ashwell and Royston train stations, on Madingley Road.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The local plan will seek improvements in association with development, but there are wider cycling improvements being explored by Greater Cambridge Partnership, the County Council and the Combined Authority.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support cargo cycles for local deliveries and the provision of cycling logistics depots.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The jobs theme includes approaches to freight consolidation.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

All stations should have bike parking, and Blue Badge parking.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Approaches to parking are proposed in the infrastructure section of the preferred options report.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support green taxis.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider a ferry along the River Cam.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Enforce helmet wearing, high visibility gear and lights.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the electrification of trains.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Work with North Hertfordshire District to deliver sustainable transport in South Cambridgeshire.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Council is engaging with nearby authorities through the duty to cooperate process.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Work with Essex County Council to coordinate transport schemes cross-county.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Council is engaging with nearby authorities through the duty to cooperate process.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Coordinate the GCLP with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Transport Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils are engaging with the Combined Authority, including on transport matters.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Council should control bus licensing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage public transport operators to adopt a single ticket system.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Make affordable season tickets compulsory.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Create a zone-based travel system for Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide affordable public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan seeks to ensure development has access to sustainable transport, but pricing is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Invest in public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure delivery plan which will accompany the local plan will consider transport measures required to support proposed developments. The infrastructure theme also includes policy proposals regarding how transport should be considered at the planning application stage, including requiring transport assessments to demonstrate how developments will be accessible and measures to address transport impacts.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider on-demand public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure delivery plan which will accompany the local plan will consider transport measures required to support proposed developments. The infrastructure theme also includes policy proposals regarding how transport should be considered at the planning application stage, including requiring transport assessments to demonstrate how developments will be accessible and measures to address transport impacts.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Increase public transport provision.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure delivery plan which will accompany the local plan will consider transport measures required to support proposed developments. The infrastructure theme also includes policy proposals regarding how transport should be considered at the planning application stage, including requiring transport assessments to demonstrate how developments will be accessible and measures to address transport impacts.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure strategic coordination of public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure delivery plan which will accompany the local plan will consider transport measures required to support proposed developments. The infrastructure theme also includes policy proposals regarding how transport should be considered at the planning application stage, including requiring transport assessments to demonstrate how developments will be accessible and measures to address transport impacts.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide shuttles for villages and estates.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure delivery plan which will accompany the local plan will consider transport measures required to support proposed developments. The infrastructure theme also includes policy proposals regarding how transport should be considered at the planning application stage, including requiring transport assessments to demonstrate how developments will be accessible and measures to address transport impacts.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Increase bus services, including to employment centres, and in and between villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure delivery plan which will accompany the local plan will consider transport measures required to support proposed developments. The infrastructure theme also includes policy proposals regarding how transport should be considered at the planning application stage, including requiring transport assessments to demonstrate how developments will be accessible and measures to address transport impacts.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Run buses on the southern section of the busway on Sundays.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure delivery plan which will accompany the local plan will consider transport measures required to support proposed developments. The infrastructure theme also includes policy proposals regarding how transport should be considered at the planning application stage, including requiring transport assessments to demonstrate how developments will be accessible and measures to address transport impacts.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve bus waiting facilities and provide bus route maps.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure delivery plan which will accompany the local plan will consider transport measures required to support proposed developments. The infrastructure theme also includes policy proposals regarding how transport should be considered at the planning application stage, including requiring transport

assessments to demonstrate how developments will be accessible and measures to address transport impacts.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide alternative transport for people unable to use public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policies proposed seek to create accessible developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Increase funding for the Dial a Ride service.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Design station platforms to minimise the need for ramps.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Design policies proposed in the preferred options proposed to require developments to be accessible.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

All forms of public transport should be equipped to transport cycles and mobility aids.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan, and primarily a matter for the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure profitable bus routes subsidise rural routes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Bus services should be publicly owned and operated.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Fund the bus network with revenue from a congestion charge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the electrification of buses.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is primarily a matter for the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide smaller buses for increased service.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve bus services and affordability outside of the Dayrider zone.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Revert the Citi 2 route back to the previous service and create a new bus route on Coldhams Lane to Cherry Hinton and Teversham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Make park and ride buses cheap or free.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide stations, and park and ride stations at “Milton & Horningsea”, Sawston, Hinxton, Littlebury, Harston, Little Shelford, off the A1123 near Stretham, Cherry Hinton, Fulbourn, Six Mile Bottom, Caldecote, Hardwick, Colton and West Cambridge for the University.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Partnership are exploring transport improvements in this area. The Local Plan will consider what infrastructure is needed to support the developments it includes and will be informed by evidence exploring transport impacts and opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve the park and ride at Trumpington.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Partnership are exploring transport improvements in this area.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide more bus lanes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Partnership are exploring transport improvements in this area. The Local Plan will consider what infrastructure is needed to support the developments it includes and will be informed by evidence exploring transport impacts and opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure rail lines are providing maximum commuter capacity, including Cambridge Station and Ely are junctions.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, development of this scheme is beyond the scope of the local plan, and primarily a matter for the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure all rail lines passing through Cambridge have access to Cambridge Biomedical Campus via Cambridge South Station.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, development of this scheme is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide an Eastern entrance at Cambridge Railway Station.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, development of this scheme is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Incorporate the decision on the EWR Central Section route into the production of the new Local Plan. The local plan should influence the selection of the route. The selected route does not maximise the opportunity for modal shift.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The selection of the route is being considered through a separate regulatory process and is outside the scope of the local plan. The Councils have responded to the EWR consultations. The proposals in the Local Plan strategy section seek to respond to the opportunities East West Rail will provide.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support East West Rail.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, development of this scheme is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support very light rail.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, development of this scheme is beyond the scope of the local plan, and primarily a matter for the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the CAM (Cambridge Autonomous Metro).

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, development of this scheme is beyond the scope of the local plan, and primarily a matter for the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider ‘smart’ parking.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is beyond the scope of the local plan, and primarily a matter for the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Driveways should not open directly onto roads.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Appropriate visibility splays are required as part of the development management process.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Convert on-street parking for tree planting.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The preferred options Green Infrastructure theme include policies regarding trees.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Oppose road expansion or dualling schemes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed development strategy approach has focused primarily on opportunities where cycling, walking, and public transport opportunities can be enhanced.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Highway junctions near new development should be small.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Junctions will be designed in accordance with highways technical requirements.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve crossings at major roads including the A14 and A1.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is largely outside the scope of the plan unless improvements are needed as a result of developments proposed.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider priority bus lanes alongside road improvements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is largely outside the scope of the plan unless improvements are needed as a result of developments proposed. These will be explored through the transport evidence and infrastructure delivery plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve road surfaces on Newmarket Road, Coldham’s Lane and Barnwell Road, and provide cycling infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is largely outside the scope of the plan unless improvements are needed as a result of developments proposed. These will be explored through the transport evidence and infrastructure delivery plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Council should subsidise road improvements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the Oxford Cambridge Expressway.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Repair potholes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Reject planning applications which do not reduce car use and do not promote sustainable transport modes, and the Transport Assessment does not propose a reduction in car use.

How the comments have been taken into account

The proposed policy approach regarding sustainable travel and connectivity in the infrastructure theme addresses these issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should be car-free.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Car-free or low levels of parking may be appropriate in certain circumstances, where travel alternatives are available. Approaches to parking are included in the infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Pedestrianize Cambridge city centre.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Set a congestion charge for cars in Cambridge and penalise parking.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Create a weekly allowance of driving days.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Enforce speed limits.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Introduce one-way road systems and reallocate the space to cycle paths.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan and is primarily a matter for the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Restrict delivery vehicle access.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan, and an issue for the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support car sharing, provide car sharing spaces in new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Proposals in the infrastructure theme require the submission of travel plans to support large-scale development proposals. Supporting car sharing is often part of these plans.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Hold a competition to design a car sharing app and payment systems.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Approaches are proposed in the infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure transport options are in place prior to or at occupation of new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. An infrastructure delivery plan will be prepared to accompany the local plan, to identify the infrastructure required, when it is needed, and how it is to be funded.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Infrastructure should support new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. An infrastructure delivery plan will be prepared to accompany the local plan, to identify the infrastructure required, when it is needed, and how it is to be funded.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the retention of employment in towns and villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policy proposals in the jobs theme propose to continue to protect existing employment sites.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Make reference to the Cambridgeshire CC and Peterborough CC emerging Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. When adopted, this plan will form part of the development plan for the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require a ‘carbon audit’ from all planning proposals.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Proposals in the Climate Change theme set out a range of measures to consider the carbon impacts of developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Infrastructure should contribute to reaching net zero.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The availability of sustainable transport infrastructure will reduce the need for

car trips. The development of the major transport schemes is outside the scope of the plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Transport policies should be flexible for technological enhancements and innovation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. It is considered that the policy approaches proposed are sufficiently flexible to adjust to innovations in transport.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require occupier-led Travel Plans for all new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Proposals in the infrastructure theme require the submission of travel plans to support large-scale development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Invest in skateboarding facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The draft plan will be informed by evidence regarding sport and open space facilities, which will feed into the infrastructure delivery plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Work with climate-focused developers.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Councils have no control over the ownership and management of private land proposed for allocation in the new Local Plan. Beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Use the Annual Travel to Work Surveys to inform transport policies in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The local plan is being informed by a range of evidence, including a transport study.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Use Camcycle's 'Making Space for Cycling' guide.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The guide presents detailed information on designs of cycling infrastructure. The preferred options report proposes broad approaches to design at this stage, but further design guidance or codes will be produced or updated.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Produce robust evidence on public transport provision.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The local plan is being informed by a range of evidence, including a transport study.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider transport mode shifts between public transport and homes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure theme proposes approaches to support sustainable travel, and issues are also addressed in the great places theme.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development and access and sustainable transport services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider the variety of working patterns and people's public transport needs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options aim to make places well connected. The details of how transport schemes are run is a matter for the local transport plan and transport providers.

Q38 What do you think the priorities are for new infrastructure?

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

The delivery of a high-quality public transport system, complemented by extensive new and improved foot and cycleways, and that connects a large proportion of the Greater Cambridge population with key employment, leisure, and retail hubs, would seem to be one of the priority areas for infrastructure provision.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision. The Local Plan will also be informed by a transport study, which considers the impact of development options and the transport infrastructure required to enable sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Travel hubs located at existing transport nodes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all

allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision. The Local Plan will also be informed by a transport study, which considers the impact of development options and the transport infrastructure required to enable sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Promote a reduced reliance on cars and promotion of active and sustainable travel. Related initiatives include:

- Cambridge South West Travel Hub
- Trumpington Park and Ride
- EWR Central Section
- East-west Rail
- Cambridge South Railway Station
- Cambridge Autonomous Metro (CAM)
- Smarter travel initiatives
- Cambridge South East Transport corridor
- The aims of the City Access Better Public Transport Programme
- Comberton Greenway
- Rail stations at Cambourne and Northstowe

  How the comments have been taken into account

  Noted: Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision. The Local Plan will also be informed by a transport study, which considers the impact of development options and the transport infrastructure required to enable sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

The installation of a new station at Cambridge South (adjacent to the Addenbrooke campus) is of paramount importance.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Cambridge South station is currently going through its regulatory process.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

More effective bus-rail interchange at all stations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this may primarily be an issue for the local transport plan, but the local plan will seek to support sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Integrated development of East-West Rail following the CambsBed RailRoad northern route into the City, coupled with re-opening of the Colne Valley line to Sudbury, providing a third rail route to London. This line should be equipped with modern signalling and passing tracks at Cambourne and St Neots/Tempsford station, allowing Metro services to share the tracks and operate around the City, Northstowe and Cambourne/Bourne.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, East West rail and its proposed station at Cambourne has been taken into account in the development strategy proposed by the First Proposals report.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Walking and wheelchair routes, separate from cycle infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of policies in the First Proposals seek to ensure that developments are accessible.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Safe, convenient, and high-quality cycle routes everywhere.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policy proposals in the infrastructure theme seek to ensure sustainable transport opportunities are included in developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the electrification of transport modes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Transport and climate change adaptation and mitigation related policies will seek to support the provision of infrastructure which enables the electrification of transport modes.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Active travel corridors within and beyond developments should take priority over other forms of unsustainable transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Infrastructure priorities will be considered in the new Local Plan based on the links to the strategic aims and objectives of the Plan and the importance of the infrastructure to the delivery of the growth strategy in the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Provision of sustainable transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Promotion of non-car and active modes of travel and delivering a highly connected, and accessible development by walking, cycling, and public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

See response above.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

A bypass at Foxton level crossing should be a priority infrastructure project in order to promote future growth along the A10 corridor, to improve air quality, reduce congestion and improve safety of road and pedestrian users.

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposed infrastructure need will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Transport infrastructure is crucial to developing a sustainable development strategy and it is important that the extensive transport improvements being planned to connect Cambridge with the wider sub-region are delivered in the early part of the Plan period to support sustainable growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision. The Local Plan will also be informed by a transport study, which considers the impact of development options and the transport infrastructure required to enable sustainable travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Works at Junction 11 of the M11 to install a travel hub (including extending and improving the existing park and ride services and access and egress routes).

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is primarily a matter for the local transport plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Bring forward an A428 (Oxford to Cambridge) expressway.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is primarily a matter for the local transport plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Develop the A10 both to the north and the south of the city. The potential for dual carriageway, along with junction improvements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is primarily a matter for the local transport plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Additional parking at Ashwell and Morden Station.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is primarily a matter for the local transport plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

An outer ring road, exclusively for electric vehicles, around Cambridge linking the stations, rural centre villages and major places of employment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, this is primarily a matter for the local transport plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

No more roads.

How the comments have been taken into account

The objection to the provision of additional road infrastructure is noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

The focus should be on major routes in the area including the A505 and the M11.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Infrastructure priorities will be considered in the new Local Plan based on the links to the strategic aims and objectives of the Plan and the importance of the infrastructure to the delivery of the growth strategy in the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Reducing roads open to all vehicles in Cambridge City Centre and reducing the amount of delivery vehicles in the centre.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Sustainable modes of travel along with car-free areas will be considered as part of planning for new neighbourhoods.

Overarching theme / topic

Utilities infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Reinforced electricity infrastructure, utilising renewable generation, smart management, energy storage, virtual trading and 5G; support water and wastewater infrastructure improvements; investment in local renewable energy production.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Broadband and telecommunications infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Upgrade to 5G connectivity.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the infrastructure theme proposes policy approaches regarding digital connectivity.

Overarching theme / topic

Flooding and water management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Require rainwater attenuation to greenfield levels and rainwater harvesting for reuse.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Flood management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and design-related policies in the First Proposals will encourage rainwater attenuation and harvesting in new development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Waste management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Produce a resource and waste management strategy and support initiatives that enable a circular economy to resource use.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The production of a waste management strategy as part of the Local Plan evidence base will be considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Waste management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improved waste management which creates good quality compost.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, although beyond the scope of the plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues raised in comments

Additional education infrastructure to support growth in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Libraries

Summary of issues raised in comments

Additional and improved library facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Arts / cultural

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Concert hall near Cambridge North Station

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Arts / cultural

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Medium scale arts centre

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all

allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Social infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Social infrastructure to promote wellbeing and social inclusion, particularly to support people working from home.

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure general

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Health, schools, sixth form centres, wrap around child-care, pre-schools, libraries, pubs, community centres, spaces for churches (all religions), public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure general

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provision of services and facilities alongside new development

How the comments have been taken into account

Proposed infrastructure will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all

allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Cross boundary infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Consider sustainable transport and early years and childcare infrastructure links with Essex.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Strategic and cross-boundary infrastructure requirements will be considered through Duty to Cooperate discussions with neighbouring authorities.

Overarching theme / topic

Cross boundary infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Cross boundary infrastructure and network projects, including the A14 junctions 37 and 38, re-doubling the Cambridge to Newmarket rail line in order to provide half-hourly passenger rail services, and bringing the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro scheme to Haverhill and Mildenhall.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Strategic and cross-boundary infrastructure requirements will be considered through Duty to Cooperate discussions with neighbouring authorities.

Overarching theme / topic

Site specific infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Proposed development at Papworth Everard Village would require the following infrastructure priorities:

- Community infrastructure – nursery, education contributions, healthcare improvements
- Transport connections – active transport routes, links to surrounding areas
- Housing needs – affordable housing

  How the comments have been taken into account

  The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all

allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Site specific infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Fulbourn Greenway would help to deliver sustainable development by offering sustainable transport connections.

How the comments have been taken into account

The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Infrastructure priorities should be determined through the evidence base

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will identify infrastructure requirements to support growth in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Evidence base

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Local Plan should also take account of the plans produced by water and sewerage companies to inform our business plans and the regional plan being led by Water Resources East.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will be informed by plans produced by infrastructure providers.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Maintaining biodiverse green spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green infrastructure and biodiversity policies proposed for the new Local Plan will seek to protect and where possible enhance green spaces throughout the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change and the environment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Infrastructure should contribute towards net zero carbon and doubling nature targets.

How the comments have been taken into account

The approach to infrastructure provision will be linked to the strategic aims and objectives of the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable energy generation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support for the development of heat networks

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The new Local Plan will seek to support new sustainable approaches to energy generation.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable energy generation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Work with natural gas providers to consider pilot scheme for mixing natural gas with 20% hydrogen generated from excess wind power.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The new Local Plan will seek to support new sustainable approaches to energy generation.

Overarching theme / topic

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The level of infrastructure required should be commensurate to the proposed level of growth

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Proposed infrastructure items will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new

Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Infrastructure requirements should be prioritised in accordance with proposed future growth plans

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Proposed infrastructure items will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision.

Overarching theme / topic

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The scale of investment required is a significant challenge for the Cambridge local authorities and the Local Plan should identify how demand will be managed.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Proposed infrastructure items will be considered through the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The identification of strategic site allocations for the new Local Plan will include an assessment of the individual and cumulative impacts of all allocations on existing infrastructure and consider the need for new and improved infrastructure provision

Overarching theme / topic

General policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Catch up on existing infrastructure deficits. Infrastructure should be in place first, in advance of housing development

How the comments have been taken into account

CIL Regulation 122 ensures that infrastructure contributions required from new developments will be directly related to that site and cannot therefore address

existing infrastructure deficits in the area. To address existing deficits, alternative funding sources will be required. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will seek to identify how existing infrastructure needs in the area can be addressed.

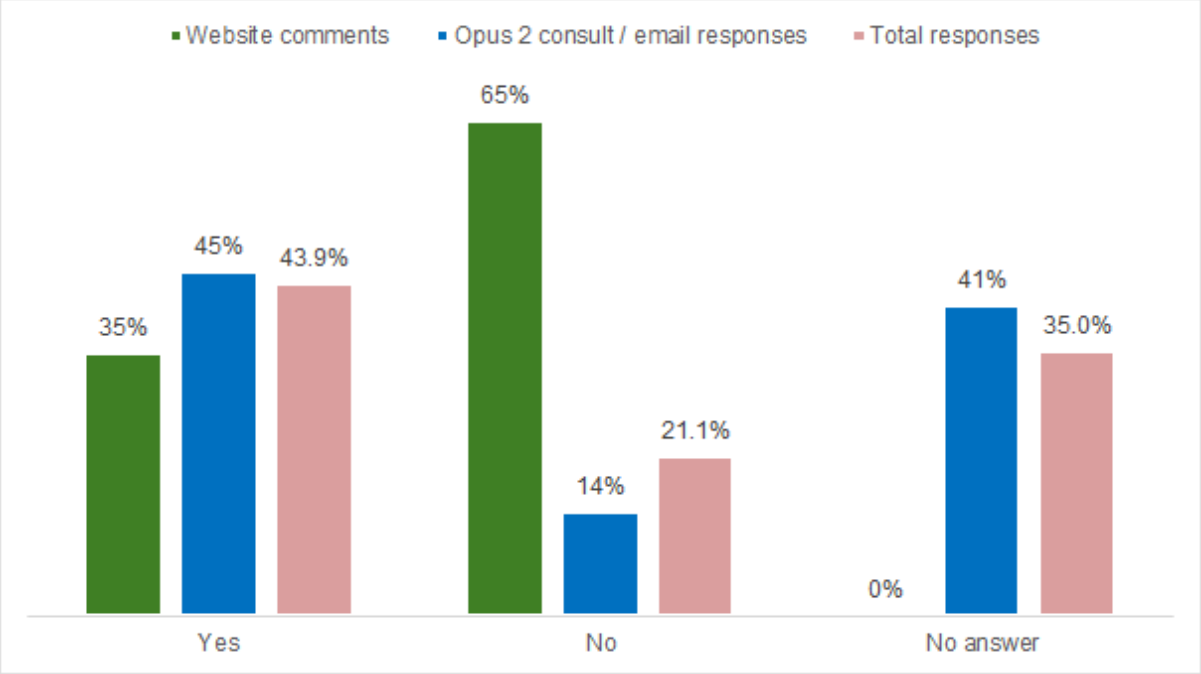
Overarching theme / topic: General policy recommendations
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP: Catch up on existing infrastructure deficits. Infrastructure should be in place first, in advance of housing development
How the comments have been taken into account: Where possible, the Infrastructure Delivery Plan will seek opportunities to forward fund infrastructure provision. Where infrastructure provision is not essential in advance of new development taking place, it is sensible for infrastructure provision to take place alongside the delivery of new development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic: Miscellaneous
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP: Building to passive house standards with each home generating renewable energy through solar panels.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. Climate change adaptation and mitigation and design related policies proposed will encourage the provision of high environmental standards in new development.

Overarching theme / topic: Miscellaneous
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP: Objection to development in the Green Belt, in order to preserve Nine Wells and Hobson's Brook
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted, the objection to development in the Green Belt will be considered by the Council when determining the growth strategy for the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic: Miscellaneous
Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP: Support for the increased delivery of affordable housing.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted: delivery of affordable housing is considered in the housing theme of the First Proposals.

Q39. Should we look to remove land from the Green Belt if evidence shows it provides a more sustainable development option by reducing travel distances, helping us reduce our climate impacts?



26 website comments and 154 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

More respondents answered ‘Yes’ than ‘No’ overall, with 44% answering yes. However this was heavily skewed by the large number Opus 2 Consult/email responses of which 45% answered ‘Yes’ while of the relatively smaller number of website comments, 65% answered ‘No’.

69% of website commenters (18 in total) and 95% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (147) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transportation

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Improve sustainable transport infrastructure and public transportation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transportation

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Provide transport corridors through the Green Belt, linked to new settlements and Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Employment

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Increase rural employment land.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a number of sites are proposed in the rural areas, in addition to policy proposals which would seek to support applications for rural employment in appropriate locations.

Overarching theme / topic:

Character

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Protect the character of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, sites identified for development by the first proposals are considered capable of being developed whilst protecting the character of Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Town centres

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Improve new town centres.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, Northstowe and Waterbeach have planned town centres which have yet to be completed. Development at Cambourne in association with the new railway station could provide the opportunity to enhance the services and facilities available to the town.

Overarching theme / topic:

Coalescence

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support Green Belt release only where a clear separation between settlements exists.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, proposals for green belt identified in the First proposals would not result in coalescence of settlements.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green Belt review

Summary of issues raised in comments:

A review of the Green Belt should be undertaken to ensure identified Green Belt areas remain appropriate.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a review of the entire Cambridge green belt was commissioned to inform the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development in the countryside (not on Green Belt)

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Allocations on the edge of non-Green Belt areas should be considered before Green Belt development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, this approach has been applied through the proposed development strategy, which focus particularly on brownfield land opportunities outside the green belt.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development in the countryside (not on Green Belt)

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Focus growth towards satellite towns outside of the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered through the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focus additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper. The existing planned new settlements such as Northstowe, remain an important part of the development strategy for the area and will continue delivering new homes during the plan period.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development in the countryside (not on Green Belt)

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the development of areas near Cambridge which are not surrounded by Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, areas on the edge of Cambridge but not in the green belt are suggested for development in the First Proposals consultation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development in the countryside (not on Green Belt)

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Potential development sites next to roads and on the edges of villages should be considered before proposing the release of Green Belt sites for development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, development proposals in the First Proposals have focused on areas outside green belt, with only a limited number of releases proposed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development in the countryside (not on Green Belt)

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Recommend the development of areas outside the Green Belt in the first instance.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, development proposals in the First Proposals have focused on areas outside green belt, with only a limited number of releases proposed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development in sustainable locations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Recommend a blended approach to the growth strategy, which includes both Green Belt release in sustainable locations, and the allocation of sites in areas outside the Green Belt which have good sustainable transport links.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a blended approach to the development strategy has been proposed, with most development focused on areas outside the green belt, where there are opportunities for sites to benefit from sustainable transport opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development in sustainable locations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Recommend a growth strategy which allocates development outside of Cambridge on sustainable rapid transport routes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a blended approach to the development strategy has been proposed, with most development focused on areas outside the green belt, where there are opportunities for sites to benefit from sustainable transport opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development in sustainable locations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

New development should be allocated in accessible locations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development in sustainable locations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Areas beyond the Green Belt should not be assumed to be unsustainable. New and existing transport links can support the sustainable development of areas beyond the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support brownfield development

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Brownfield sites in the urban area should be developed in the first instance.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, a blended approach to the development strategy has been proposed, with most development focused on areas outside the green belt, where there are opportunities for sites to benefit from sustainable transport opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support densification

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support densification.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the blended strategy proposed in the First Proposals document seeks to use densification as part of the strategy, but balanced with a number of other strategies.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support Green Belt release

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support Green Belt release where this would deliver growth in sustainable locations as a last resort.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at

Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further green belt release should be made given the other options available apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support Green Belt release

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Circumstances that led to Green Belt release in 2018 local plans still remain, and further releases should be made.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however, the Cambridge east site, north east Cambridge, and development associated with the opportunities provided by East West rail mean that there are opportunities to meet the development needs identified without significant further release of green belt land.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support Green Belt release

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support Green Belt release where this would deliver growth in sustainable locations with sustainable transport options and consider environmental constraints.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, development proposals in the First Proposals have focused on areas outside green belt, with only a limited number of releases proposed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support Green Belt release

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support infill development in the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, development proposals in the First Proposals have focused on areas outside green belt, with only a limited number of releases proposed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Opposition to Green Belt release

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not support the release of Green Belt land.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, development proposals in the First Proposals have focused on areas outside green belt, with only a limited number of releases proposed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Opposition to Green Belt release

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Protect the following areas from development: (1) the green corridor between Trumpington Meadows, Hauxton Road and the M11; (2) the land to the south of Addenbrooke's Road, between the M11 and the west side of Shelford Road; (3) land to the west of Trumpington Road, from Trumpington village to Latham Road; (4) land to the south of Addenbrooke's Road, between the east side of Shelford Road and Granham's Road; and (5) land to the south east of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, including White Hill towards Granham's Road and the approaches to Magog Down.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further green belt release should be made given the other options available apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper. Objection to development south of Cambridge is noted, however, it is considered that exceptional circumstances may exist to justify a limited release to meet the continued needs of the nationally important campus.

Overarching theme / topic:

Biodiversity net gain

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Green Belt release should include the provision of land for wildlife and green sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First proposals includes requirements for biodiversity net gain and enhancement of the green infrastructure network.

Overarching theme / topic:

Biodiversity net gain

Summary of issues raised in comments:

If Green Belt is released, equivalent land should be added to the outside.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however, the land on the outside edge is unlikely to offer the same level of contribution to Green Belt purposes, and it is more appropriate to seek compensatory measures such as improvements to biodiversity or public access to remaining areas of Green Belt.

Overarching theme / topic:

Biodiversity net gain

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Only support Green Belt release where there are nature compensation areas created which result in overall benefits for nature.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First proposals includes requirements for biodiversity net gain and enhancement of the green infrastructure network.

Overarching theme / topic:

Biodiversity net gain

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Improvements to the Green Belt should be implemented to improve biodiversity and nature in Green Belt areas. Proposals for the Green Belt should support and contribute to the proposed Greater Cambridge Nature Recovery Network.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First proposals includes requirements for biodiversity net gain and enhancement of the green infrastructure network.

Overarching theme / topic:

Reducing carbon

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The only development allowed in Green Belt areas should relate to CO_2 capture.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the green infrastructure theme includes a number of proposals in the green belt. A limited number of green belt releases are proposed to meet development needs.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Additional land should be released to support Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is considered that exceptional circumstances may exist to justify a limited release to meet the continued needs of the nationally important campus, although the scale of release proposed by the campus is not supported. Further information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Recommend the allocation of sites in Gamlingay.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Recommend the allocation of sites in Meldreth and Melbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Recommend the allocation of sites in Croxton.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development of land off Station Road, Harston.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Recommend the allocation of sites in Abington.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for the development of land at Priest Lane, Willingham.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the development of land South of High Street, Hauxton.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development of land near the centre of Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the development of Bennell Farm.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the development of land at Fen End, Willingham.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

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How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the development of land at the Dairy Farm site at Boxworth End, Swavesey.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and

Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land adjacent to Cambridge Science Park North for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Bannold Road, Waterbeach, for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and

Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Dry Drayton Road, Oakington.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Scotsdales Garden Centre, Great Shelford.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at 113 Cottenham Road in Histon for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Ambrose Way, Impington.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Capital Park.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Comberton for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Ely Road, Milton, for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Fen Road, Cambridge, for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Foxton for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Fulbourn Road, Teversham for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Greenhedge Farm, Stapleford.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Milton and Fulbourn for employment growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Park Farm for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Park Street, Dry Drayton.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at South West Cambridge for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at the Gas Field, Madingley Road.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at the Mill Land Site, Sawston.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Trumpington South.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Whittlesford Parkway for the development of a transport hub.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability,

suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land at Whittlesford.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land between Hinton Way and Haverhill Road.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land east of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land east of Cambridge Road, Hardwick.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land east of Cambridge Road, Sawston and land east of Haverhill Road, Stapleford.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land east of Long Road, Comberton.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land north of Common Lane, Sawston.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land off Balsham Road in Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land off Beach Road, Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land off Cabbage Moor in Great Shelford.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land off Home End in Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land off Limekiln Road in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land South of Milton Road, Impington.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land to the east of Ditton Lane, Fen Ditton.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the release of Green Belt land west of Station Road, Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability, and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The North East Cambridge Plan (sewerage site) could allocate a conference / concert hall facility with affordable housing, but densities should not be too high. Transport access needs to be resolved, including access to Fen Road.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The north east Cambridge site will include a range of services and facilities, although a concert hall is not proposed. Transport at north east Cambridge has been explored through a detailed transport study, and a trip budget approach is proposed.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns regarding the impact of development on local infrastructure and services.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The impact of development on infrastructure and services is being considered through the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), which assesses the cumulative impact of growth across the district. Mitigation measures will be identified to address infrastructure needs.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns about the loss of Green Belt land and its environmental impact.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Green Belt land release is considered carefully in line with national policy. The need for development is balanced against the environmental impact, and where Green Belt land is proposed for release, an environmental assessment has been carried out to understand the potential effects.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns over the adequacy of public transport provision to support new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Transport strategies have been reviewed as part of the development planning process. New developments will be supported by measures to improve public transport, including the possibility of new routes and enhancements to existing infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for developments that include affordable housing provisions.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The inclusion of affordable housing is a key priority, and the local plan sets out policies to ensure that new developments contribute to the delivery of affordable homes in line with demand.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Suggestions for increasing the density of developments to accommodate more housing.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The density of new developments is considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the character of the surrounding area and the need for housing. Higher density developments may be encouraged in areas with good public transport links and existing infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concern over the scale of new developments and their impact on local communities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The scale of developments is being assessed in terms of their impact on local communities. Where significant impacts are anticipated, measures will be put in place to mitigate these effects, including community engagement and consultation.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns about the environmental sustainability of new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Sustainability is a key factor in the planning and design of new developments. The Local Plan includes policies that require developers to incorporate sustainable design practices, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable drainage systems.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Requests for more green spaces and recreational areas within new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The inclusion of green spaces, recreational areas, and biodiversity features is a priority for new developments. The planning process ensures that adequate open spaces are provided as part of larger developments, contributing to quality of life and environmental sustainability.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns about the loss of agricultural land.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Where agricultural land is proposed for development, its classification and potential alternative uses are carefully considered. The loss of agricultural land will be minimized wherever possible, with mitigation strategies such as the promotion of urban farming or landscaping.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for mixed-use developments that combine residential, commercial, and community spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Mixed-use developments are being encouraged in appropriate locations to support vibrant, sustainable communities. These developments provide opportunities for people to live, work, and access services in the same area, reducing the need for long commutes and fostering community integration.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concern about the traffic and congestion caused by new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Traffic and transportation impacts are being assessed as part of the planning process. Transport studies and travel demand assessments are conducted for major

developments, with mitigation measures such as improved road infrastructure, public transport, and cycling routes considered to reduce congestion.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Requests for more affordable housing options in specific areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The need for affordable housing is recognized, and efforts are being made to focus development in areas where housing demand is high. Policies ensure that a proportion of new developments includes affordable housing, with priority given to local needs.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns about the pressure on existing utilities and services (e.g., water, electricity).

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The capacity of existing utilities and services is being reviewed as part of the planning process. Where necessary, new infrastructure will be provided to support developments, ensuring that the additional demand on resources can be met without compromising service levels.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for eco-friendly and energy-efficient homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The planning framework encourages the construction of energy-efficient homes and low-carbon developments. Policies are in place to promote the use of renewable energy, sustainable building materials, and energy-efficient technologies in new housing projects.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Suggestions for creating more pedestrian-friendly environments in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Designing walkable, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods is a key focus. New developments will incorporate pedestrian pathways, public transport access, and connectivity to existing areas to reduce car dependence and improve accessibility for residents.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concern about the impact of new developments on local schools and educational facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The potential impact on local educational facilities is considered when planning new developments. Engagement with local education authorities ensures that additional school capacity is provided where needed, to accommodate growing populations.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns regarding the loss of heritage sites and historic buildings.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Heritage sites and buildings of historical significance are protected under national and local policies. Developers are required to assess the impact of new developments on heritage assets, and where necessary, mitigation strategies such as preservation or incorporation into new designs are employed.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Requests for improved healthcare facilities and medical services to support growing populations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The need for healthcare services is reviewed during the planning stages, with collaboration between developers, local authorities, and the NHS to ensure that healthcare facilities are expanded or improved in line with new development.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for the development of high-tech industries and research facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan encourages the development of high-tech industries, research facilities, and innovation hubs, particularly in areas close to existing academic or technological clusters. These facilities support economic growth and job creation.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concern over the visual impact of large-scale developments on the landscape.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Visual impact assessments are conducted to ensure that new developments are sensitively integrated into the landscape. Design guidelines promote the use of materials and landscaping that minimize visual intrusion and blend with the surrounding environment.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Requests for better integration of cycling infrastructure in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Cycling infrastructure is a key consideration in the design of new developments. Policies encourage the inclusion of dedicated cycle lanes, bike storage, and connections to existing cycling routes to promote sustainable transport.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns about increased noise pollution from new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Noise impact assessments are required for developments that may generate significant noise. Where necessary, measures such as soundproofing, noise barriers, or restrictions on working hours are imposed to mitigate adverse effects on the surrounding area.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for the development of affordable housing in key locations close to public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Affordable housing is being prioritized in locations with good access to public transport, ensuring that residents can commute easily to employment hubs and reduce their reliance on cars.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Requests for greater transparency in the planning process, especially regarding public consultations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Efforts to improve public engagement and consultation are being made, with more accessible information about development proposals provided through online platforms, public meetings, and direct outreach to local communities.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns regarding the pressure on local infrastructure, such as roads and utilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The impact of new developments on local infrastructure is carefully assessed during the planning process. Upgrades to roads, utilities, and public services are incorporated where necessary to ensure that existing infrastructure can accommodate new residents.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Requests for more mixed-tenure housing options, including both private and affordable homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Mixed-tenure housing developments are being encouraged, with policies that ensure a balance between private, affordable, and social housing to promote diverse and sustainable communities.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

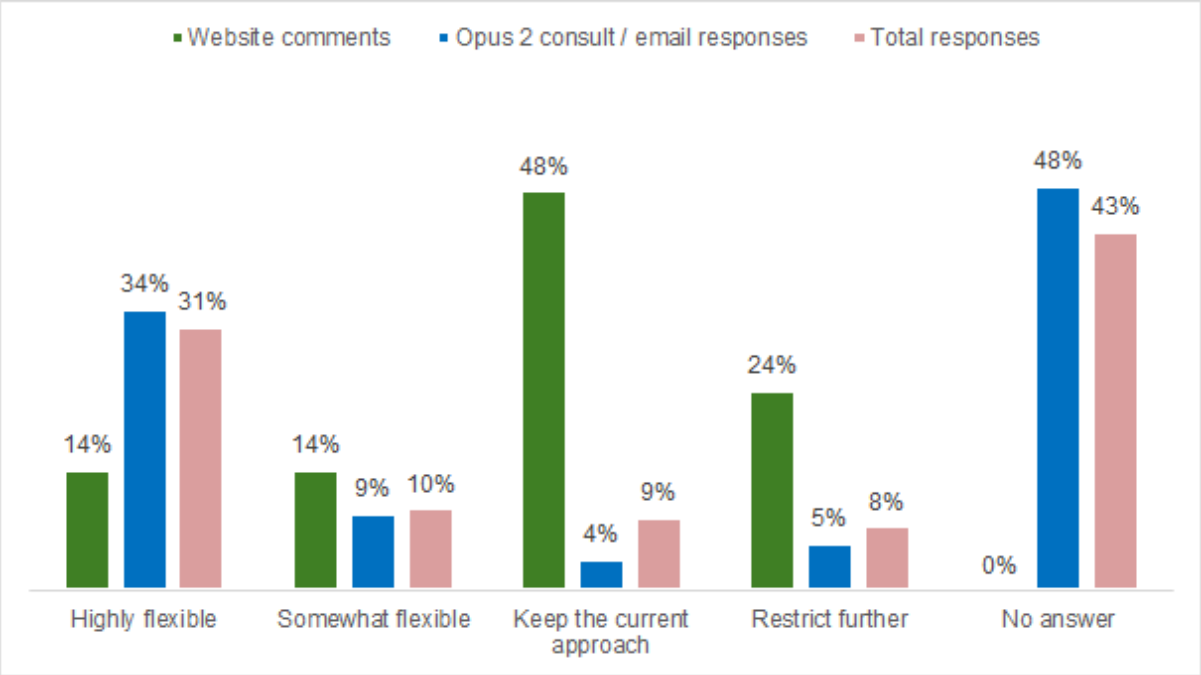
Summary of issues raised in comments:

Concerns about the long-term environmental impact of large-scale developments.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Environmental impact assessments are required for large developments to evaluate potential effects on biodiversity, water quality, and the natural environment. Strategies to mitigate these impacts are implemented, such as green building practices, habitat conservation, and the use of sustainable materials.

Q40. How flexible should the Local Plan be towards development of both jobs and homes on the edge of villages?



21 website comments and 164 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

There were a large number of Opus 2 Consult/email responses which did not answer the quantitative element to this question. Of the responses received, overall flexibility was favoured, with 41% supporting a highly or somewhat flexible approach. This resulted from the larger number of Opus 2 Consult/email responses, as from website commenters, 48% favoured keeping the current approach and 24% restricting further, with only 28% supporting flexibility in some form.

57% of website commenters (12 in total) and 98% of Opus 2 Consult/email respondents (160) left a written comment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for development that can be delivered in a sustainable manner, where there is good access by walking and cycling to services and facilities and public transport

connections.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed preferred option development strategy is a blended strategy to meet a variety of needs, focusing growth at a range of the best performing locations including in particular Cambridge urban area, edge of Cambridge non-Green Belt, and around Cambourne. Site opportunities within this strategy result in a particular focus on the Public Transport Corridors and the Western Corridor hybrid strategic options.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for development in sustainable villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The role of sustainable development in villages to ensure the long term sustainability of the village was considered as part of the development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development in villages where it reduces the need for people to travel to access homes, jobs, services and facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The revised proposed settlement hierarchy considers the sustainability of settlements based on access to jobs, shop and services.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support growth in villages where new sustainable transport links (Greenways) can be provided.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The importance of sustainable transport links to connect villages to Cambridge and other larger settlements outside of the district was considered as part of the development strategy and when considering the revised proposed settlement hierarchy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

It is critical that villages are provided with the opportunity to grow in a sustainable manner.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The role of sustainable development in villages to ensure the long term sustainability of the village was considered as part of the development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The new Local Plan should allocate growth on the edge of sustainable villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The role of sustainable development in villages to ensure the long term sustainability of the village was considered as part of the development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for development outside of settlement boundaries where the proposals meet local business or community needs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Edge of village sites have been considered as part of the development strategy in the most sustainable villages as part of the growth strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for the increased flexibility in village settlement boundaries in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan is proposed to include a policy on Development Frameworks. The current development frameworks will be reviewed as part of the ongoing work to develop this policy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Avoid blanket protection policies as they may act to unnecessarily stifle sustainable growth opportunities on the edge of settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however development frameworks play an important role in defining the built up area of settlements and in preventing sprawl. Sites abutting the development framework have been considered as potential allocations in the emerging local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development abutting settlement boundaries outside of the Green Belt. The new Local Plan should be more flexible in supporting growth in these locations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed preferred option development strategy is a blended strategy to meet a variety of needs, focusing growth at a range of the best performing locations including in particular Cambridge urban area, edge of Cambridge non-Green Belt, and around Cambourne. Site opportunities within this strategy result in a particular focus on the Public Transport Corridors and the Western Corridor hybrid strategic options.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for development in villages only where there will be no detrimental impact on the environment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The role of sustainable development in villages to ensure the long term sustainability of the village was considered as part of the development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Plan should support windfall development in village locations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The role of sustainable development in villages to ensure the long term sustainability of the village was considered as part of the development strategy. Windfall development allowances are informed by the settlement hierarchy which is proposed to be revised and is being consulted on as part of the First Proposals consultation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development on the edge of villages, subject to the protection of environmental and heritage assets.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Windfall development allowances are informed by the settlement hierarchy which is proposed to be revised and is being consulted on as part of the First Proposals consultation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Scale of development should reflect the size of the village.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Windfall development allowances are informed by the settlement hierarchy which is proposed to be revised and is being consulted on as part of the First Proposals consultation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The new Local Plan should identify the benefits which new development can bring to a village.

How the comments have been taken into account:

New development will be supported in the most sustainable village locations. The role of new development in supporting village communities and economies is noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for growth at Rural Centres and Minor Rural Centres as identified in the adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, as these would be the most sustainable locations for growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The role of sustainable development in villages to ensure the long term sustainability of the village was considered as part of the development strategy. Windfall development allowances are informed by the settlement hierarchy which is proposed to be revised and is being consulted on as part of the First Proposals consultation. This includes amendments to the Rural Centres and Minor Rural Centres categories as well as the introduction of Towns as a categorisation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for the growth of existing and established rural employment areas to support the rural economy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Proposed policy J/RE: Supporting the Rural Economy will set out the approach to re-use and replacement of rural buildings, and proposals related to land-based enterprises.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Flexibility in allowing small developments in rural areas would support the new Local Plan in allocating 10% of development on small sites under 1 hectare.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The aim of the settlement hierarchy is to direct development to the most sustainable locations in the district. Revisions are proposed to the settlement hierarchy as part of the First Proposals Consultation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the densification of central areas in villages, providing more sustainable development closer to village services, facilities, and existing communities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The role of sustainable development in villages to ensure the long term sustainability of the village was considered as part of the development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support for the growth of villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for the development of small and medium sized sites along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed preferred option development strategy is a blended strategy to meet a variety of needs, focusing growth at a range of the best performing locations including in particular Cambridge urban area, edge of Cambridge non-Green Belt, and around Cambourne. Site opportunities within this strategy result in a particular focus on the Public Transport Corridors and the Western Corridor hybrid strategic options.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Objection to further growth in Fulbourn until the impacts of recent planning approvals on the village can be fully assessed.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Concerns about further growth in Fulbourn are noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the approach to managing growth in villages in the existing local plan, with four groupings of village types and thresholds setting the amount of development which will be allowed.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Objection to any growth. The focus of the new Plan should be on the climate change crisis.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Objection to the growth of villages. Concern that it would have a significant detrimental impact on the character of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Although the role of development in the long term sustainability of villages is recognised. The proposed preferred option development strategy is a blended strategy focusing growth at a range of the best performing locations including in particular Cambridge urban area, edge of Cambridge non-Green Belt, and around Cambourne. Some development in sustainable villages is also proposed, in particular in villages on public transport corridors.

Overarching theme / topic:

Objection to growth in villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The most sustainable locations for growth are in Cambridge City. This is where allocations should be identified in the first instance.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed development strategy allows for unrestricted growth in Cambridge city while focusing some growth to the most sustainable villages.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for an agglomeration strategy, allocating employment growth in Cambridge City close to other businesses. This approach is considered to be the most economically.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed development strategy focuses growth in and around Cambridge city while focusing some growth to the most sustainable villages.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for locating employment where it is accessible by walking or cycling to homes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred option seeks to focus employment in Cambridge and within or close to towns and villages.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The development strategy in the new Local Plan should include a range of options, including the development of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed preferred option development strategy is a blended strategy to meet a variety of needs, focusing growth at a range of the best performing locations.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The identification of allocations in the new Local Plan should take the views of existing local residents.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Local Parish Councils were consulted on sites put forward as part of the Call for Sites process. Residents will have the opportunity to provide their views on proposed allocations as part of the First Proposals consultation.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for dispersing growth to villages with good access to major roads such as the A14.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed preferred option development strategy is a blended strategy to meet a variety of needs, focusing growth at a range of the best performing locations. Climate change is one of the big themes of the plan and therefore the strategy focuses on public transport corridors rather than major roads.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The allocation of growth in the new Local Plan should seek to avoid the coalescence of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed preferred option development strategy is a blended strategy to meet a variety of needs, focusing growth at a range of the best performing locations. The preferred option recognises the importance of development frameworks in defining built up areas of a settlement and preventing sprawl.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Objection to the dispersal of growth throughout the villages. Development should be focused on appropriate sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed preferred option development strategy is a blended strategy to meet a variety of needs, focusing growth at a range of the best performing locations.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Housing growth should match jobs growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Housing growth proposed as part of the Preferred Options is based on job forecasting. We also must ensure that the plan is deliverable and that any environmental impacts can be addressed appropriately.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Brownfield sites should be developed in the first instance, before considering development on the edge of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Development of brownfield sites within villages will be supported and preferable to development on the edge of settlements.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development in villages where this maintains facilities and services.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district. This controls windfall development in villages and directs development to the most sustainable settlements.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support high quality development in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district. This controls windfall development in villages and directs development to the most sustainable settlements.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support limited development in villages in proximity to new settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district. This controls windfall development in villages and directs development to the most sustainable settlements.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support small infill development in villages only.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district. This controls windfall development in villages and directs development to the most sustainable settlements.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the development of small sites in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district. This controls windfall development in villages and directs development to the most sustainable settlements.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should be highly flexible to the development of jobs and homes on the edge of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however development frameworks play an important role in defining the built up area of settlements and in preventing sprawl. Sites abutting the development framework have been considered as potential allocations in the emerging local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should be somewhat flexible to the development of jobs and homes

on the edge of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, however development frameworks play an important role in defining the built up area of settlements and in preventing sprawl. Sites abutting the development framework have been considered as potential allocations in the emerging local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should keep the current approach to the development of jobs and homes on the edge of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Development frameworks play an important role in defining the built up area of settlements and in preventing sprawl. However, sites abutting the development framework have been considered as potential allocations in the emerging local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should restrict the current approach to the development of jobs and homes on the edge of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Development frameworks play an important role in defining the built up area of settlements and in preventing sprawl. However, sites abutting the development framework have been considered as potential allocations in the emerging local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Employment

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support flexibility in supporting jobs growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy J/NE: New employment development proposals will set out the criteria that will determine whether proposals for employment development in urban areas, villages, and the countryside are acceptable.

Overarching theme / topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Any growth of villages should be supported by a comparable increase in the provision of infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will assess the needs for new and improved infrastructure to support growth proposed in the new Local Plan. Policy I/ID: Infrastructure and Delivery will set out how necessary infrastructure to support development should be delivered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

It is recommended that the Council reassess the potential for growth in villages throughout the area, taking into account the existing accessibility of villages, and considering proposed transport improvements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Council should undertake an up-to-date assessment of key facilities in all settlements, to establish how sustainable each area is, and how appropriate the current classification for the settlement is within the settlement hierarchy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The new Local Plan should update the settlement hierarchy to ensure all classifications are up to date and accurate.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

New development should be supported by appropriate infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This will be considered through the Integrated Development Programme (IDP).

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The new Local Plan should clarify what scale of development would be appropriate in rural areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated to reflect the form of development in the district. This controls windfall development in villages and directs development to the most sustainable settlements.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for the provision of a wide range of housing types and tenures in site allocations.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy H/HM: Housing mix will set out the housing mix that should be provided by new developments.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Development in villages should consider the settlement character and identity. New development should seek to conserve the historic environment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy GP/PP: People and place responsive design will set a strategic vision for achieving high quality design in Greater Cambridge for both urban and rural areas.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for the approach taken by the West Norfolk and Kings Lynn Borough Council Local Plan, which has included Policy LP26 (Residential Development Adjacent to Existing Settlements) providing more flexibility to development adjacent to settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. However, the role of development frameworks in defining the built-up area of settlements and in preventing sprawl is recognized. Sites abutting the development framework have been considered as potential allocations in the emerging local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for development of self-build housing to be supported in all areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. National planning policy requires the housing needs of particular groups, including those who wish to commission or build their own homes, to be reflected in planning policies. The preferred option plan proposes policy H/CB Self and Custom Build Homes which proposes that 5% of all new homes in residential developments of 20 dwellings or more will be required to be custom and/or self-build, provided that the Greater Cambridge self and custom build register is recording a demand for self and/or custom build homes when a planning application for 20 or more homes is considered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Only affordable housing should be provided outside of settlement boundaries. Support for 100% affordable schemes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred option plan proposes policy H/ES Exception Sites for Affordable Housing. This policy will support exception sites in appropriate locations, typically adjoining existing settlements, and that are proportionate in scale to those settlements where there is an identified need.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support for the use of rural exception sites to allow development in rural areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred option plan proposes policy H/ES Exception Sites for Affordable Housing. This policy will support exception sites in appropriate locations, typically adjoining existing settlements, and that are proportionate in scale to those settlements where there is an identified need.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Objection to having a flexible policy. Instead, settlement boundaries should be amended as required.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Development framework boundaries will be considered in the work towards the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Planning policy should support development in villages within the following requirements:

a. Ensuring development is sustainable, assessed in accordance with the social, economic, and environmental benefits of The Framework.

b. Quality design that is appropriate for the specific location.

c. Homes for local people where sites above 10 dwellings should reflect the tenure requirement of a particular settlement needs.

d. Heating needs to be from renewable energy and not fossil fuels.

e. Can be serviced reasonably utilizing existing infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The settlement hierarchy is proposed to be updated. This directs development to the most sustainable villages. Policy GP/PP: People and place responsive design will set a strategic vision for achieving high quality design in Greater Cambridge for both urban and rural areas. Policy H/AH: Affordable housing will set out how affordable housing will be delivered. Policy CC/NZ: Net zero carbon new buildings will set the levels of energy use that will be allowed for new development, how renewable energy should be used to meet that energy need, and how whole-life carbon emissions should be considered. Policy I/ID: Infrastructure and delivery will set out how necessary infrastructure to support development should be delivered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Any growth should be accompanied by biodiversity and water security improvements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy BG/BG: Biodiversity and geodiversity will control the biodiversity impacts from development, including the approach to Biodiversity Net Gain. Policy CC/WE: Water efficiency in new developments will set the standards of water efficiency that new developments must comply with.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support removal of site thresholds

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Recommend the removal of site size thresholds for developments in rural areas, which were largely irrelevant and ineffective.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. However, site thresholds based on a village's place in the settlement hierarchy directs growth to the most sustainable villages.

Overarching theme / topic:

Support removal of site thresholds

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The removal of site thresholds in rural areas would allow the achievement of more affordable housing, where currently the limit of 10 dwellings does not obtain any affordable units on those sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. However, site thresholds based on a village's place in the settlement hierarchy directs growth to the most sustainable villages. The preferred option plan proposes policy H/ES Exception Sites for Affordable Housing. This policy will support exception sites in appropriate locations, typically adjoining existing settlements, and that are proportionate in scale to those settlements where there is an identified need.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The new Local Plan should support working from home and the creation of small incubator spaces for new businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The First Proposals consultation includes policy J/RW: Enabling remote working and policy J/AW: Affordable workspace and creative industries.

Overarching theme / topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Infrastructure should be in place before building houses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The emerging local plan will consider the need to ensure infrastructure is in place in a timely manner. The First Proposals consultation includes policies such as I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity which seeks to ensure new development links with transport infrastructure and WS/MU: Meanwhile uses during long-term redevelopments, which promotes short-term uses to help build community as major developments are being built.

Overarching theme / topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Development in villages should be restricted to affordable housing for people with a local connection.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan. The First Proposals consultation includes policy H/ES Exception Sites for Affordable Housing. This policy will support exception sites in appropriate locations, typically adjoining existing settlements, and that are proportionate in scale to those settlements where there is an identified need.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable transport

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Improve public transport in Cottenham, including a link to the guided bus and a park and ride.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Housing mix

Summary of issues raised in comments:

New housing should be put up for sale and not for rent.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, although this is outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure and biodiversity

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Increase tree cover in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy BG/TC: Improving tree canopy cover and the tree population seeks to protect existing trees and hedgerows and promote the provision of new trees and woodland as part of new development.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure and biodiversity

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Protect wildlife corridors in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy BG/GI: Green infrastructure seeks to protect and enhance existing green infrastructure.

Q41. Do you think the Local Plan should be more flexible about the size of developments allowed within village boundaries (frameworks), allowing more homes on sites that become available?

Overarching theme / topic:
Infrastructure
Summary of issues raised in comments:
Fund local services.
How the comments have been taken into account:
Noted. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will assess the needs for new and improved infrastructure, services and facilities, to support growth proposed in the new Local Plan. The conclusions of the IDP will inform the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:
Infrastructure
Summary of issues raised in comments:
Contributions from small scale developments should be raised to help fund infrastructure projects.
How the comments have been taken into account:
Noted, the local plan infrastructure theme addresses the approach to infrastructure funding. Government are currently reviewing the mechanisms for securing developer funding. We will await the outcome of this review before determining the precise mechanisms of how the local plan will address developer contributions.

Overarching theme / topic:
Sustainable transport
Summary of issues raised in comments:
Provide sustainable transportation in villages.
How the comments have been taken into account:
Noted. This is primarily an issue for the Local Transport Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Character

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Development within village boundaries should be sensitive to settlement character and identity.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of policy proposals, particularly in the great places theme, would require development to be sensitive to village character.

Overarching theme / topic:

Character

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Limit growth in villages to retain village character.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of policy proposals, particularly in the great places theme, would require development to be sensitive to village character.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable design

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support low-carbon and sustainably designed development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy regarding sustainable building design is included within the climate change theme.

Overarching theme / topic:

Approach to the settlement hierarchy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the recategorization of villages in South Cambridgeshire in a new settlement hierarchy to reflect existing and potential levels of sustainability.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A review of the settlement hierarchy has been undertaken, and the outcome has informed policy proposals in the strategy section.

Overarching theme / topic:

Approach to the settlement hierarchy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Maintain settlement hierarchy designation of Steeple Morden.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A review of the settlement hierarchy has been undertaken, and the outcome has informed policy proposals in the strategy section.

Overarching theme / topic:

Local Plan policies

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Policies should be criteria based to evaluate proposals according to local context and sustainable development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

South Cambridgeshire District Council should commission a settlement assessment to identify key facilities at each settlement and consider planned transport improvements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A review of the settlement hierarchy has been undertaken, and the outcome has informed policy proposals in the strategy section. This has included consideration of transport improvement opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Objection to a blanket protection policy, with a preference for levels of growth to be identified by criteria based policies.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Identify levels of growth on a site by site basis.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Identify levels of growth according to the historic environment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Identify levels of growth according to the sustainability of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Levels of growth should be design-led.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Objection to an inclusion of maximum dwelling numbers in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development in sustainable village locations, with high levels of services, infrastructure and facilities, and outside of the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing

commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development of sustainable communities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not support coalescence as a result of large scale development in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the impact on landscape and townscape of proposals have been considered through the site assessment process.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support Green Belt release to accommodate more growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Green Belt has been appropriately considered through the plan making process in line with national planning policy. The proposed options include a number of limited green belt releases, responding to site specific circumstances.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support residential development in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing

commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support small, medium and large scale development in sustainable rural locations and villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The density/HA of new development should reflect existing settlement patterns.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support a mixed growth strategy approach to housing delivery in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the current approach to growth in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support a highly flexible approach to sustainable development in village boundaries.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support sustainable development inside and outside of village boundaries.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic:

Reserve Sites

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should identify Reserve Sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. National Planning Policy and guidance supports the inclusion of a review policy in the Plan, which includes monitoring indicators to determine if a review of the

Plan is required. Monitoring indicators can include allocated sites not coming forward as expected.

Overarching theme / topic:

Level of growth within villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support moderate growth within village boundaries.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Level of growth within villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support limited growth in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Level of growth within villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Plan should not be prescriptive about the amount of development which would be appropriate in particular settlements. This should be determined through discussions with applicants.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Level of growth within villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support increased flexibility about the size of developments allowed within Duxford's village boundary.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Level of growth within villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should not be more flexible about the size of development within village boundaries.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Level of growth within villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Restrict the size of development in villages further.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst there is a desire to provide flexibility to help meet housing needs, that has to be balanced with the evidence coming through our Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) that growth in smaller villages tends to generate higher levels of carbon than urban development. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current

policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Amending village boundaries

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support amendments to village boundaries, according to their sustainability and ability to accommodate more growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The relative sustainability of villages has informed the settlement hierarchy, as well as consideration of development strategy and site proposals.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support densification of Cottenham's centre.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why sites have been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support densification of village centres.

How the comments have been taken into account:

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Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development at Melbourn.

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Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development of Hardwick.

How the comments have been taken into account:

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Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not support the development of Kennett Garden Village.

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Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development of Linton.

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Overarching theme / topic:

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support development at Impington and Histon.

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Overarching theme / topic:

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The Local Plan should identify Reserve Sites.

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Overarching theme / topic:

Level of growth within villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support moderate growth within village boundaries.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. On balance, we think the indicative scheme sizes in the current policies remain appropriate, and they are proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Level of growth within villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support limited growth in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

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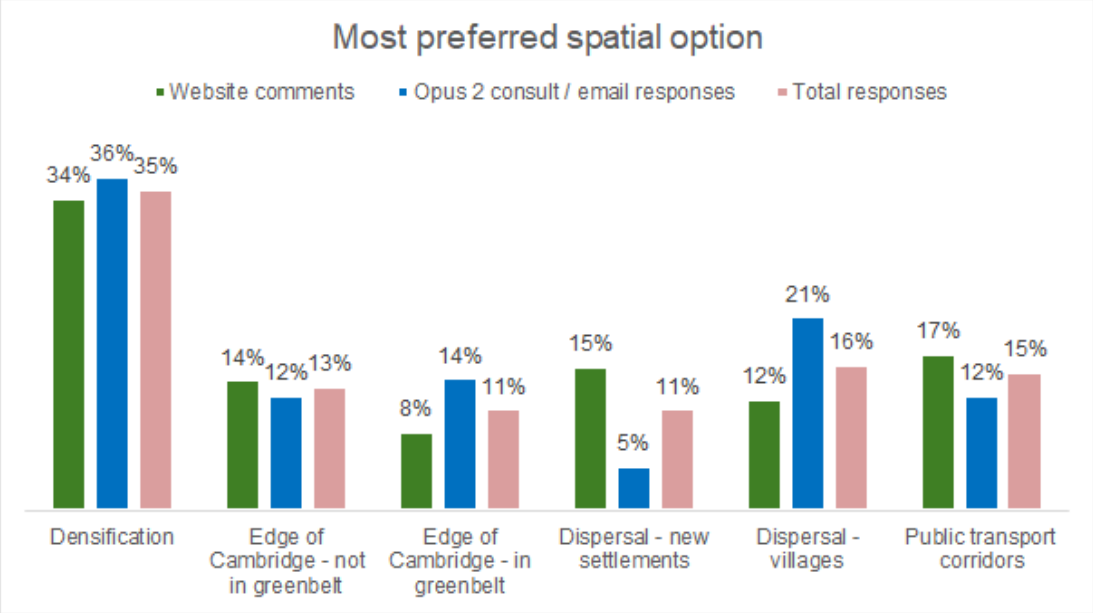
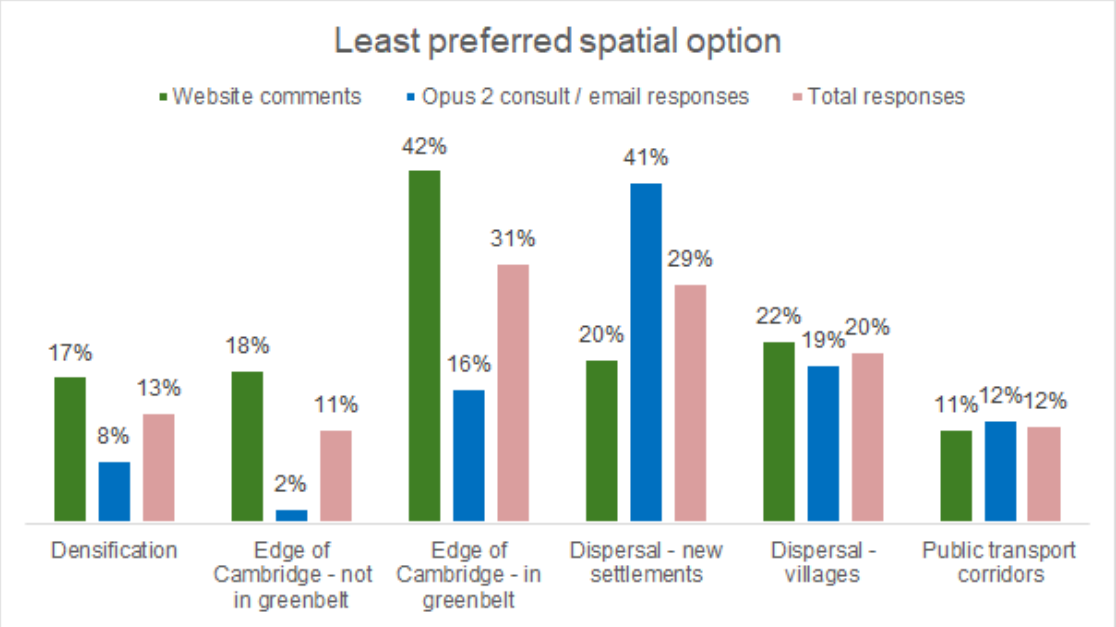
Q42. Where should we site new development?



119 website comments and 224 Opus 2 Consult/email responses were received to this question.

Densification was ranked as the preferred location by 35% of respondents overall. There was little disagreement between respondents on different channels. Where respondents would least like to see development was somewhat more divided. Overall, the edge of Cambridge in the Greenbelt, and dispersal in new settlements, were least favoured, but website commenters strongly disfavoured greenbelt sites while Opus 2 Consult/email respondents strongly disfavoured new settlements.



Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should be in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should consider Minerals and Waste safeguarded land when allocating sites.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Minerals and Waste Local Plan has been considered through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment process.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in sustainable locations with infrastructure in place.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Near services and facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should consider the availability of services and facilities when siting new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the availability of services and facilities.

Overarching theme / topic

Near employment / areas of economic growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should be located near employment opportunities to reduce commutes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Near employment / areas of economic growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should be located near industrial clusters.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, and the testing of potential development sites. The proposals have sought to respond to the needs identified in the Employment Land Review Study, with additional allocations which add to the substantial level of employment land supply already committed in the greater Cambridge area.

Overarching theme / topic

Near employment / areas of economic growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development should be near major economic investment opportunities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, and the testing of potential development sites. The proposals have sought to respond to the needs identified in the Employment Land Review Study, with additional allocations which add to the substantial level of employment land supply already committed in the greater Cambridge area.

Overarching theme / topic

Near employment / areas of economic growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support employment development near housing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Near sustainable transport options

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should have access to sustainable and public transport options.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Near sustainable transport options

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should consider proximity to public transport for the commute between Essex and Cambridgeshire when allocating sites.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Near sustainable transport options

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should consider sustainable transport when siting new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Near sustainable transport options

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should consider transport infrastructure when allocating sites to reduce car dependency.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Near sustainable transport options

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should be located along and near transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Near sustainable transport options

Summary of issues raised in comments

Village expansion must be met by increased public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should consider the implications of the growth strategies on sewerage infrastructure, Milton Water Recycling Centre and other areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, an Integrated Water Management study has been commissioned to inform the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should consider the provision of adequate infrastructure, in particular secondary education, when allocating sites.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will be supported by an Infrastructure delivery plan, which will identify what is needed, when it is needed, and how it will be funded, this will include consideration of education.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Large-scale development should be sustainable with adequate infrastructure provision.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will be supported by an Infrastructure delivery plan, which will identify what is needed, when it is needed, and how it will be funded.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide a public leisure centre and supermarket in South Cambridgeshire, address parking and school capacity in Whittlesford and provide safe cycle paths and pedestrian crossing points on Duxford Road, Whittlesford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will be supported by an Infrastructure delivery plan, which will identify what is needed, when it is needed, and how it will be funded.

Overarching theme / topic

Duty to Cooperate

Summary of issues raised in comments

Avoid negative impacts from development by meeting the Duty to Cooperate.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, however the local plan should seek to meet the development needs of the area unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. The proposed development strategy is considered to offer a sustainable development strategy which is able to respond to development needs taking account of environmental, social and economic issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport / Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ban cars from Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The infrastructure theme includes policy approaches regarding parking, which seek a design led approach, including reduced levels of parking where alternative modes of transport are available.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport / Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide safe and high quality cycling and public transport infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the development strategy has been influenced by opportunities to deliver sustainable transport.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport / Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Transport infrastructure should support employment sites.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the development strategy has been influenced by opportunities to deliver sustainable transport.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport / Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

New development should be supported by new strategic transport infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of issues were considered through the consideration of development strategy options, including the proximity of homes to jobs as well as the availability of high quality public transport and opportunities for active travel.

Overarching theme / topic

Support Green Belt development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Green Belt land should be released to accommodate new development as a last option.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Green Belt is acknowledged as a constraint within the Greater Cambridge area. While it is not proposed that Green Belt land is released as a general matter, it is an option where there is a clear and overriding need for development.

Overarching theme / topic

Support Green Belt development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Green Belt development should be supported only in exceptional circumstances.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Green Belt is acknowledged as a constraint within the Greater Cambridge area. While it is not proposed that Green Belt land is released as a general matter, it is an option where there is a clear and overriding need for development.

Overarching theme / topic

Green spaces

Summary of issues raised in comments

Maintain green space for biodiversity.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the importance of green infrastructure is reflected in the vision and principles of the plan, with a range of policies designed to ensure biodiversity is protected and enhanced.

Overarching theme / topic

Green spaces

Summary of issues raised in comments

Green space should be protected in urban areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the importance of urban green spaces is acknowledged and policies will ensure that these areas are maintained and enhanced as part of the development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic

Green spaces

Summary of issues raised in comments

Increase green space provision as part of new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, new developments will be expected to provide green space as part of the design, in accordance with the policies aimed at enhancing green infrastructure across the region.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritize sustainable and energy-efficient buildings.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan includes policies to ensure that new developments are energy-efficient and incorporate sustainable building practices to reduce carbon emissions.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support for renewable energy projects.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies to encourage renewable energy generation and energy-efficient solutions have been integrated into the plan to support the transition towards a low-carbon economy.

Overarching theme / topic

Housing affordability

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure that new housing developments include affordable housing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan includes policies that require developers to provide a proportion of affordable housing in new residential schemes to meet the region's housing needs.

Overarching theme / topic

Housing affordability

Summary of issues raised in comments

Address the increasing gap between housing supply and demand.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a key focus of the plan is to increase housing supply, particularly affordable housing, to meet the growing demand while considering the implications of new developments on the local infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Economic growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support economic development alongside housing growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan seeks to balance housing growth with economic development, ensuring that sufficient land is allocated for employment use and supporting the region's economy.

Overarching theme / topic

Economic growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage the development of high-tech and knowledge-based industries.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies in the plan aim to support and attract high-tech industries, ensuring the region remains competitive and retains its reputation as a center for innovation and research.

Overarching theme / topic

Affordable transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure that new housing developments are well-served by affordable public

transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan includes provisions for integrating affordable and sustainable transport options into new developments, enhancing public transport links to new residential areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Affordable transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Public transport must be affordable for all residents, including low-income households.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan acknowledges the importance of affordable public transport and encourages the expansion of accessible and low-cost options to ensure all residents can benefit from improved transport links.

Overarching theme / topic

Public services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure the provision of health and education services in new development areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Infrastructure Delivery Plan will include the provision of key public services, such as health facilities and schools, alongside housing and employment growth to ensure the sustainability of new communities.

Overarching theme / topic

Public services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure adequate provision of healthcare services in growing areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, healthcare provision will be carefully considered in relation to new developments, with the Infrastructure Delivery Plan addressing the need for new health facilities where necessary.

Overarching theme / topic

Water management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Address flood risks through sustainable water management systems.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan will include policies to manage flood risks, incorporating sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and ensuring that new developments do not exacerbate flood risks.

Overarching theme / topic

Water management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure adequate water supply in growing areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan includes provisions for water management, including measures to ensure that new developments have access to an adequate water supply without compromising sustainability.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve connectivity between new developments and key transport hubs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan proposes transport links that connect new developments to key transport hubs, including train stations and bus routes, to enhance mobility and reduce car dependency.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Create dedicated cycle lanes and walking routes to reduce reliance on cars.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the development strategy encourages the inclusion of cycle lanes and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure to promote active travel and reduce carbon emissions.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable energy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Promote the use of renewable energy sources in all new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan includes policies that encourage renewable energy integration, such as solar panels and wind energy, to meet sustainability goals and reduce environmental impact.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable energy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure all new buildings are energy-efficient and meet high environmental standards.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies in the climate change theme focus on ensuring that new developments are built to high energy-efficiency standards and support energy-saving technologies to reduce energy consumption.

Overarching theme / topic

Community facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide adequate community spaces, such as parks, leisure centers, and libraries, in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Infrastructure Delivery Plan will consider the provision of community facilities in new developments to ensure residents have access to essential services and recreational spaces.

Overarching theme / topic

Community facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure sufficient capacity for schools, hospitals, and other essential services in growing areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will assess the capacity of local services and ensure that new developments are supported by adequate education, healthcare, and social services.

Overarching theme / topic

Housing development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Focus on high-quality, mixed-use housing developments that combine residential, commercial, and recreational spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan encourages mixed-use developments that integrate housing, employment opportunities, and leisure spaces to create vibrant, sustainable communities.

Overarching theme / topic

Housing development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of affordable rental properties alongside homeownership options.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will ensure a range of housing types, including affordable rental properties, are available to meet the diverse needs of the population.

Overarching theme / topic

Local economy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support local businesses through the provision of affordable commercial space.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan includes policies to allocate space for local businesses and ensure that new developments provide opportunities for affordable commercial premises to support the local economy.

Overarching theme / topic

Local economy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage the growth of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) within the region.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan includes measures to support the growth of SMEs, including the provision of flexible workspace and policies that encourage innovation and entrepreneurship.

Overarching theme / topic

Biodiversity and ecology

Summary of issues raised in comments

Protect and enhance biodiversity by incorporating wildlife corridors in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan incorporates policies that promote the creation of wildlife corridors and green spaces that enhance local biodiversity and support ecosystems.

Overarching theme / topic

Biodiversity and ecology

Summary of issues raised in comments

Minimize the impact of new developments on local wildlife and habitats.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan includes an ecological assessment to ensure that new developments minimize their impact on local wildlife and habitats, promoting biodiversity conservation through sustainable design.

Overarching theme / topic

Flood risk

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve flood defenses and mitigate flood risks in vulnerable areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will address flood risk through sustainable drainage solutions and flood defense measures to protect vulnerable areas from flooding.

Overarching theme / topic

Flood risk

Summary of issues raised in comments

Develop flood management systems for urban areas at risk of flooding.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a strategic flood risk assessment has been incorporated into the plan, and flood management systems will be designed to address risks in urban areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Affordable housing

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure that affordable housing is integrated into all new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan includes a policy to integrate affordable housing within all new developments, with a focus on providing a variety of affordable housing types to meet local needs.

Overarching theme / topic

Affordable housing

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritize affordable housing for local residents and key workers.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will prioritize affordable housing for local residents and essential workers, ensuring that new developments cater to the needs of the local community.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Increase investment in public transport to reduce car dependency.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan includes proposals for improved public transport infrastructure, including new bus routes and expanded rail services, to reduce reliance on private cars.

Overarching theme / topic

Public transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve transport connections to rural areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan proposes extending public transport services to rural areas, improving connectivity and reducing isolation for residents in these areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Employment opportunities

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure that new developments include space for small businesses and local job opportunities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will encourage the inclusion of employment spaces within new developments, with a focus on supporting small businesses and local job creation.

Overarching theme / topic

Employment opportunities

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage high-tech industries and innovation hubs in the region.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan includes provisions for supporting high-tech industries and innovation hubs, particularly in areas with existing infrastructure and access to skilled workers.

Overarching theme / topic

Green spaces

Summary of issues raised in comments

Protect and expand green spaces in urban and suburban areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies in the Green Infrastructure theme focus on the protection and expansion of green spaces, ensuring that new developments include accessible parks and recreational areas.

Overarching theme / topic

Green spaces

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure new developments provide green space that supports environmental sustainability.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, new developments will be required to incorporate green infrastructure, such

as green roofs, rain gardens, and biodiversity-friendly landscaping, to support environmental sustainability.

Overarching theme / topic

Heritage and culture

Summary of issues raised in comments

Preserve historical buildings and cultural heritage sites in new development areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan includes measures to protect and enhance historical buildings and cultural heritage sites, ensuring that new developments respect and complement the region’s heritage.

Overarching theme / topic

Heritage and culture

Summary of issues raised in comments

Promote cultural activities and public art in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan encourages the integration of cultural spaces, public art, and community centers in new developments to enhance cultural engagement and community identity.

Overarching theme / topic

Economic growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage economic growth through the development of business parks and innovation centers.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan includes proposals for business parks and innovation centers, particularly in areas with strong transport connections, to foster economic growth and attract investment.

Overarching theme / topic

Economic growth

Summary of issues raised in comments

Develop areas for creative industries and start-up businesses.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will support the creation of spaces for creative industries and start-up businesses, with a focus on affordable, flexible workspaces to nurture entrepreneurship.

Overarching theme / topic

Water management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure sustainable water management systems are in place for new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan includes measures for sustainable water management, including rainwater harvesting, permeable surfaces, and efficient drainage systems to mitigate flooding and ensure responsible water usage.

Overarching theme / topic

Water management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Consider water supply capacity when planning new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will ensure that new developments are planned with consideration for water supply capacity, ensuring adequate resources are available to meet the needs of growing communities.

Overarching theme / topic

Waste management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure adequate waste management and recycling facilities in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan includes proposals for integrated waste management systems, including recycling facilities and waste reduction strategies, in all new developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Waste management

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage waste-to-energy systems in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan includes considerations for waste-to-energy technologies

where feasible, to reduce landfill and provide renewable energy solutions for new developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainability

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritize renewable energy sources in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will encourage the use of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and geothermal energy in all new developments, aiming for net-zero carbon buildings.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainability

Summary of issues raised in comments

Focus on sustainable building materials in construction.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will promote the use of sustainable, low-carbon materials in construction, as well as encourage the reuse and recycling of materials to minimize environmental impact.

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change

Summary of issues raised in comments

Address climate change resilience in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will require new developments to incorporate climate change resilience measures, such as flood protection, climate-responsive design, and green infrastructure

Overarching theme / topic

Climate change

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure developments contribute to reducing overall carbon emissions.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies in the Local Plan will promote developments that are energy-efficient,

have reduced carbon footprints, and contribute to the region's overall climate change mitigation efforts.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Enhance cycling and pedestrian infrastructure in urban areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan includes measures to improve cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, with a focus on safe and convenient routes connecting key areas within urban centers.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage the use of electric vehicles (EVs) through charging infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will require new developments to include EV charging points and infrastructure, promoting the adoption of electric vehicles and supporting the shift to cleaner transportation options.

Overarching theme / topic

Housing

Summary of issues raised in comments

Address the need for more family-sized homes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies in the Local Plan will prioritize the development of family-sized homes to meet the demand for larger, affordable housing suitable for growing families.

Overarching theme / topic

Housing

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure that affordable housing is not isolated but integrated within communities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will ensure that affordable housing is integrated within wider

communities and mixed-use developments, to promote social inclusion and community cohesion.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure sufficient school places for growing populations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, an Infrastructure Delivery Plan will identify the need for additional school places in areas with growing populations, and these will be included in the planning of new developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Education

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide educational facilities in new developments to reduce travel distances.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan will support the integration of schools and educational facilities within or near new developments, to reduce travel times and promote sustainable living.

Overarching theme / topic

Health and wellbeing

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure access to healthcare services in growing communities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will include provisions for healthcare facilities within new developments, ensuring that growing communities have access to essential health services.

Overarching theme / topic

Health and wellbeing

Summary of issues raised in comments

Promote active lifestyles through the inclusion of sports facilities and parks.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan includes policies that encourage the development of sports facilities, parks, and recreation spaces to promote healthy and active lifestyles.

Overarching theme / topic

Community services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure that community centers and spaces for social interaction are included in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan supports the creation of community centers and public spaces in new developments, encouraging social interaction and fostering community engagement.

Overarching theme / topic

Community services

Summary of issues raised in comments

Provide spaces for local clubs, groups, and activities in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, policies will encourage the inclusion of multi-purpose community spaces for clubs, local groups, and recreational activities in new developments.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable drainage

Summary of issues raised in comments

Ensure the inclusion of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) in all new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will require the inclusion of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) in all new developments to manage surface water runoff and reduce flood risk.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable drainage

Summary of issues raised in comments

Promote green infrastructure as part of drainage solutions.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan will encourage the use of green infrastructure, such as green roofs, permeable pavements, and wetlands, as part of sustainable drainage solutions.

Overarching theme / topic

Technology and innovation

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage the integration of smart technologies in new developments.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the Local Plan will encourage the integration of smart technologies, including energy management systems, connectivity solutions, and automation, to improve the efficiency and sustainability of new developments.

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Overarching theme / topic

Broadband

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Provide fibre to the premises to all new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Site allocations and communications infrastructure related policies in the new Local Plan will require the appropriate provision of infrastructure supporting high speed broadband within new developments. The IDP will consider the strategic need for communications infrastructure in the area.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure needs

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Address water shortage.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: An Integrated Water Management Study has been commissioned to inform the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Introduce CIL.

How the comments have been taken into account

The Council will consider the approach to infrastructure funding in light of the evidence informing the Local Plan and when the outcome of the Planning White Paper is known.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Deliver sufficient development to fund needed infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will consider infrastructure requirements in the area based on existing infrastructure provision, the demand arising from new development, and the housing trajectory in the new Local Plan. This will ensure the delivery of new housing is aligned to the provision of new and improved infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Deliver large-scale development to fund major infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will consider infrastructure requirements in the area based on existing infrastructure provision, the demand arising from new development, and the housing trajectory in the new Local Plan. This will ensure the delivery of new housing is aligned to the provision of new and improved infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Seek wider funding for major infrastructure projects.

How the comments have been taken into account

The IDP will identify a range of funding options to support the delivery of infrastructure in the area. For strategic site allocations, the IDP will outline how essential infrastructure will be funded and delivered, as this information will be vital in considering the deliverability of the growth strategy in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Consider a joint bid with Essex County Council for infrastructure delivery.

How the comments have been taken into account

The IDP will identify a range of funding options to support the delivery of infrastructure in the area. For strategic site allocations, the IDP will outline how essential infrastructure will be funded and delivered, as this information will be vital in considering the deliverability of the growth strategy in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Ensure long-term funding to maintain infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

The IDP will identify a range of funding options to support the delivery of infrastructure in the area. For strategic site allocations, the IDP will outline how essential infrastructure will be funded and delivered, as this information will be vital in considering the deliverability of the growth strategy in the new Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure funding

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support pooled contributions.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The IDP will outline the appropriate apportionment / pooling of infrastructure across proposed development sites.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Work with infrastructure providers, hold workshops with service providers to discuss Local Plan allocations, and work with developers in regard to infrastructure provision.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through the production of the new Local Plan and associated evidence base documents, and in accordance with the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, duty

to cooperate bodies, infrastructure providers, and stakeholders will be consulted to inform the production of the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Work with Highways England prior to site allocation to assess highway need.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through the production of the new Local Plan and associated evidence base documents, and in accordance with the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, duty to cooperate bodies, infrastructure providers, and stakeholders will be consulted to inform the production of the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Consult communities to help determine infrastructure need.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through the production of the new Local Plan and associated evidence base documents, and in accordance with the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, duty to cooperate bodies, infrastructure providers, and stakeholders will be consulted to inform the production of the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Consultation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Acknowledge that EWR and Greater Cambridge are working collaboratively in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Through the production of the new Local Plan and associated evidence base documents, and in accordance with the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, duty to cooperate bodies, infrastructure providers, and stakeholders will be consulted to inform the production of the Plan.

Overarching theme / topic

Viability assessment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Do not accept the Internal Rate of Return methodology.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The Local Plan Viability Assessment will use the residual Land Value methodology and consider an appropriate approach to assessing development return in development proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Pollution

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

New infrastructure must mitigate pollution.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Pollution related policies in the new Local Plan will seek appropriate mitigation within new development proposals where the risk of pollution is apparent.

Overarching theme / topic

Densification support

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support densification in urban area, however in villages new sites should be identified.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The blended strategy proposed in the First Proposals document seeks to use densification as part of the strategy, but balanced with a number of other strategies. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seeks to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme / topic

Densification support

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification should be concentrated through a series of small sites.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The blended strategy proposed in the First Proposals document seeks to use densification as part of the strategy, but balanced with a number of other strategies.

Overarching theme / topic

Densification support

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification should be concentrated.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The blended strategy proposed in the First Proposals document seeks to use densification as part of the strategy, but balanced with a number of other strategies.

Overarching theme / topic

Densification support

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support densification where infrastructure improvements are provided.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The Local Plan will be informed by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will identify the infrastructure needed, when it is needed, and how it will be funded.

Overarching theme / topic

Character and design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support densification where it does not have detrimental impact on the character of the surrounding area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Character and design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The success of densification is dependent upon the quality of design and the long term maintenance of urban areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. Proposals in the Great Places theme seek to ensure that high quality design would be achieved.

Overarching theme / topic

Character and design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification should be well-designed.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. Proposals in the Great Places theme seek to ensure that high quality design would be achieved.

Overarching theme / topic

Character and design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification should be accompanied by opportunities for creative redesign of streets and buildings.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. Proposals in the Great Places theme seek to ensure that high quality design would be achieved.

Overarching theme / topic

Character and design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification should enhance historic character.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. Proposals in the Great Places theme seek to ensure that high quality design would be achieved, which includes consideration of the historic environment.

Overarching theme / topic

Character and design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Tall buildings as a result of densification are discouraged in inappropriate areas.

Support for the Councils existing tall buildings policy.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The Great Places theme includes proposed approaches to design, including tall buildings.

Overarching theme / topic

Character and design

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification in villages should respond to local character.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. Proposals in the Great Places theme seek to ensure that high quality design would be achieved.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support development in sustainable locations, through a range of growth options.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The blended strategy proposed in the First Proposals document seeks to use densification as part of the strategy, but balanced with a number of other strategies.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support GB release where this would deliver growth in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made given the other options available, apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Local new development near accessible sustainable transport options

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Higher densities in locations served by public transport, including rail stations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. The development strategy proposed has focused on areas where access to high quality public transport can be achieved.

Overarching theme / topic

Local new development near accessible sustainable transport options

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

New development should be located near sustainable transport options and employment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. The development strategy proposed has focused on areas where access to high quality public transport, cycling and walking can be achieved.

Overarching theme / topic

Local new development near accessible sustainable transport options

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Higher densities of high quality designed development in accessible locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. The development strategy proposed has focused on areas where access to high quality public transport, cycling and walking can be achieved.

Overarching theme / topic

Local new development near accessible sustainable transport options

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification should be accompanied by cycle routes and public transportation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. The development strategy proposed has focused on areas where access to high quality public transport, cycling and walking can be achieved.

Overarching theme / topic

Local new development near accessible sustainable transport options

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Higher densities of residential and employment land uses in locations served by public transport, including rail stations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. The development strategy proposed has focused on areas where access to high quality public transport, cycling and walking can be achieved.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy, not densification

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Local Plan should pursue the development of greenfield land outside the green belt instead of densification.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The blended strategy proposed in the First Proposals document seeks to use densification as part of the strategy, but balanced with a number of other strategies.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy, not densification

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support development in towns near Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: However, the Local Plan should seek to meet the development needs of the area unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably

outweigh the benefits. The proposed development strategy is considered to offer a sustainable development strategy which is able to respond to development needs taking account of environmental, social and economic issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy, not densification

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Local Plan should pursue development dispersed on the edge of Cambridge instead of densification.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The blended strategy proposed in the First Proposals document seeks to use densification as part of the strategy, but balanced with a number of other strategies.

Overarching theme / topic

Biodiversity

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Local Plan should consider biodiversity net gain when planning for densification.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Proposals regarding biodiversity net gain are included in the green infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

104–112 Hills Road can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The First Proposals includes retaining the opportunity area at Cambridge Railway Station, Hills Road Corridor to the City Centre, and Area of Major Change at Station Areas West and Clifton Road. The need for the policy and any revisions to any of the identified areas will be considered for the draft plan.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification of Cambridge Biomedical Campus can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A policy approach is proposed which would seek to make best use of the existing campus.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification of land near the Cambridge Train Station can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: It is proposed to continue to identify the area as an Area of Major Change and guide the continued evolution of this area.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Kett House and 10 Station Road can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The First Proposals includes retaining the opportunity area at Cambridge Railway Station, Hills Road Corridor to the City Centre, and Area of Major Change at Station Areas West and Clifton Road. The need for the policy and any revisions to any of the identified areas will be considered for the draft plan.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Land to the north of Station Road, Cambridge can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The First Proposals includes retaining the opportunity area at Cambridge Railway Station, Hills Road Corridor to the City Centre, and Area of Major Change at Station Areas West and Clifton Road. The need for the policy and any revisions to any of the identified areas will be considered for the draft plan.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Support for development on land at Park Street, Dry Drayton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how a range of development strategy options were considered prior to identification of the preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Eddington development in North West Cambridge can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed development strategy includes development at this site which would seek to make best use of the opportunity it provides.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The land south of Bateman Street, Cambridge can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The First Proposals includes retaining the opportunity area at Cambridge Railway Station, Hills Road Corridor to the City Centre, and Area of Major Change at Station Areas West and Clifton Road. The need for the policy and any revisions to any of the identified areas will be considered for the draft plan.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Trumpington South can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how a range of development strategy options were considered prior to identification of the preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Employment densification at West Cambridge and housing densification at North West Cambridge can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The First Proposals includes policy approaches which would seek to make best use of these sites.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Travis Perkins site can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The capacity of this site has been reviewed to inform the proposals for this site.

Overarching theme / topic

Infrastructure provision

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Adequate infrastructure provision should be delivered to meet higher demand from densification.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The Local Plan will be informed by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will identify the infrastructure needed, when it is needed, and how it will be funded.

Overarching theme / topic

Policy approach

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Allocation policies in the Local Plan should provide appropriate density levels.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. Development levels for proposed allocations have also considered these issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Policy approach

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Densification in rural villages should have a positive impact on the surrounding area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the housing theme seek to guide development density, seeking opportunities for higher densities in accessible areas but also ensuring that local character is considered. Development levels for proposed allocations have also considered these issues.

Overarching theme / topic

Protection of the environment

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Caution against harm to designated assets in Wicken Fen from densification at Waterbeach.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Any development proposals would need to consider the impact on biodiversity assets. The Local Plan will be accompanied by a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

Q44. What do you think about developing around the edge of Cambridge on land outside the Green Belt?

Overarching theme / topic

Flood risk

Summary of issues raised in comments

Concerns regarding future flood risk

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Development identified in these areas are in Flood Zone 1, and detailed measures will be required to ensure they are safe from flooding and do not increase flood risk elsewhere.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be accompanied by an appropriate amount of recreational green spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The green infrastructure theme identifies a range of projects which could enhance the area, including improvements to areas of Green Belt. North East Cambridge and Cambridge East will need to include a range of open spaces which contribute to making great places.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be accompanied by green corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green corridors represent an important part of the Cambridge Green Belt, and the approaches set out in the First Proposals seek to maintain these.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be accompanied by green infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The green infrastructure theme identifies a range of projects which could enhance the area, including improvements to areas of Green Belt. North East Cambridge and Cambridge East will need to include a range of open spaces which contribute to making great places.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be accompanied by green spaces in the north east of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The green infrastructure theme identifies a range of projects which could enhance the area, including improvements to areas of Green Belt. North East Cambridge and Cambridge East will need to include a range of open spaces which contribute to making great places.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be accompanied by green spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The green infrastructure theme identifies a range of projects which could enhance the area, including improvements to areas of Green Belt. North East Cambridge and Cambridge East will need to include a range of open spaces which contribute to making great places.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Land should be allocated for a new forest in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The green infrastructure theme identifies a range of projects which could enhance the area, including improvements to areas of Green Belt.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development on the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be accessible by public transport and cycling infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be situated along the East West Rail scheme.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The broad location proposed at Cambourne has sought to recognise the opportunity provided by East West Rail.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be accompanied by sustainable transportation options.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should have

adequate transportation options.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise Green Belt development with sustainable transport connections.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas outside the Green Belt provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Impact on the environment, flora and fauna

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should not adversely affect the environment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments proposed will be required to achieve biodiversity net gain and support the delivery of green infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Impact on the environment, flora and fauna

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should not harm the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments proposed will be required to achieve biodiversity net gain and support the delivery of green infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Impact on the environment, flora and fauna

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be accompanied by wildlife areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments proposed will be required to achieve biodiversity net gain and support the delivery of green infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Impact on the environment, flora and fauna

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development on the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should not result in the loss of valuable habitats.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments proposed will be required to achieve biodiversity net gain and support the delivery of green infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic

Impact on the historic environment

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development should be sensitive to the Conservation Area at Teversham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The form of development will be informed by a heritage impact assessment to ensure impacts are fully considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Design

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be of a high standard.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A range of policies are suggested in the First Proposals consultation which would seek to ensure that development is of a high quality.

Overarching theme / topic

Cambridge Airport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development at Cambridge Airport should be viewed as a long-term solution to meet

employment needs in the science and technology sectors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Proposals for the site would require provision of a range of employment opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic

Cambridge Airport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development of Cambridge Airport should be a long-term strategy, and should therefore not be included in the Plan as an allocation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: However, it is anticipated that the site will become available during the plan period, and this is reflected in the proposed development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic

Cambridge Airport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Realistic timescales for the relocation and redevelopment of Cambridge Airport must be considered in the Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: However, it is anticipated that the site will become available during the plan period, and this is reflected in the proposed development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic

Cambridge Airport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Cambridge Airport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Cambridge Airport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Wyton Airfield is not available for relocation of Cambridge Airport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Support for densification

Summary of issues raised in comments

Densification should be the first growth strategy.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the First Proposals housing section seek to ensure developments deliver higher densities where appropriate to local character and where sustainable transport opportunities are available. A number of developments are identified in Cambridge, and in areas on the edge of Cambridge which provide opportunities for development, including areas of higher densities.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development on the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should complement other growth strategies.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise development east of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise development in or near the Green Belt in close proximity to Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise development in villages in proximity to Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise development in villages in proximity to employment opportunities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise development south of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. A range of alternative strategies were considered. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development should be dispersed in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A range of strategy approaches were considered. A dispersed strategy performed poorly in regard to a range of issues, and has not been taken forward as a preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development opportunities west and south of Cambridge should be explored.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: A range of strategy approaches were considered, including further development in the Green Belt. However, these options have not been identified as the preferred development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt should be in proximity to Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development around the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt in sustainable communities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development around the edge of Cambridge outside the Green Belt in sustainable locations within certain suitable villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development around the edge of Cambridge outside the Green Belt in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development around the edge of Cambridge outside the Green Belt where green infrastructure is provided.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Development will be required to be accompanied by infrastructure to meet the needs generated.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development around the edge of Cambridge outside the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The development strategy includes site proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Avoid development in the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made given the other options available, apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support development around the edge of Cambridge outside the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: However, following consideration of the development needs and the alternative approaches to meeting those needs, it is considered that land on the edge of Cambridge outside the Green Belt should form part of the future development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Object to development on the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: However, following consideration of the development needs and the alternative approaches to meeting those needs, it is considered that land on the edge of Cambridge outside the Green Belt should form part of the future development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development outside of the Green Belt forming an arc of urban development is discouraged.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: However, following consideration of the development needs and the alternative approaches to meeting those needs, it is considered that land on the edge of Cambridge outside the Green Belt should form part of the future development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development dispersed in the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of brownfield land.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The development strategy identified includes brownfield land on the edge of Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development on the edge of Cambridge outside of the Green Belt in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development to the east of Cambridge outside the Green Belt in sustainable

locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support new development along key public transport corridors in close proximity to Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Developments in these areas provide opportunities to focus development where high quality public transport is available, as well as supporting travel by walking and cycling.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

There should not be an over-reliance on one approach, a range of growth strategies should be included in the new Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The First Proposals is accompanied by a housing trajectory showing how these sites could contribute to meeting needs in the latter part of the plan period.

Overarching theme / topic

Growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

To provide an appropriate mix of housing, a range of growth strategies should be included in the new Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The First Proposals is accompanied by a housing trajectory showing how these sites could contribute to meeting needs in the latter part of the plan period. They will form part of a wider strategy which will ensure a range of sites are available to deliver homes and jobs.

Overarching theme / topic

Affordable housing provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should allocate sites able to deliver policy compliant levels of affordable housing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The plan is subject to an ongoing Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Viability Assessment process.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development of land to the east of Cambridge outside the Green Belt and around Cambridge North station can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The development strategy includes site proposals.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support for the extension of the CUH campus into the Green Belt to accommodate growth in hospital facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made given the other options available, apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper. It is considered that exceptional circumstances may exist to justify a limited release to meet the continued needs of the nationally important campus.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

The new Local Plan should consider Teversham when identifying growth proposals.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how a range of development strategy options were considered prior to identification of the preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Trumpington Park and Ride can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The existing Trumpington Park and Ride site is intended to continue to operate alongside the new facility being planned nearby.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development at Station Fields can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how a range of development strategy options were considered prior to identification of the preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development in Duxford can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how a range of development strategy options were considered prior to identification of the preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Dairy Farm can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how a range of development strategy options were considered prior to identification of the preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Brickyard Farm site can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how a range of development strategy options were considered prior to identification of the preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development on the fringe of Cambridge, and at Ickleton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how a range of development strategy options were considered prior to identification of the preferred approach.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development around Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made given the other options available, apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper. It is considered that exceptional circumstances may exist to justify a limited release to meet the continued needs of the nationally important campus.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Expansion of Northstowe can contribute to growth in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The existing planned new settlements such as Northstowe remain an important part of the development strategy for the area and will continue delivering new homes during the plan period.

Q45. What do you think about developing around the edge of Cambridge in the Green Belt?

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to Green Belt development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the allocation of (1) the green corridor between Trumpington Meadows, Hauxton Road and the M11; (2) the land to the south of Addenbrooke's Road, between the M11 and the west side of Shelford Road; (3) land to the west of Trumpington Road, from Trumpington village to Latham Road; (4) land to the south of Addenbrooke's Road, between the east side of Shelford Road and Granham's Road; and (5) land to the south east of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, including White Hill towards Granham's Road and the approaches to Magog Down as development sites in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made given the other options available apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper. Objection to development south of Cambridge is noted; however, it is considered that exceptional circumstances may exist to justify a limited release to meet the continued needs of the nationally important campus.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to Green Belt development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the release of Green Belt land around the edge of Cambridge and in Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to Green Belt development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the release of Green Belt land around the edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to Green Belt development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the release of Green Belt land to the west.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to Green Belt development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Green Belt development increases commuting. Do not therefore support the release of Green Belt land around the edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to Green Belt development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support for protection of Green Belt land with high biodiversity and landscape value.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Opposition to Green Belt development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the release of Green Belt land.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Sustainable design

Summary of issues raised in comments

Encourage the use of timber to provide carbon neutral development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the climate change theme would require net zero carbon homes.

Overarching theme / topic

Transport

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support developing guided bus route stations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered, including consideration of sustainable transport opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic

Green infrastructure provision

Summary of issues raised in comments

Green spaces linking Cambridge City Centre with the edge of the city should be provided.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Green corridors represent an important part of the Cambridge Green Belt, and the approaches set out in the First Proposals seek to maintain these.

Overarching theme / topic

Support for sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support a mixed strategy with development in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

Support for sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

Seek improvements to the Green Belt

Summary of issues raised in comments

Enhance the use of the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The green infrastructure theme identifies a range of projects which could enhance the area, including improvements to areas of Green Belt.

Overarching theme / topic

Support for development linked to transport connections

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in the Green Belt along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made given the other options available apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Support for development linked to transport connections

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support for urban extensions on the edge of Cambridge, linking to existing transport networks.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Support for development linked to transport connections

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Green Belt release along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Support for development linked to transport connections

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Green Belt release near train lines to support sustainable travel.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Support for development linked to transport connections

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Green Belt release where appropriate sustainable transport links will be provided.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Green Belt release should be adopted after all alternatives have been exhausted.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development dispersed in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing

commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seeks to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development dispersed in ring of woodland around edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The green infrastructure theme identifies a range of projects which could enhance the area, including improvements to areas of Green Belt.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in and outside the Green Belt around the edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in sustainable villages in and outside of the Green Belt on the edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in the Green Belt around the edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in the Green Belt around the edge of Cambridge when all other options have been assessed.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in the Green Belt around the edge of Cambridge where garden towns and villages are built.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made given the other options available apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in the Green Belt around the edge of Cambridge where sustainable and with green spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in the Green Belt around the edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support for GB release where new GB areas are identified where necessary to avoid coalescence.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Green Belt release and avoid coalescence.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support garden towns.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered through the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focus additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of small towns.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Green Belt release in existing villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Green Belt release on the edges of South Cambridgeshire villages before releasing Green Belt land on the edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seeks to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge, particularly on land outside the Green Belt.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Green Belt release where this would deliver growth in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Green Belt where this would not harm the environment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support sustainable development in the Green Belt around the edge of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made given the other options available apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the sustainable development of villages in the area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seeks to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements. The applying settlement boundaries policies is also proposed to continue.

Overarching theme / topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Sustainable options outside the Green Belt should be considered in the first instance.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

Support densification

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support higher density development in urban areas through taller buildings in Cambridge. This approach is preferred instead of Green Belt release.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Policy proposals in the First Proposals housing section seek to ensure developments deliver higher densities where appropriate to local character and where sustainable transport opportunities are available. A number of developments are identified in Cambridge, and in areas on the edge of Cambridge which provide opportunities for development, including areas of higher densities.

Overarching theme / topic

Support densification

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support increased densities and building heights near to sustainable transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in Teversham Village.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support Green Belt release for development between Cambridge and the M11.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of Cambourne.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Cambourne has been identified in the proposed strategy as a broad location for future development in association with the proposed railway station.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of Green Belt land east of Ditton Lane, near Fen Ditton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of Green Belt land west of South Street, Comberton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of Trumpington South.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the release of land at Maarnford Farm in Duxford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the release of Green Belt land at Whittlesford and Whittlesford Bridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in the north east of Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of a new garden village at Croxton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered through the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focus additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Boxworth End, Swavesey.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Cambridge Science Park North.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Gas Field, east of the M11.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Kingfisher Way, Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Ely Road, Milton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Fen Road, Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Fulbourn Road, Teversham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Horningsea Road.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Park Street, Dry Drayton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Thorpe, Huntingdon Road.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The proposed options focus additional development beyond existing commitments onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. The benefits of further development on the edge of Cambridge were considered in the comparison of the different strategy options available to the plan, but it is not considered that further Green Belt release should be made given the other options available apart from in the specific circumstance identified at the Biomedical Campus. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land north of Barton Road.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off Cabbage Moor at Great Shelford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development in Great Shelford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of the Marleigh site.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: This development was removed from the Green Belt through the previous Local Plan and is being developed.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development off Comberton Road, Toft.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development off Limekiln Road in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development along Dry Drayton Road.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development and expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus into the

Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how it is considered that there may be exceptional circumstances for a limited Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development around the Biomedical Campus.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Bannold Road, Waterbeach.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Fen End, Willingham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Histon.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Priest Lane, Willingham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Sawston.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at South West Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: Same response as above regarding development strategy and Green Belt release.

Overarching theme / topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Stow-cum-Quy.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted: The strategy topic paper details how options in the Green Belt at the more sustainable villages have been considered.

Q46. What do you think about creating planned new settlements?

Overarching Theme/Topic

Growth strategy

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Housing should be provided through a mixed strategy, including a range of site sizes.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Growth strategy

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support expanding existing settlements and infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Opportunities to improve infrastructure will be supported, but a distribute strategy of growth in villages would be less sustainable by the preferred strategy.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Growth Strategy

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support expanding existing villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of

growth on Cambridge and new settlements. The applying settlement boundaries policies is also proposed to continue.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Growth Strategy

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Develop land at Cambridge Airport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposed development strategy includes the Cambridge Airport site.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Growth Strategy

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support growth areas on the edge of Cambridge in the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposed development strategy focuses development of opportunities for development outside the Green Belt. Whilst the sustainability benefits of the edge of Cambridge are acknowledged, it is considered that other sites are available that can deliver a sustainable development strategy without requiring large scale green belt release on the edge of the City.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Growth Strategy

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

New settlements can be effective in supporting housing delivery, but should not be the only approach within the strategy.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more

sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Densification

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support high density development near sustainable transportation

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the availability of sustainable transport opportunities has been a key consideration when determining the preferred development strategy.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Affordable housing

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support development which provides policy compliant levels of affordable housing.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the plan is subject to an ongoing infrastructure delivery plan and viability assessment process.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Green infrastructure provision

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support Green Belt release where green corridors are kept.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Green corridors represent important part of the Cambridge green belt, and the approaches set out in the First proposals seek to maintain these.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Historic environment

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support planned new settlements where sensitive to the historic environment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, impact on the historic environment has been considered when testing potential strategy and site options.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Coalescence

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support planned new settlements with clear settlement separation from villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Transport and accessibility to services and facilities

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support planned new settlements with existing transport links

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Transport and accessibility to services and facilities

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support planned new settlement where they form part of public transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Transport and accessibility to services and facilities

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support sustainable planned new settlements where public transport and other infrastructure is provided.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the availability of sustainable transport opportunities has been a key consideration when determining the preferred development strategy. However, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Transport and accessibility to services and facilities

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support planned new settlement where they form part of public transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more

sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Transport and accessibility to services and facilities

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support planned new settlements with facilities and public transport access.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Transport and accessibility to services and facilities

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Services and facilities should be accessible by walking

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the availability of sustainable transport opportunities has been a key consideration when determining the preferred development strategy. However, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Infrastructure provision

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

New settlements should be supported by appropriate infrastructure provision

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst further new settlements are not proposed, the plan will be accompanied by a range of evidence regarding the deliverability of the strategy it proposes, including evidence regarding infrastructure and viability.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Infrastructure provision

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support improving infrastructure of existing villages before creating planned new settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Opportunities to improve infrastructure will be supported, but a distribute strategy of growth in villages would be less sustainable by the preferred strategy.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Accessibility to employment

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support development in proximity to employment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, proximity to employment and sustainable transport opportunities have been key considerations for the proposed development strategy. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Sustainable development

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support planned new settlements where sustainably connected to Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne

where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Sustainable development

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support development that delivers sustainable growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Sustainable development

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support planned new settlements where sustainable with appropriate services and facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Sustainable development

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support growth in sustainable locations near Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Sustainable development

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support settlements which accommodate a diverse community, providing housing, services and facilities which accommodate a range of needs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the policy proposals in the First Proposals consultation include a range of measures that would seek to deliver a mix of housing, supported by appropriate services and infrastructure.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Sustainable design

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Support sustainably-designed new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the policy proposals in the First Proposals consultation include a range of measures that would require buildings and developments to be sustainable.

Overarching Theme/Topic

Sustainable design

Summary of Issues Raised in Comments

Encourage the use of timber to provide carbon neutral development

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the policy proposals in the First Proposals consultation include a range of measures that would require buildings and developments to be sustainable.

Overarching theme/topic

Oppose new settlements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support planned new settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Support new settlements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the completion and expansion of planned new settlements approved in the 2018 Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper. The existing planned new settlements such as Northstowe, remain an important part of the development strategy for the area and will continue delivering new homes during the plan period.

Overarching theme/topic

Support new settlements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support well-planned new settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Support new settlements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support planned new settlements and expanding existing settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Support new settlements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support planned new settlements on brownfield land only.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Support new settlements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support new settlements which support the delivery of Garden City principles in new development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Support new settlements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support completing existing settlements, particularly north of Cambridge

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the existing planned new settlements such as Northstowe, remain an important part of the development strategy for the area and will continue delivering new homes during the plan period.

Overarching theme/topic

Support new settlements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Large scale settlements can support the delivery of infrastructure and the development of low/zero carbon lifestyles

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Support new settlements

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support planned new settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments

Demonstrating the delivery of new settlements within a LP can be difficult

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst further new settlements are not proposed, the plan will be accompanied by a range of evidence regarding the deliverability of the strategy it proposes, including evidence regarding infrastructure and viability.

Overarching theme/topic

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments

The outcome of existing planned new settlements should be assessed before further creating planned new settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the existing planned new settlements now either have planning permissions or have been resolved to grant.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support allocating sites at Shepreth, Sawston and Whittlesford Parkway.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the extension of existing new settlements at Waterbeach, Northstowe and Cambourne/Bourn airfield.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero

carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper. The existing planned new settlements such as Northstowe, remain an important part of the development strategy for the area and will continue delivering new homes during the plan period.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support joining Linton and Hildersham with a new settlement.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

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How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support expanding Linton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the future of the Biomedical Campus has been considered in the Strategy topic paper, and proposed approaches regarding land allocations are included in the First Proposals consultation.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support growth and a new rail link between Cambridge and Cambourne, Northstowe, Bourn and Waterbeach.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A new rail link is proposed by East West rail which would include a station at Cambourne, the future opportunities provided by this have been recognised in the proposed development strategy.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Station Fields.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support expanding Duxford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Cambourne.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A new rail link is proposed by East West rail which would include a station at Cambourne, the future opportunities provided by this have been recognised in the proposed development strategy.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Croxton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Park Street, Dry Drayton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land north of the A428, Cambourne.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A new rail link is proposed by East West rail which would include a station at Cambourne, the future opportunities provided by this have been recognised in the proposed development strategy.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development at Northstowe, Waterbeach and Bourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the existing planned new settlements such as Northstowe, remain an important part of the development strategy for the area and will continue delivering new homes during the plan period. The representor seeks further developments in association with rail provision at Northstowe, but that is not the approach proposed by East West Rail.

Overarching theme/topic

New settlement proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support a new town in the East-West arc.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, issues regarding planning across the arc will be considered by the Ox Cam Framework.

Overarching theme/topic

New settlement proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support planned new settlement at Six Mile Bottom.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Whilst the potential of further new settlements was considered though the strategy options assessments, the proposed options focuses additional development onto brownfield sites on the edge of Cambridge, and in the future at Cambourne where a new railway station is planned. This approach is considered more sustainable, and responds to evidence, including regarding transport and net zero carbon. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

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Overarching theme/topic

Green Belt review

Summary of issues raised in comments

A review of the Green Belt (GB) should be undertaken to ensure identified GB areas remain appropriate.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a green belt study of the entire Green Belt has been carried out to support the local plan.

Overarching theme/topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support growth in Fulbourn until the impacts of recent permission are fully understood

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements. Applying settlement boundaries policies is also proposed to continue.

Overarching theme/topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the growth of villages through a dispersal strategy. Support for developing homes and businesses in the city centre.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of

growth on Cambridge and new settlements. Applying settlement boundaries policies is also proposed to continue.

Overarching theme/topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the growth of villages, existing development boundaries should be maintained.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements. Applying settlement boundaries policies is also proposed to continue.

Overarching theme/topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the growth of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements.

Overarching theme/topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Do not support the release of GB land

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Green Belt has been appropriately considered through the plan making process in line with national planning policy. The proposed options include a number of limited green belt releases, responding to site specific circumstances.

Overarching theme/topic

Opposition to development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Villages lack adequate facilities and infrastructure to support growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The site allocation process has considered the level of services available at villages, more information can be found in the Strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Character and design

Summary of issues raised in comments

Growth in villages should reflect local character.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, impact on townscape, landscape and heritage have been important considerations in the site testing process through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme/topic

Historic environment protection

Summary of issues raised in comments

Growth of villages should consider the historic environment.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, impact on townscape, landscape and heritage have been important considerations in the site testing process through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

Overarching theme/topic

Affordable housing

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise affordable housing in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposals put forward in the consultation would enable the delivery of significant levels of affordable housing in and on the edge of Cambridge.

Overarching theme/topic

Meeting local housing needs

Summary of issues raised in comments

Prioritise housing for the local community.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, a range of policies in the housing theme seek to respond to local housing needs.

Overarching theme/topic

Sustainable design

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support carbon neutral developments in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policy proposals in the climate change theme would require net zero carbon homes.

Overarching theme/topic

Densification

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support densification of sites close to village centres.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policies in the Great Places theme seek to enable higher densities particular in accessible locations.

Overarching theme/topic

Employment

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support allocation of employment sites in rural areas.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposals include a number of small allocations near to villages, and the jobs theme include policies that would support appropriately scaled proposals coming forward through planning applications at villages.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support a mixed growth strategy of growth in Cambridge city and in surrounding villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development ibn accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support a mixed growth strategy approach to housing delivery in the Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development ibn accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of minor rural and rural centres.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development ibn accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development of villages should be limited to rural centres, minor rural centres and new settlements only after the consideration of more sustainable options.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change. Many of the most sustainable villages are located in the Green Belt, and this has been fully considered when developing the proposed strategy.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of existing settlements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of villages outside of the Green Belt

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development of villages should be limited to rural centres, minor rural centres and new settlements only after the consideration of more sustainable options.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development ibn accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development on village edges.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development ibn accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support growth in villages in and near settlement boundaries.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support growth in villages which is determined through local consultation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The councils are seeking to engage with communities during the local plan preparation.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of villages outside of the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support limited development in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support sensitive development of villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support sustainable development in villages for small to medium sized growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of infill villages to make services more sustainable.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change. Growing infill villages is challenging, as they have very few services, and the scale of growth required to significantly enhance services would be significantly larger than the villages currently are. Policies are included to support infill within the villages, or rural exception site s to help meet local housing need.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan growth strategy should include a range of sites, including small sites and medium sites in villages as part of the strategy.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change. A range of sites should be included, but this needs to be balanced with the need to deliver a sustainable development strategy.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of villages with development meeting diverse housing needs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Growth should take place in villages to a size which can support new employment, services and facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Preferred growth strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of villages located close to Cambridge, employment, transport corridors, and have good services and facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

Expanding villages should be connected by walking cycling infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, approaches to settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries are proposed in the strategy section of the First Proposals report.

Overarching theme/topic

Policy approach

Summary of issues raised in comments

The existing policies concerning village growth should be retained.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, approaches to settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries are proposed in the strategy section of the First Proposals report.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

Expanding villages should be connected by walking cycling infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

Growth in villages should be accompanied by public transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of larger villages with public transportation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support large scale growth of villages with good public transport connections.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support growth of villages along and near transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of villages, especially in south Cambridgeshire where there are good sustainable transport links.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should only propose development in sustainable locations, with sustainable transport links

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should only propose development in sustainable locations, with sustainable transport links and good access to services and facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should only propose development in sustainable village locations, with good access to transport corridors and infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of sustainable transport links

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should only propose development in sustainable village locations, with good access to transportation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of infrastructure, services and facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments

Development of villages should only take place where infrastructure will be improved appropriately to accommodate growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of infrastructure, services and facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of villages with the provision of infrastructure, green spaces and community facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Provision of infrastructure, services and facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of villages, to provide more services and facilities within the villages.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of villages in sustainable locations.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should only propose development in sustainable village locations with an appropriate social mix.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should only propose development in sustainable village locations, with good access to essential services.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should only propose development in sustainable village locations, with good access to infrastructure, services and facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

The LP should only propose development in sustainable village locations, with adequate infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the site selection process has considered the services facilities and transport available at settlements. More information can be found in the strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme/topic

Sustainable development

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support growth in sustainable village locations which supports local jobs.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the proposals include a number of small allocations near to villages, and the jobs theme include policies that would support appropriately scaled proposals coming forward through planning applications at villages.

Overarching theme/topic

Settlement boundaries review

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should reconsider the settlement boundaries of villages according to their potential for sustainable growth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The proposed options include a number of village sites in addition to existing commitments, but the overall balance of proposals seek to allocate a greater focus of growth on Cambridge and new settlements, in order to focus development in accessible locations, and respond to the challenges of climate change.

Overarching theme/topic

Settlement hierarchy

Summary of issues raised in comments

The new Local Plan should reclassify Cambourne within the settlement hierarchy as a town.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the settlement hierarchy proposed in the strategy section would include Cambourne as a town.

Overarching theme/topic

Settlement hierarchy

Summary of issues raised in comments

The new Local Plan should update the settlement hierarchy based on sustainability criteria.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A review of the settlement hierarchy has been undertaken, and the outcome has informed policy proposals in the strategy section.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Linton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Longstanton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of medium sized villages like Longstaton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Melbourn and Meldreth

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Milton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Orwell.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Papworth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Shepreth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Steeple Morden.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Swavesey

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of the Cambourne West development.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the future of the Biomedical Campus has been considered in the Strategy topic paper, and proposed approaches regarding land allocations are included in the First Proposals consultation.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of land off Halsham Road, Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the further growth of Waterbeach.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Balsham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Cambridge East.

How the comments have been taken into account

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Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Comberton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Coton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Croxton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Duxford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Great Abington.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Great Chishill.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Great Shelford and Stapleford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Greater Chesterford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of group villages like Histon and Impington.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of group villages like Orwell.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Guilden Morden.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Histon, Impington and Girton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Ickleton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the growth of Impington and Histon.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the allocation of land at 13 Newton Road, Little Shelford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the delivery of market and affordable housing in villages

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of land at the 'Moor', Melbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of land at Triangle Farm, Folwmere.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of land east of Ditton Lane, Fen Ditton

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of land off Home End, Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of land on the West side of South Street, Comberton

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of land south of Dry Drayton Road, Oakington.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support the development of land to the south of The Causeway, Kneesworth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support growth of Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support growth of land rear of 113 Cottenham Road in Histon.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of site 178, Land east of Sawston.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Whittlesford Bridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support developments in villages including Bassingbourn, Guilden Morden, Steeple Morden, Foxton, Landbeach, Sawston and Shepreth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Crow's Nest Farm to the south of Papworth Everard.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Fen Drayton Road, Swavesey.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land adjacent to Balsham Road, Linton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Albert Road, Stow-cum-Quay.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Ambrose Way, Impington.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Beach Road, Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Bennell Farm, Comberton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Fen End, Willingham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Land at Fishers Lane, Orwell.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Fulbourn Road, Teversham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Horningsea Road, Fen Ditton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Long Lane, Fowlmere

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Land at Maasrnford Farm, Hunts Road, Duxford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Meadow Drift, Elsworth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Mill Lane, Sawston.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Park Street, Dry Dayton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land at Two Mill Field and land to the north of Oakington Road in Cottenham .

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land east and west of St Mary's Lane in Great Abington.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land east of Cambridge Road, Hardwick.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land east of Hinton Way and land west of Haverhill Road in Stapleford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Land east of Long Road, Comberton

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land north of Common Lane in Fulbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land north of Oakington Road, Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land of Beach Road, Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off Ashwell Road, Steeple Morden.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off Bury Farm, Meldreth.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off Cambridge Road, Great Shelford.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off Comberton Road, Toft.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off High Street in Balsham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off Leaden Hill in Orwell.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off Poplar Farm Close, land off Elbourn Way, and, land off The Causeway.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off Royston Road in Foxton

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land off Shepreth Road, Foxton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of Land south of Common Lane, Sawston.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land south of Fowlmere.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land south of Hattons Road, Longstanton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land south of Milton Road, Impington.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land south of Oakington Road, Cottenham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land south of Old House Road in Balsham.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land south of St Neots Road Eltisely.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land south of Station Road, Harston.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land to the east of the Ridgeway and Old Pinewood Way, Papworth Everard

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land to the north of Main Street, Shudy Campus.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land to the north of Park Lane and to the west of Croft Close, Histon.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land to the rear of Woodcock Close and St George's Way, Histon and Impington.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land to the west of Cambridge Road, Melbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land west of Linton.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and

sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land west of Station Road, Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Overarching theme/topic

New development proposals

Summary of issues raised in comments

Support development of land to the west of Mill Street, Gamlingay.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Site options suggested have been tested through the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, which has considered their availability, suitability and deliverability. The consideration of development strategy options and sites is detailed in the Strategy Topic Paper. This identifies why site shave been identified as preferred options and why others have not been taken forward.

Q48. What do you think about siting development along transport corridors

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth impacts

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Consider the impact of large park and ride areas on existing settlements, particularly in relation to increased traffic.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The traffic impacts of Park and Ride proposals are considered when the schemes are being developed, including those schemes being developed by the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth impacts

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Mitigate the impact on transport corridors from new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The local plan is being informed by a transport study, which is considering the transport impacts of new development and mitigation measures that would be required.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth impacts

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Development along transport corridors should consider the impact on public transportation outside of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth impacts

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Development along transport corridors should not impact on the growth of market towns through the Combined Authority's Prospectuses for Growth programme.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have and will continue to engage with the Combined Authority during development of the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth impacts

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along transport corridors where there are no impacts from pollution on communities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Opposition to development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support development along transport corridors in South Cambridgeshire.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Opposition to development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support development along transport corridors where it results in Green Belt release.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met

via sustainable modes. In a small number of cases, sites are proposed in the Green Belt. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Opposition to development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support development along transport corridors where this introduces public transportation in villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Opposition to development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support development along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Opposition to development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support development in Melbourn.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have fully considered development strategy options and sites when considering site allocations for the First Proposals.

Overarching theme / topic:

Opposition to development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support development near roads with considerable traffic.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Opposition to development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Do not support development of infill villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. A dispersed development strategy, or significant growth at infill villages, has not been included in the First Proposals.

Overarching theme / topic:

Village development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development of villages along highway corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, although whilst highway access is important, a key consideration has been access to public transport, walking and cycling opportunities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Village development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development of villages along transport corridors which are not in the Green Belt.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. In a small number of cases, sites are proposed in the Green Belt. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Village development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development of villages south of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A wide range of development strategy and site options were considered, including development in villages south of Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Village development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development of villages west of Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A wide range of development strategy and site options were considered, including development in villages west of Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development patterns

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support clustered developments along public transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst growth is proposed in a number of villages, the First Proposals has focused on key development opportunities at North East Cambridge, Cambridge East and at Cambourne.

Overarching theme / topic:

Development patterns

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Growth should be located in settlements rather than ribbon style developments along transport routes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst growth is proposed in a number of villages, the First Proposals has focused on key development opportunities at North East Cambridge, Cambridge East and at Cambourne.

Overarching theme / topic:

Coalescence

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should ensure development along transport corridors does not result in coalescence.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Landscape issues, and impact on Green Belt, have been considered in evidence informing the First Proposals.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development in or near Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst growth is proposed in a number of villages, the First Proposals has focused on key development opportunities at North East Cambridge, Cambridge East and at Cambourne.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support housing in existing settlements with transport links.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A number of small sites are proposed in addition to those already committed, but the focus of development is large brownfield site opportunities on the edge of Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support small and medium sized growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A number of small sites are proposed in addition to those already committed, but the focus of development is large brownfield site opportunities on the edge of Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support dispersed development across Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Although a dispersed strategy across Greater Cambridge did not perform well when compared with other development strategy options.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The new Local Plan should include a growth strategy with a range of options, including development along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred option includes a range of locations, but is particularly focused on previously developed land on the edge of Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

The growth strategy in the new Local Plan should link to proposed transport infrastructure improvements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver development where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along existing transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy has considered the opportunities provided by existing and planned transport corridors.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the development of towns and large villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Whilst growth is proposed in a number of villages, the First Proposals has focused on key development opportunities at North East Cambridge, Cambridge East and at Cambourne. The opportunities provided by these locations are considered more sustainable than creating more new settlements beyond those already planned.

Overarching theme / topic:

Growth strategy

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Balance Green Belt protection with public transport provision when identifying development along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. This included considering the merits of Green Belt release. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along transport corridors in sustainable locations with sustainable transport links, access to services, facilities and employment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Development along transport corridors should be served by and integrated with

public transportation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along transport corridors where cycle infrastructure is included.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along transport corridors where priority areas in the nature recovery network and high value nature conservation sites are avoided.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Testing of sites has considered impacts on important biodiversity sites, as well as opportunities to deliver new green infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along transport corridors where there is already transport infrastructure in place.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy has considered the opportunities provided by existing and planned transport corridors.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along transport corridors with adequate capacity.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy has considered the opportunities provided by existing and planned transport corridors, and continues to engage with the local highways and transport authorities.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Development to the north and east of Cambridge should be fully integrated with the A14.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Highways England were consulted to inform the site testing process.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along cycle corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Opportunities for walking and cycling have been considered when developing the preferred strategy options.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along East-West Rail and the northern approach into Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Cambourne has been identified as a broad location for future development in association with the opportunities provided by East West Rail. The route selection process is outside the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along new transport corridors away from Cambridge and its road network.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along public transport and cycling corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Opportunities for walking and cycling, and access to public transport, have been considered when developing the preferred strategy options.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along rail corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Existing and planned rail corridors have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along the A428 corridor running due west of Cambridge to Cambourne and St Neots.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Cambourne has been identified as a broad location for future development in association with the opportunities provided by East West Rail.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along transport corridors alongside the delivery of public transport and infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A range of strategy choices were considered. Transport corridors are considered an important opportunity to deliver growth where travel needs can be met via sustainable modes. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development along transport corridors following their completion.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Existing and future transport corridors have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the development of public transport corridors where large-scale development is planned.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Existing and future transport corridors have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and transport evidence will consider when infrastructure is needed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Connect development to the Cambridge South East Transport - Better Public Transport Project.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Existing and future transport corridors have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support large development in sustainable village locations along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Existing and future transport corridors have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and transport evidence will consider when infrastructure is needed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Sustainable development

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support development of existing communities along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Existing and future transport corridors have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and transport evidence will consider when infrastructure is needed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Connect development to the Cambridge South East Transport - Better Public Transport Project.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Existing and future transport corridors have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support large development in sustainable village locations along transport corridors.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Existing and future transport corridors have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and transport evidence will consider when infrastructure is needed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

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How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Existing and future transport corridors have been considered when identifying the preferred development strategy. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and transport evidence will consider when infrastructure is needed.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Create a Rural Travel Hub, providing sustainable transport connections.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Greater Cambridge Partnership have been exploring delivery of a number of rural travel hubs.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Provide direct public transport services to places of employment.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Evidence has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, and the availability of public transport.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Public transportation along transport corridors should be upgraded to meet demand from proposed development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will outline infrastructure requirements

associated with new development allocated in the new Local Plan. Developer contribution-related policies in the new Local Plan will require contributions in accordance with the recommendations of the IDP.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Investment in transport infrastructure should match demand from increased development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The IDP will outline infrastructure requirements associated with new development allocated in the new Local Plan. Developer contribution-related policies in the new Local Plan will require contributions in accordance with the recommendations of the IDP.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support electric buses or biofuel buses that link villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is primarily a matter for the local transport authority, but this plan can assist by supporting delivery of appropriate infrastructure.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support improved cycling and pedestrian routes.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy proposals in the infrastructure theme seek to support travel by sustainable modes.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support improvements to rail service.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils are seeking to engage with infrastructure providers during preparation of the plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support a reduction in commuting.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Employment land

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the allocation of employment land close to existing and proposed areas of housing growth and infrastructure improvements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy proposed has considered the relationship between homes and jobs, as well as access to sustainable forms of transport. Further information can be found in the strategy theme of the First Proposals report, and the accompanying strategy topic paper.

Overarching theme / topic:

Net zero carbon

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support delivering sustainable growth to reach net zero carbon by 2050.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Climate Change theme includes a range of proposals which seek to respond to climate change.

Overarching theme / topic:

Green infrastructure

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Deliver green space and biodiversity targets alongside development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure theme of the First Proposals includes a policy approach that would seek 20% biodiversity net gain.

Overarching theme / topic:

Allocation

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP:

Support the development of Lolworth's 100ha employment / logistics site.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted.

Q49. Do you have any views on any specific policies in the two adopted 2018 Local Plans? If so, what are they?

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy 11 Development in the City Centre Primary Shopping Area

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Review and update the policy according to the review of the Retail and Leisure Study.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Recommendations from the review of the Retail and Leisure Study will inform retail and leisure related policies in the draft plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 11 Development in the City Centre Primary Shopping Area

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Remove the 70% requirement for A1 uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Class A1 was replaced by Class E in September 2020. The Council has outlined its approach towards retail centres in the preferred options report. Recommendations from the review of the Retail and Leisure Study will inform retail and leisure related policies in the draft plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Site Allocation Policies for Areas of Major Change

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Refer to the acceptability of D1 uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This representation seeks to recognise that education uses may be needed in these areas. Specific consideration has been given to the need for schools in these areas, a general reference to D1 is not required.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 14 Areas of Major Change and Opportunity Areas

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Review and update the policy to reflect further work on development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy is proposed in the preferred options to be continued in the new local plan. The need for the policy and any amendments will be considered as we prepare the draft plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 15 Cambridge Northern Fringe East and new railway station Area of Major Change

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Review and update the policy to reflect further work on development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Area Action Plan has moved forward since these comments were made, and explores the potential of this area in detail.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 21 Station Areas West and Clifton Road Area of Major Change

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Review boundaries of the Area of Major Change to include land south of Bateman Street and land north of Station Road.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy is proposed in the preferred options to be continued in the new local plan. The need for the policy and any revisions to the identified area will be considered as we prepare the draft plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 24 Mill Road Opportunity Area

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Retain the policy and increase the indicative density for the Travis Perkins site.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This site has moved forward since this comment was made, and the capacity has been updated.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 25 Cambridge Railway Station, Hills Road Corridor to the City Centre Opportunity Area

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Having regard to the potential land uses identified under Policy 21 (Site M44), the Site Allocation provisions should recognise the key opportunities that exist in the redevelopment of this high profile site and provide flexibility.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy is proposed in the preferred options to be continued in the new local plan. The policy seeks to support the continued and complete regeneration of vibrant, mixed-use areas of the city.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 32 Flood risk

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Strengthen the policy to reflect non-statutory technical standards and require previously developed sites to come down to greenfield surface water runoff rates and volumes where practicable.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Views are sought on the approach proposed through the preferred options consultation, and detailed wording will be considered at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 32 Flood risk

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Part c) could state ‘up to and including a 1 in 100 year event’.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Views are sought on the approach proposed through the preferred options consultation, and detailed wording will be considered at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 41 Protection of business space

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Allow for change of use to community uses and social infrastructure, without the need for marketing tests or viability evidence.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. While it is acknowledged that community uses and social infrastructure are important, the purpose of the policy requirement is to protect business space and to enable new businesses to locate in the area. The preferred options report does not propose to make this change, but provides a further opportunity to comment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 43 University development

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Remove the spatial differentiation for university development in and outside Cambridge city centre to support the development of ARU's East Road site.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is important that all university faculty growth proposals are located in sustainable and accessible locations. The Councils are working with both the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University to understand their development needs and how this can be supported in the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 46 Development of student housing

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Allow more flexibility for new student accommodation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. However, it is considered important that student accommodation does not result in the loss of existing dwellings, or compromise the delivery of allocations identified in the local plan.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 60 Tall buildings and skyline in Cambridge

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Set a height limit for new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It would not be appropriate to set a specific limit for the area, but height is an important design issue, addressed in the design policy approaches proposed in the preferred options, and evidence including the Heritage Impact Assessment.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 61 Conservation and enhancement of Cambridge's historic environment

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Lack of any Historic Environment Strategy should be a source of embarrassment for an historic city like Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Great Places theme, and the supporting Topic Paper explore how heritage has been addressed in the preferred options report.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 67 Protection of open space

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Reword the policy to maintain Protected Open Spaces to ensure it is workable. There is a challenge to the requirement for relocated POS to be within 400m of the existing site.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Open space policies in the new Local Plan will continue to seek to protect open space. The preferred options consultation provides opportunities to comment on the approach.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 67 Protection of open space

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not require relocation of open space within 400m of the original site and reword the policy to allow for more flexibility for development. Emmanuel College Sports Ground is surplus to requirements and should not be protected.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is reasonable to seek reprovision where it is accessible to the community it was serving. It is important that University Colleges are able to provide for their

recreational sports needs not just for existing students but future needs, which is why these types of sites are protected. The Councils will be working with the University of Cambridge Colleges to understand their development needs and how this can be supported in the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 69 and 70

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Combine policies with South Cambridgeshire LP policies NH/4, NH/5, NH/6 & NH/7.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options report proposes a range of policy areas which may be combined into policies in the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 73 Community, sports and leisure facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Reference skateboarding facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The need for open space and sporting facilities is being explored through evidence which will inform the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 74 Education facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Change the policy wording to:

‘New or enhanced education facilities will be permitted if:

a. the scale, range, quality and accessibility of education facilities are improved.

b. they comply with the strategic objectives of the Children’s Services Authority and National Policy regarding the delivery of school places;

The Council will work with the Children’s Services Authority and the Department for Education to provide high quality and convenient local education services in all parts of Cambridge, but particularly in areas of population growth.

Developers should engage with the Children’s Services Authority at the earliest opportunity and work cooperatively to ensure the phasing of residential development and appropriate mitigation is identified in a timely manner to ensure appropriate education provision can be secured.

Planning permission will be granted for new education facilities in locations accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, where this will meet an existing deficiency, and support regeneration or new development or achieve wider educational needs for quality enhancement and/or specialist provision.'

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This detailed policy wording will be considered at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 77 Development and expansion of visitor accommodation

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Limit Air BnBs and hotels.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Proposals to address the impact of visitor accommodation including short-term lets are proposed in the Jobs theme of the preferred options.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 80 Supporting sustainable access to development

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The policy should prioritise cycling and walking in new development, and should not prioritise road.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy approaches are proposed in the Infrastructure theme which would seek to support cycling and walking.

Overarching theme / topic:

Policy 82 Parking management

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Update Policy 82 and Cycle Parking Guide SPD to cover the entire GCLP area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy approaches are proposed in the Infrastructure theme which would seek to support cycling and walking, and include approaches to cycle parking that could be applied across Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme / topic:

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Overarching theme / topic:

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Overarching theme / topic:

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Noted. Policy approaches are proposed in the Infrastructure theme which would

seek to support cycling and walking, and include approaches to cycle parking that could be applied across Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme/topic:

Infill Villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Take a more flexible approach to village infill development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy seeks to restrict the scale of developments taking place in the smallest settlements which do not have even basic services available, resulting in a high likelihood of travel by car. The plan needs to continue to focus development on more sustainable locations, and these restrictions remain a necessary part of that strategy.

Overarching theme/topic:

Cambourne West

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Amend criterion 7 to state “Land south of the Business Park access road will be developed for more than 250 dwellings as well as offices and small-scale shops and other town centre uses to serve the needs of the residents and the adjoining Business Park”.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy is proposed to be carried forward and updated.

Overarching theme/topic:

Sustainable Drainage Systems

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Strengthen points on green roofs and permeable paving.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policy approach supports the use of green roofs.

Overarching theme/topic:

Sustainable Drainage Systems

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not require SuDS for development in fen-edge villages.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, views are sought on the approach proposed through the preferred options consultation, and detailed wording will be considered at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme/topic:

Sustainable Drainage Systems

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Include further detail in Section C on what is considered 'practicable to do so'.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, views are sought on the approach proposed through the preferred options consultation, and detailed wording will be considered at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme/topic:

Public Art and New Development

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Exempt schools from the requirement for development over 1,000 sqm to provide or contribute to the provision of public art.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, views are sought on the approach proposed to infrastructure provision through the preferred options consultation, and requirements will be considered through the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Protecting and Enhancing Landscape Character

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not retain this policy. Adds nothing to the requirements of NPPF

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is an important issue that is proposed to continue to be included in the local plan, and adds a local dimension to national policy.

Overarching theme/topic:

Protecting Agricultural Land

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not retain this policy. Adds nothing to the requirements of NPPF

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is an important issue that is proposed to continue to be included in the local plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Biodiversity

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Set a local target of 20% biodiversity net gain.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Proposals regarding the approach to biodiversity net gain are included in the Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme/topic:

Biodiversity

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Require all development to deliver biodiversity net gain

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Proposals regarding the approach to biodiversity net gain are included in the Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme/topic:

Biodiversity

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Require off-site biodiversity net gain where applicable.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Proposals regarding the approach to biodiversity net gain are included in the Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme/topic: NH/4 Biodiversity

Summary of issues raised in comments: Incorporate the South Cambridgeshire Biodiversity SPD in the policy.

How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. The Councils are producing a biodiversity SPD to support the adopted local plans, this would need to be updated to reflect new policies when the Greater Cambridge Local Plan is adopted.

Overarching theme/topic: NH/6 Green Infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments: Identify local requirements for green spaces.

How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. The Biodiversity and

Green Infrastructure theme includes significant proposals regarding enhancement of the green infrastructure network.

Overarching theme/topic: NH/13 Important Countryside Frontage
Summary of issues raised in comments: Review the Important Countryside Frontage designation to accommodate development.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. The preferred options report proposes to continue to recognise important countryside frontages due to their contribution to village character.

Overarching theme/topic: H/3 Fulbourn and Ida Darwin Hospitals
Summary of issues raised in comments: Extend the Ida Darwin Hospital redevelopment to include land at Capital Park.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. Policy H/3 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 states that, 'The redevelopment of the existing built footprint of the Ida Darwin Hospital into a different configuration, comprising residential redevelopment on the eastern part of the Ida Darwin site and the transfer of part of the building footprint to the Fulbourn Hospital site for new mental health facilities will be permitted.' This link was created for specific purposes. The inclusion of Capital Park within this policy approach is not appropriate. The removal of the site from the Green Belt is not supported, as the gap between Cambridge and Fulbourn is important to maintain.

Overarching theme/topic: H/3 Fulbourn and Ida Darwin Hospitals
Summary of issues raised in comments: Support Green Belt release to develop mental health facilities at Fulbourn Hospital.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. Policy H/3 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 states that, 'The redevelopment of the existing built footprint of the Ida Darwin Hospital into a different configuration, comprising residential redevelopment on the eastern part of the Ida Darwin site and the transfer of part of the building footprint to the Fulbourn Hospital site for new mental health facilities will be permitted.' This link was an important part of the policy and should be maintained, and therefore the policy is proposed to be carried forward into the new local plan. The removal of the Fulbourn Hospital site from the Green Belt is not supported, as the gap between Cambridge and Fulbourn is important to maintain.

Overarching theme/topic: H/11 Rural Exception Site Affordable Housing
Summary of issues raised in comments: Remove references to ‘adjoining’ and instead use located within walking distance from the village centre.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. The proposed approach is to continue to support exception sites in appropriate locations, typically adjoining existing settlements, to ensure sites are accessible to the village and do not encroach into the countryside.

Overarching theme/topic: H/15 Countryside Dwellings of Exceptional Quality
Summary of issues raised in comments: The policy should extend to more than a single dwelling.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. The policy approach is proposed to be continued by the preferred options report, as it reflects national planning policy.

Overarching theme/topic: H/16 Development of Residential Gardens
Summary of issues raised in comments: Reword the policy to allow for development of residential gardens outside of development frameworks.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. Development frameworks are defined to take into account the present extent of the built-up area, and planned development. Extensive gardens are not included where they are not considered part of the built up area.

Overarching theme/topic: E/5 Allocations for Class B1, B2 and B8 Employment Uses
Summary of issues raised in comments: Retain policy allocation for Papworth Business Park and expand the allocation to include land east of the Business Park.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. However, the existing allocation is fully developed, and therefore no longer required.

Overarching theme/topic: E/7 Imperial War Museum at Duxford
Summary of issues raised in comments: Retain the policy.
How the comments have been taken into account: Noted. The policy is proposed to be retained by the preferred options report.

Overarching theme/topic: E/9 Promotion of Clusters
Summary of issues raised in comments: Retain the policy.

How the comments have been taken into account: Noted, the plan will seek to continue to support cluster development consistent with policies that will guide the location of development.

Overarching theme/topic:

E/11 Large Scale Warehousing and Distribution Centres

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The policy should be flexible to allow for more B8 uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Evidence commissioned to inform the plan has indicated an additional need for local warehouses, and additional allocations are proposed.

Overarching theme/topic:

E/11 Large Scale Warehousing and Distribution Centres

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Permit large scale warehousing and distribution centres.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Evidence commissioned to inform the plan has indicated an additional need for local warehouses, but given the pressures on land in Greater Cambridge it would not be appropriate to provide large areas of land for regional or national distribution centres.

Overarching theme/topic:

E/12 New Employment Development in Villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The policy should be clearer.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. At this stage the preferred approach proposes to continue with a similar approach, but clarity of wording can be explored at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme/topic:

E/13 New Employment Development on the Edges of Villages

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The policy should be less restrictive for development and remove the requirement to market employment sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The preferred options report proposes to carry forward the broad approach to E/13 into the new local plan, providing support to employment on the edges of villages where criteria are met. The preferred options consultation provides opportunities to comment on this approach.

Overarching theme/topic:

E/14 Loss of Employment Land to Non Employment Uses

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Reword the policy to allow flexibility and not present unreasonable constraints. Amend to take into account commercial viability of redeveloping existing employment sites to meet modern employment requirement.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The current policy seeks to protect employment uses subject to a number of criteria. It is proposed to carry forward a similar approach due to the importance of protecting this important resource. The preferred options consultation provides opportunities to comment on this approach.

Overarching theme/topic:

E/16 Expansion of Existing Businesses in the Countryside

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Remove the criteria for a named operator and two years of operation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The representor questions a number of the criteria in the adopted local plan. The preferred options report proposes to carry forward a similar approach, due to the need for development in the countryside to be controlled. The preferred options consultation provides opportunities to comment on this approach.

Overarching theme/topic:

SC/8 Protection of Existing Recreation Areas, Allotments and Open Space

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Differentiate between publicly accessible open space and playing fields, and school playing fields. It is important that the Local Plan allows flexibility to allow the provision of educational facilities, where there is a clear overall benefit in terms of enhanced facilities provision (taking into account local needs), despite a potential limited loss in the quantity of existing facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Open space policies in the new Local Plan will continue to seek to protect open space. It is important that all development makes the best use of land and minimises any loss of open space especially school playing fields. However, in certain circumstances, the loss of low quality amenity open space may be permissible in order to meet an identified educational need. The preferred options consultation provides opportunities to comment on the approach.

Overarching theme/topic:

TI/2 Planning for Sustainable Travel

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The policy should commit to walking and cycling.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Transport has been an important consideration when considering the development strategy, and detailed policy proposals are included in the infrastructure theme, which seek to promote walking and cycling.

Overarching theme/topic:

TI/9 Education Facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Change the wording to:

1. a. Improve the scale, range, quality and accessibility of education provision;
   b. Be appropriately located to serve the existing and future communities they serve. Be delivered and phased appropriately alongside
   c. Mitigate the impact of any associated residential development; and
   d. Comply with the strategic objectives of Cambridgeshire County Council, the local Children's Services Authority, National Policy regarding the delivery of school places and/or the ambition of the community they serve.
2. The Council will work with the County Council and the Department for Education to provide high quality and convenient local education services in all parts of the district, but particularly in areas of population growth.
3. Developers should engage with the Children's Services Authority at the earliest opportunity and work co-operatively to ensure the phasing of residential development and appropriate mitigation is identified in a timely manner to ensure appropriate education provision can be secured.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This detailed policy wording will be considered at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy Map

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Update the policy map to reflect the extent of Cambourne West development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The policies map will be produced at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme/topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Identify need for school places and new schools in the IDP and relate this to the IFS and Cambridgeshire County Council school place planning document.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Education will be explored by the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Incorporate anticipated needs and costs of education provision at the outset to inform site selection and infrastructure priorities.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Education will be explored by the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Address the cross-boundary movement of pupils between the two Greater Cambridge authorities and engage with Cambridgeshire County Council in the Statement of Common Ground.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Education will be explored by the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and the County Council is being consulted during its preparation.

Overarching theme/topic:

SPD

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Develop or update a Planning Obligations SPD.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The plan will be supported by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will inform policies that could be supported by supplementary guidance.

Overarching theme/topic:

Plan period

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The strategic policies in the new Local Plan should extend to 2050.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The plan period identified in the preferred options is 2041, but a number of major sites will continue development beyond that period.

Overarching theme/topic:

2018 Local Plans

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Unclear how the Inspector's recommendations and main modifications for the adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan are implemented and monitored.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The main modifications required by the inspectors are now part of the adopted local plans. The councils are responding to issues, including by undertaking this early review of the local plans. The review will seek to address the issues raised by the inspectorate which prompted the requirement for an early review.

Overarching theme/topic:

2018 Local Plans

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Status of the adopted Local Plans is unclear for decision making.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The status of the adopted Local Plans is considered to be clear; they form part of the development plan for the area.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Allocate small and medium sites.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The development strategy put forward in the preferred options has sought to balance development and includes a number of small allocations in villages.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Allocate industrial and warehouse land.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Evidence commissioned to inform the plan has indicated an additional need for local warehouses, but given the pressures on land in Greater Cambridge, it would not be appropriate to provide large areas of land for regional or national distribution centres.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not support the paving of front gardens for car parking.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Proposals for loss of front gardens need to avoid negative impact on the character and setting of the area. Design policies are addressed in the Great Places theme.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Meet with Deloitte to discuss the development of Cambridge city centre and Policy 11.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. In April/May 2021, additional stakeholder engagement with Cambridge's three shopping centres (Lion Yard, Grand Arcade and the Grafton Centre) was undertaken to better understand their future growth ambitions including the impact of COVID-19.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Work with Anglian Water to develop water-related policies.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils have engaged with Anglian Water through the preparation of the Integrated Water Management Study.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Invest in enforcement and regulation of planning policies.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Representations to the new Local Plan should not be dismissed for the sake of time.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. All representations to the Local Plan consultation have been considered.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Consider a review of CIL rates.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The approach to infrastructure needs and funding is explored in the preferred option report infrastructure theme.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not support high-density village infill.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Housing theme includes the proposed approach towards density, which

seeks to balance requirements to make efficient use of land, with reflecting local character.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Support the allocation of police station, Parkside.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The proposed options report proposes to continue with this allocation. The representation addresses a number of detailed issues regarding the form of development. These detailed issues can be explored at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Increase the capacity of Grange Farm off Wilberforce Road and change the allocated use to college accommodation.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Councils will be working with the University of Cambridge Colleges to understand their development needs and how this can be supported in the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Do not support growth.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. In accordance with the requirements of national planning policy and guidance, the new Local Plan should seek to meet the growth needs of the area unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. The plan has been informed by a range of evidence, including considering the impact of development on the environment.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The presumption of sustainable development should not apply if the new Local Plan were to be delayed or be withdrawn from examination.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Local Plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Limit property investment from overseas buyers.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. It is beyond the scope of the Local Plan to seek to control the sale of residential properties.

Overarching theme/topic:

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Retain a settlement hierarchy in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. A settlement hierarchy is proposed in the preferred options report.

Overarching theme/topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Sustainable design should be outlined in developer-produced Sustainability Statements, instead of BREEAM requirements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The climate change theme proposes specific approaches to building standards, and these have been informed by our Net Zero Carbon study.

Overarching theme/topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Reference water re-use measures including surface water and rainwater harvesting and grey water recycling.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. These issues are addressed in the climate change theme of the preferred options.

Overarching theme/topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Planning proposals should consider how water efficiency standards can be improved to ensure resilience.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. These issues are addressed in the climate change theme of the preferred options.

Overarching theme/topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Consider district heating.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The climate change theme addresses issues regarding meeting the energy needs of buildings, and the proposed options also propose to seek energy masterplans on strategic sites.

Overarching theme/topic:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Consider small scale food production.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Allotments will be considered as part of open space needs, but the green infrastructure theme also identifies allotments and community gardening as an important green infrastructure project.

Overarching theme/topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Ensure ongoing maintenance costs of roads in new developments is funded by Section 38 agreements.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Road adoption is largely outside the scope of the local plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Heritage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Consider designating historic country estates as conservation areas.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Local Plan. Designation of conservation areas is a separate process to the local plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Heritage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Produce a Historic Environment Strategy.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Great Places theme, and the supporting Topic Paper explore how heritage has been addressed in the preferred options report.

Overarching theme/topic:

Infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Provide sufficient infrastructure to meet need from new development.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The plan will be supported by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will identify what infrastructure is needed and when, and how it will be funded.

Q50. What do you think should be in the next Local Plan? Are there issues, ideas or themes that you don't feel we have yet explored?

Overarching theme/topic:

Spatial strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and the Plan should consider a range of development scenarios in detail. This will allow a more informed assessment to be made through the SA in relation to the reasonable alternatives.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Sustainability Appraisal has considered a range of strategy alternatives and sites to inform the plan making process.

Overarching theme/topic:

Spatial strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The new Local Plan should consider the consequences of not achieving the high growth targets if growth turns out to be slower.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the plan will include arrangements for monitoring delivery, and be subject to regular review.

Overarching theme/topic:

Spatial strategy

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Plan needs a stronger and clearer statement of the future vision of the Greater Cambridge area, planning a minimum of 30 years into the future.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, although the plan period will be to 2041, it includes a number of developments that will take longer to deliver in their entirety, and therefore a longer term vision is proposed.

Overarching theme/topic:

Big themes

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Climate justice should be included as a big theme, addressing how the Local Plan will ensure that there is a just transition to a sustainable future for those living in the region.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Climate Change is one of the big themes of the Local Plan. The First Proposals Consultation includes a series of proposed policies relating to Climate Change and a Climate Change Topic Paper.

Overarching theme/topic:

Health

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Address the findings of the Health New Town Programme ‘Putting Health into Place’. Explore where the Ten Healthy New Town Principles can be incorporated into the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. This issue has been considered under the Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme of the plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Affordable housing

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should consider the River Cam as an appropriate location for the provision of affordable housing, for people wanting to live on vessels.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy H/RM: Residential moorings will set out the criteria to be used when considering proposals for new residential moorings.

Overarching theme/topic:

Flooding

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Existing policies 31 and 32 of the Cambridge City Local Plan should be improved and included within the new Plan, providing a drainage hierarchy, and strict requirements throughout the area on hard surfacing, permeable paving, and the inclusion of green roofs.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy CC/FM: Flooding and integrated water management will set out how development should address flood risk and implement integrated water management including sustainable drainage systems in new development.

Overarching theme/topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Create a Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity strategy across the Local Plan area, based upon the recommendations of up-to-date evidence base documents.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Evidence has been prepared on green infrastructure and several policies are proposed within the Biodiversity chapter of the local plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The new Local Plan should be clear about how it will incorporate monitoring especially any new data from the 2021 census.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The Local Plan will develop indicators which will be monitored annually as part of the AMR.

Overarching theme/topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The evidence base needs to include thorough assessments of environmental capacity, including the impacts of existing growth proposals approved but not yet completed, the impacts of approved and proposed transport proposals, and the capacity of Greater Cambridge's buildings to meet Climate Change targets. The evidence base also needs to include all existing assessments of environmental quality, including Conservation Area Appraisals and Suburbs and Approaches studies.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Evidence has been prepared on a wide range of subjects including climate change, transport, environmental constraints and planned growth to inform the preferred strategy of the local plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Need a greater understanding of the housing market pressures arising from London commuters

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Evidence has been prepared on the local housing market needs and these have been used to inform the preferred strategy of the local plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Evidence base

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Information within the evidence base needs to be presented more clearly, to ensure people fully understand the consequences of the Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. The evidence base work is presented within the topic papers.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The new Local Plan should contain robust policies for the protection of open spaces in public and private ownership, Cambridge's historic centre, landscape setting, and vistas and views, green corridors, and the creation of 'green lungs'.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity theme includes policy proposals regarding the protection and enhancement of open space.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Climate change, biodiversity and green space, wellbeing and social exclusion and great places are all important themes. The Local Plan should also include economic growth, housing, employment and infrastructure.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Jobs, homes and infrastructure are proposed as big themes.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Need more consideration of water related issues, such as water level and flood risk management, water efficiency and resources.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy CC/WE: Water efficiency in new developments will set the standards of water efficiency that new developments must comply with. Policy C/FM: Flooding and integrated water management will set out how development should address

flood risk and implement integrated water management including sustainable drainage systems in new development.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should consider water supply, protecting water supply in the chalk aquifer.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy CC/WE: Water efficiency in new developments will set the standards of water efficiency that new developments must comply with. Policy BG/GI: Green infrastructure proposes a range of strategic green infrastructure initiatives including revitalising the chalk stream network.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should consider further internet coverage especially in the more remote villages in the district.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy I/DI: Digital infrastructure will set out how developments should contribute to Greater Cambridge's requirements for broadband, mobile phone and smart infrastructure.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Policies should encourage the creation of flexible spaces within new developments, providing opportunities for a range of uses.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, policies propose to require spaces for a range of uses in new communities, including seeking opportunities for meanwhile uses.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Local Plan should consider further the effect of skilled employment closures at Marshalls airport.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted, although this falls outside the scope of the plan.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The new Local Plan should include a policy which supports the expansion and diversification of holiday and caravan sites in the area, being flexible to change with the needs of tourists.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy J/VA: Visitor accommodation, attractions and facilities will consider how visitor accommodation development will be supported in Greater Cambridge.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Policies should seek to ensure a good quality of access for disabled people.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy GP/PP: People and place responsive design seeks to ensure that proposals meet the principles of inclusive and healthy design, and in particular meet the needs of disabled people. Policy H/SS: Residential space standards and accessible homes will set the required standards for the proportion of accessible and adaptable dwellings to be provided as part of dwelling mix.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Plan should seek to reduce pollution and improve air quality.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety will set out how development should take account of sources of pollution.

Overarching theme/topic:

Policy coverage

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Plan should seek to reduce light pollution arising from new development proposals.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety will set out how development should take account of sources of pollution.

Overarching theme/topic:

Green and blue infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments:

The Plan should consider the creation of strategic scale green infrastructure, creating green corridors and networks across the area.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Informed by a green infrastructure evidence base, policy BG/GI: Green infrastructure identifies the existing green infrastructure network and the strategic initiatives intended to enhance it and addresses how development proposals should relate to green infrastructure.

Overarching theme/topic:

Green and blue infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Registered parks and gardens should be considered as green spaces within the new Local Plan, and protected accordingly.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Informed by a green infrastructure evidence base, policy BG/GI: Green infrastructure identifies the existing green infrastructure network and the strategic initiatives intended to enhance it and addresses how development proposals should relate to green infrastructure. This includes Registered parks and gardens.

Overarching theme/topic:

Green and blue infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments:

Need for significantly more moorings on the River Cam, and improved services and facilities associated with existing moorings.

How the comments have been taken into account:

Noted. Policy H/RM: Residential Moorings will set out the criteria to be used when considering proposals for new residential moorings.

Overarching theme/topic

Green and blue infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

The new Local Plan should seek to double tree coverage in the area by 2025. Creation of new woodland areas and trails for recreation.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Cambridge City Council Citywide Tree Strategy 2016–26 Canopy Cover Project seeks to support Cambridge City Council's aim of achieving 19% tree cover by the 2050s; South Cambridgeshire also has identified a priority of increasing tree canopy cover in its Doubling Nature Strategy. Policy BG/TC: Improving tree canopy cover and the tree population will control how development impacts tree canopy cover, the tree population, and protected trees and hedgerows.

Overarching theme/topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Public transport waiting facilities should be improved to provide more seating for elderly people.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, although this falls outside the scope of the plan.

Overarching theme/topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Improve the integration of transport hubs, providing better connections between differing modes of sustainable transport.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, the major new developments proposed in the First Proposals provide opportunities for connecting transport modes.

Overarching theme/topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Need to protect existing, and encourage more public transport provision for small villages where residents are reliant on other areas for services and facilities.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, although this falls outside the scope of the plan.

Overarching theme/topic

Transport infrastructure

Summary of issues raised in comments

Need for the provision of more parking facilities in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policy I/EV: Parking and electric vehicles will set out the requirements for cycle and vehicle parking. Cambridge is a sustainable location therefore car parking levels should be lower in recognition of access to more sustainable modes of transport.

Overarching theme/topic

Sports facilities

Summary of issues raised in comments Need for a swimming pool in the Cambourne area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policy WS/CF: Community, sports, and leisure facilities will set out what new community, sports, and leisure facilities should be provided and sustained through new development and policy WS/HD: Creating healthy new developments will integrate health considerations into the planning and design of new development.

Overarching theme/topic

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Where South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Policy E/7 on Duxford is taken forward, the new policy should include reference to a site masterplan to be adopted as an SPD.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, opportunities for an SPD can be considered at the draft plan stage.

Overarching theme/topic

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Plan should include appropriate monitoring indicators.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Local Plan will develop indicators which will be monitored annually as part of the AMR.

Overarching theme/topic

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan will need a mechanism to enable a consistent and timely pattern of review throughout its lifetime.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Indicators will be developed and monitored annually.

Overarching theme/topic

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments: Include less strategic policies in the Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. However strategic policies

Overarching theme/topic

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Local Plan should seek to encourage and support the use of sustainable sources of energy.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The local plan will support the use of sustainable energy sources. The Greater Cambridge Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) was commissioned as an evidence base to inform the local plan and there are a number of relevant policies proposed within the First Proposals Consultation.

Overarching theme/topic

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

The stretch of Newmarket Road (north side) between Abbey Road and Stanley Road should be designated as a Local Centre in the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Suggestion noted. Policy J/RC: Retail and centres will cover the treatment of retail, leisure and other city centre proposals in Cambridge, and the towns and villages of South Cambridgeshire, as well as out-of-town development.

Overarching theme/topic

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues raised in comments

Policies should seek to improve safety in public areas through design, lighting, cameras etc.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policy GP/PP: People and place responsive design will set a strategic vision for achieving high quality design in Greater Cambridge for both urban and rural areas. This will incorporate a requirement for development to be designed to remove the threat or perceived threat of crime and improve community safety.

Overarching theme/topic

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments

The Plan should include a glossary. This should include appropriate Historic Environment terminology including Historic Environment, Heritage Assets, Listed building, Conservation Area, Scheduled Monument, Registered Park and Garden, Designated Heritage Assets, Non-designated Heritage Assets, Local List, Heritage at Risk etc.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A glossary of terms will be included in the local plan.

Overarching theme/topic

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues raised in comments

Keep the plan as simple as possible, without long and complex policy requirements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted.

Overarching theme / topic

Spatial strategy

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The new Local Plan should consider the consequences of not achieving the high growth targets if growth turns out to be slower.

The Plan needs a stronger and clearer statement of the future vision of the Greater Cambridge area, planning a minimum of 30 year into the future.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. The Sustainability Appraisal has considered a range of strategy alternatives and sites to inform the plan making process.

Noted, the plan will include arrangements for monitoring delivery, and be subject to regular review.

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Overarching theme / topic

Big themes

Summary of issues raised in comments

Climate justice should be included as a big theme, addressing how the Local Plan will ensure that there is a just transition to a sustainable future for those living in the region.

How the comments have been taken into account

Climate Changes is one of the big themes of the Local Plan. The First Proposals Consultation includes a series of proposed policies relating to Climate Change and a Climate Change Topic Paper.

Overarching theme / topic

Health

Summary of issues raised in comments

Address the findings of the Health New Town Programme ‘Putting Health into Place’. Explore where the Ten Healthy New Town Principles can be incorporated into the new Local Plan.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. This issue has been considered under the Wellbeing and Social Inclusion theme of the plan.

Overarching theme / topic

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How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policy H/RM: Residential moorings will set out the criteria to be used when considering proposals for new residential moorings.

Overarching theme / topic

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How the comments have been taken into account

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How the comments have been taken into account

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Noted. The Local Plan will develop indicators which will be monitored annually as part of the AMR.

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Overarching theme / topic

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Improve the integration of transport hubs, providing better connections between differing modes of sustainable transport.

Need to protect existing, and encourage more public transport provision for small villages where residents are reliant on other areas for services and facilities.

Need for the provision of more parking facilities in Cambridge.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, although this falls outside the scope of the plan.

Noted, the major new developments proposed in the First Proposals provide opportunities for connecting transport modes.

Noted, although this falls outside the scope of the plan.

Noted. Policy I/EV: Parking and electric vehicles will set out the requirements for cycle and vehicle parking. Cambridge is a sustainable location therefore car parking levels should be lower in recognition of access to more sustainable modes of transport.

Overarching theme / topic

Sports facilities

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Need for a swimming pool in the Cambourne area.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. Policy WS/CF: Community, sports, and leisure facilities will set out what new community, sports, and leisure facilities should be provided and sustained through new development and policy WS/HD: Creating healthy new developments will integrate health considerations into the planning and design of new development.

Overarching theme / topic

Policy recommendations

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

Where South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Policy E/7 on Duxford is taken forward, the new policy should include reference to a site masterplan to be adopted as an SPD.
The Plan should include appropriate monitoring indicators.
The Local Plan will need a mechanism to enable a consistent and timely pattern of review throughout its lifetime.
Include less strategic policies in the Plan
The Local Plan should seek to encourage and support the use of sustainable sources of energy.
The stretch of Newmarket Road (north side) between Abbey Road and Stanley Road should be designated as a Local Centre in the new Local Plan.
Policies should seek to improve safety in public areas through design, lighting, cameras etc.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted, opportunities for an SPD can be considered at the draft plan stage.
Noted. The Local Plan will develop indicators which will be monitored annually as part of the AMR.
Noted. Indicators will be developed and monitored annually.

Noted. However strategic policies
Noted. The local plan will support the use of sustainable energy sources. The Greater Cambridge Net Zero Carbon Study (2021) was commissioned as an evidence base to inform the local plan and there are a number of relevant policies proposed within the First Proposals Consultation.
Suggestion noted. Policy J/RC: Retail and centres will cover the treatment of retail, leisure and other city centre proposals in Cambridge, and the towns and villages of South Cambridgeshire, as well as out-of-town development.
Noted. Policy GP/PP: People and place responsive design will set a strategic vision for achieving high quality design in Greater Cambridge for both urban and rural areas. This will incorporate a requirement for development to be designed to remove the threat or perceived threat of crime and improve community safety.

Overarching theme / topic

Miscellaneous

Summary of issues to be considered for drafting the PO LP

The Plan should include a glossary. This should include appropriate Historic Environment terminology including Historic Environment, Heritage Assets, Listed building, Conservation Area, Scheduled Monument, Registered Park and Garden, Designated Heritage Assets, Non-designated Heritage Assets, Local List, Heritage at Risk etc.
Keep the plan as simple as possible, without long and complex policy requirements.

How the comments have been taken into account

Noted. A glossary of terms will be included in the local plan.
Noted.

2020 GCSPS Workshops

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS) held six online workshops, between 30 November and 10 December 2020, following the publication of 17 initial evidence base reports on 16 November 2020, commissioned to help shape the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan. Key lines of enquiry were explored in the workshops with the following stakeholder communities:

- Workshop 1: Members (City and SCDC)
- Workshop 2: Parish Councils and Residents Associations
- Workshop 3: Senior Officers (City and SCDC)
- Workshop 4: Statutory consultees and Third Sector
- Workshop 5: Developers and Agents
- Workshop 6: Business Sector

A total of 300 stakeholders participated in the workshops, along with elected members from the Joint Local Plan Advisory Group (JLPAG).

This Summary Report consolidates feedback from the lines of enquiry discussed in the online breakout rooms at each of the 6 workshops, focusing on Growth in breakout session 1, and Spatial Options in breakout session 2. The key findings from the workshops are summarised as follows:

Growth

It was generally agreed across all stakeholder groups that there is a relationship between housing growth and jobs growth, and out of the minimum, medium and maximum growth forecasts, the medium growth forecast was considered the optimum growth level.

While there were some voices calling for no further growth, there was overwhelming agreement across all stakeholder groups that the minimum growth level would not provide the level of housing needed in Greater Cambridge, including the affordable housing required by local workers.

Based on Cambridge's strong life sciences sector and the potential for stronger economic growth, as cited in the Cambridge and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER) with the commitment to double Gross Value Added (GVA) across the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority area, Developers and Agents voiced support for testing higher growth levels than the maximum forecast, even if considered undeliverable, to see what the constraints might be, as these untested growth levels may be contested at Public Examination.

There was consensus, however, across all stakeholder groups, that the maximum growth levels forecast appeared undeliverable due to the issues with water supply across Greater Cambridge. It was acknowledged that delivery of the water infrastructure required to prevent further deterioration of local chalk aquifers was potentially a 'deal-breaker' within the timescales of the Local Plan.

Common themes pertinent to growth running through discussions in all stakeholder groups included the negative impact that increased housing and infrastructure development, travel and commuting journeys would have on net zero carbon targets, biodiversity, environment, and climate change. It was recognised that a balance would need to be found and that innovative solutions would need to be implemented in a timely way to offset otherwise negative consequences of growth.

Spatial Options

It was generally agreed across all stakeholder groups that a balance would need to be found for locating development between the eight strategic spatial options assessed by the evidence base; 1) Densification, 2) Edge of Cambridge (not in Green Belt), 3) Edge of Cambridge (Green Belt), 4) New Settlements, 5) Villages, 6) Public Transport Corridors, 7) Southern Cluster (integrating homes and jobs), and 8) Western Cluster (focus on transport node).

Densification

There was agreement across all stakeholder groups that there were benefits with a densification spatial option, particularly in relation to achieving high growth levels without using larger areas of land. North East Cambridge was recognised as a good opportunity, however the need for homes with greater working and outdoor space was recognised post-COVID-19 with more people working from home. Most stakeholder groups voiced concern around densification and higher storey buildings and the negative impact this may have on the historical character of Cambridge City as well as the character and landscape of villages.

Edge of Cambridge (not in Green Belt)

The Edge of Cambridge was thought to be a good option, due to proximity to existing transport and wider infrastructure, as well as closeness of housing to jobs, thereby reducing carbon emissions. North East Cambridge was again cited as a good example. However, there was concern that Cambridge may lose its compact city status.

Edge of Cambridge (Green Belt)

This spatial option resulted in the most diverse range of opinion with the Developers and Agents stakeholder group being most in favour of freeing up Green Belt land to realise benefits in relation to proximity of housing to jobs, reduced commuting, and lower carbon emissions. Views were also raised that much Green Belt land, while open green space, is predominantly used as agricultural land, and that development could open additional accessible green space to the public. Members considered the relationship between carbon and the Green Belt and whether the City should stay as a compact city or whether we should reconsider to meet our climate change targets.

New Settlements

There was some support for new settlements in stakeholder groups and Developers and Agents raised the view that we can build on previous experience and that new ideas, including net zero carbon solutions, can be implemented from the outset. The importance of locating employment with new housing settlements was discussed and the Business Sector stakeholder group, and the Senior Officers stakeholder group,

cited Cambourne as an example where despite efforts to provide employment space, businesses preferred a Cambridge City location. It was therefore raised that public transport infrastructure would be key to development of such sites as many residents would continue to commute to work. Members raised some concern that new settlements could exacerbate the carbon issue and impact negatively on the environment.

Villages

There were mixed views in relation to dispersal of development to villages, with the Parish Council and Residents Association stakeholder group being more averse to village development than other groups. Concerns raised included the negative impact development may have on the historic character of villages. Within this group however, and in wider stakeholder groups, the benefits of development were recognised of sustaining villages and schools and enhancing with amenities including shops, healthcare provision and community facilities. The need to provide affordable homes suitable for elderly and younger residents to continue living in villages was raised as important.

Public Transport Corridors

There was general agreement within each stakeholder group that locating housing near public transport corridors would help reduce car usage and support net zero carbon targets. The Members stakeholder group found this option to be an interesting concept, with discussion centring on the dualling of A428 corridor and the coming of the railway. The A1307 corridor, A505 corridor and OxCam Arc were mentioned as considerations.

The Developers and Agents stakeholder group and the Business Sector stakeholder group discussed how it was important to bring housing to employment locations and not exclusively to transport corridors. There was a realisation that to do this there will need to be infrastructure invested in these areas and this needs to be in place before housing if possible. It was discussed that the east of Cambridge has not historically taken growth so it may have infrastructure capacity and that Network Rail are looking to create capacity in the Newmarket-Cambridge rail line.

Southern Cluster (integrating homes and jobs)

The Members stakeholder group welcomed that the spatial options took the idea of clusters into account with close location of jobs and housing and the example of Quakers providing model villages for their workers was discussed, and that local businesses could think about making housing provision for their workers. There was discussion around the disconnect between the major employment sites in south of the area and new settlements emerging in the north of the area. Parish Councils and Residents Associations views included support for the southern cluster over the western cluster.

The Statutory Consultees and Third Sector stakeholder group suggested a ninth spatial option could focus on growth to the north of the city as this is where the infrastructure, including East West Rail developments, is/will be and could sustain growth over a longer period than the south.

Western Cluster (focus on transport node).

The Members stakeholder group raised views that there could be more opportunities to develop in the west closer to major investment in the A428, Cambourne and Northstowe.

Appendix D: Report on Autumn 2020 stakeholder workshops

1. Aims and objectives

Interim evidence base findings were published in autumn 2020 and we held a series of stakeholder workshops, similar to those held in 2019 prior to the First Conversation consultation, to explore the findings and understand the views of different interest groups.

The six stakeholder workshops enabled us to openly and transparently share with our stakeholder communities, at an early stage as it has come forward, initial evidence base documentation which has been commissioned to help inform and shape the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan. The publication of these 17 initial evidence base documents, via our GCSPS website Document Library, has helped to facilitate greater awareness with and involvement of our communities in the development of our Local Plan.

The online stakeholder workshop format enabled key stakeholder communities to explore and feedback to GCSPS key lines of enquiry in relation to the evidence base assessments of growth and strategic spatial options for development, at a level of detail not possible through alternative online methods during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2.2 provides detail in relation to the methodology underpinning delivery of the stakeholder workshops and Section 3 presents a summary analysis of the key lines of enquiry in relation to growth and strategic spatial options fed back during each of the 6 stakeholder workshops.

2.2. Methodology

2.2.1 Identifying stakeholders

Stakeholder workshop communities were identified in the following ways:

- Former engagement in the plan-making process
- Stakeholders had also signed up to be kept informed and involved via our Contact Form or have requested to be involved via email or in writing.

2.2.2 Communicating the evidence base findings

Stakeholders were emailed links to the 17 published evidence base documents and a summary report on the GCSPS website Document Library two weeks in advance of the workshops.

2.2.3 Workshop support - presentation

A summary PowerPoint overview was presented at each workshop setting out:

- the background context to the plan-making process for the Local Plan
- the minimum, medium and maximum housing, and job growth forecasts
- the eight strategic spatial options assessed by the evidence base documents.

Links to the PowerPoint slides available on the GCSPS website were subsequently emailed to all workshop attendees.

2.2.4 Workshop support – facilitated breakout sessions

Attendees at each of the six workshops were supported by facilitators and notetakers in breakout rooms of up to 10 participants. The notes taken from the breakout room sessions inform the analysis within this Summary Report.

Workshops were two hours in duration, with two separate breakout sessions in each workshop, each lasting 20 minutes. The following prompts were provided to breakout session participants to help facilitate discussion:

Breakout session 1 – prompts (growth levels)

- What are the opportunities and challenges of each of the minimum, medium and maximum growth options?
- Should housing keep pace with jobs growth? What are the implications if it does not?
- How to balance the cost of ambitious 'net zero' policies and the opportunities they give us to enable more growth at a lower carbon cost?
- What kind of mix of homes should we be providing – balancing affordable homes, build to rent, self-build/custom build, Gypsy and Traveller sites, and conventional market sale homes?
- How to balance creating development that lessens carbon emissions, with creating a variety of types of homes for different lifestyles?
- How should the issues around water affect the level of growth we plan for?

Breakout session 2 – prompts (strategic spatial options)

- What issues should be prioritised when considering the spatial approach?
- How to balance density versus land take?
- How should development in villages be planned, balancing the desire to sustain village community wellbeing, services, and local employment, with reducing carbon emissions?
- What are the priorities regarding the Green Belt in relation to carbon reduction?

2.2.5 Workshop attendees

In total, 300 stakeholders attended the workshops:

- Workshop 1: Members (City and SCDC)
    - 6 facilitated breakout rooms (12 breakout sessions)

        - 60 attendees
- Workshop 2: Parish Councils and Residents Associations
    - 6 facilitated breakout rooms (12 breakout sessions)
    - 60 attendees
- Workshop 3: Senior Officers (City and SCDC)
    - 4 facilitated breakout rooms (8 breakout sessions)
    - 40 attendees
- Workshop 4: Statutory Consultees and Third Sector
    - 6 facilitated breakout rooms (12 breakout sessions)
    - 40 attendees
- Workshop 5: Developers and Agents
    - 6 facilitated breakout rooms (12 breakout sessions)
    - 60 attendees
- Workshop 6: Businesses
    - 2 facilitated breakout rooms (4 breakout sessions)
    - 20 attendees

In addition to a dedicated workshop for elected City and South Cambridgeshire District Council members, Joint Local Plan Advisory Group (JLPAG) elected members were invited to attend each of the five further workshops alongside stakeholders.

3.0 Workshop findings

Sections 3.1 to 3.6 below, capture the feedback from each stakeholder workshop in relation to growth and strategic spatial options.

3.1 Members workshop

Growth

Members put forward a range of views regarding growth and development.
Relationship between jobs growth and housing growth needed to be considered when exploring housing growth options.
Greater Cambridgeshire is an area with significant historic and forecast jobs growth and is recognised regionally/nationally/internationally as a centre of excellence in specific sectors. There is a responsibility to support the economy and therefore the associated housing needed by workers.
Need to understand the impacts of COVID-19, Brexit and a possible recession.
Discussion focussed on how possible negative impacts associated with increased local jobs growth, such as increases in commuting-related carbon emissions and damage to the climate may be mitigated by increased local housing supply.
Concern was raised that the job-related housing growth options would not resolve these environmental issues, as much of the increased housing supply would be not be affordable to local workers, who would still need to commute from further afield.
Discussion considered how the findings of the initial water study published and implications for local biodiversity impact on whether the housing growth options are justifiable. Members fed back that the maximum growth option does not currently appear possible (particularly with reference to the term deal breaker referenced in the water study). Members highlighted that timing around resolution of water issues is key to determining housing growth options, that the appropriate water infrastructure needs to be in place and that government should be petitioned to help achieve this.

Spatial options

Members put forward a range of views on the spatial options:

Densification

Densification provided benefits where jobs and homes are closely located, however, COVID-19 has highlighted a need for more garden spaces and thus more land. Concerns were raised that densification will impact on the character of the city and that too much density will not be sustainable.

Edge of Cambridge

There was support for development on the edge of Cambridge where it is accompanied by sustainable infrastructure.
Support for a focus on North East Cambridge and the airport site where real communities can be created with sustainable transport links.

Green Belt

The role of the Green Belt was highlighted in preventing flooding and protecting the character and setting of the historic city and concerns that development would result in the unrestrained expansion of Cambridge.
Views also considered the relationship between carbon and the Green Belt and whether the City should stay as a compact city or whether we should reconsider to meet our climate change targets.
There was some reference to development of Green Belt for keeping green space around homes if it would avoid over densifying.

New settlements

The idea of Garden Cities as new towns was discussed, and whether firms want a 'prestigious' CB City post code.
It was discussed that strategic sites take a long time to come forward along with the required infrastructure.
Members discussed that new settlements and potential carbon impacts.
The need to plan transport investment now to deliver housing needs for new settlement growth was discussed.

Villages

Members held mixed views on development in villages, including wishes to preserve the rural character of villages, views that larger villages cannot accommodate more growth, and concerns with maintaining the identity of village areas and the massing of new development, as well as for heights of new developments in rural village areas.
It was recognised some villages would welcome development which could help with social infrastructure and social sustainability, with ageing populations requiring appropriate housing and young people not being able to afford to stay in the area where they grew up.
There was some support for more housing where employment opportunities exist in villages.
The need to facilitate village amenities was discussed including more shops, pubs, job opportunities and sustainable public transport links.
Village interconnectivity, including footpaths and cycle links, was considered important and the need to reduce car usage as some villages need to travel to avail of facilities.

Public transport corridors

The A1307 corridor, A505 corridor dualling of A428 corridor and the coming of the railway, and OxCam Arc were mentioned as considerations.

Cluster (integrating jobs and homes)

It was welcomed that the spatial options took the idea of clustering into account with close location of jobs and housing.
The example of model villages for their workers was discussed and that local businesses could think about making housing provision for their workers.
There was discussion around the disconnect between the major employment sites in south of the area and new settlements emerging in the north of the area.
There were views that there could be more opportunities to develop in where major investment was taking place in the A428, Cambourne and Northstowe.

Additional comments on spatial options

There was concern about water supply and that new water may likely come from the north or west, so major new development should also be in these areas.
Discussion focused on issues with the availability of, public usage of and types of public transport available for both urban and rural areas and how this needs to align with development.
There were concerns that infrastructure needs to be available.
Discussion took place on timing and that spatial options should allow for development and infrastructure to be in place quickly, however, it was believed this is often outside of the Councils' control.
Generally, it was agreed that the First Conversation consultation big themes should help shape where we build and that there needs to be a healthy balance to allow for good quality of life and wellbeing.

3.2 Parish Council and Residents Association workshop

Growth

There were mixed comments in relation to jobs and housing growth.
There was some general support for growth, though major issues such as COVID-19, with people working from home, could likely create new patterns of commuting and a reduced need for employees to live close to Cambridge, resulting in subdued need for housing growth to accompany jobs growth. This and the impact Brexit could have on business, may require figures for housing and employment needs to be revised.
Concerns were also expressed about growth levels, particularly the maximum. Some considered minimum growth levels being too low over 20 years, maximum growth levels too high, and that the medium growth levels appeared achievable without significantly compromising on key areas such as zero carbon and water supply.
There was discussion around whether jobs and economic growth needed to centre on Cambridge or whether jobs growth could centre on other locations such as a newly created 'tech Fen' instead – leading to wealth, housing and jobs.
Participants discussed the need to manage job growth and people commuting to work and the requirement to minimise travel, and encourage use of public transport and cycling, both in urban and rural areas.

Transport, carbon footprint, biodiversity and the environment were all discussed as important considerations.
Growth would need to be accompanied by significant investment in infrastructure, green infrastructure, and protection of green spaces.
Supply of power/energy infrastructure (not just water) was also a concern. It was mentioned that the Grid is at capacity and with electrification of heat and transport this will become more of an issue.

Spatial options

There was discussion generally about the need for a mixture of all spatial options, with elements of all options to be deliverable, with integrated and mixed-use development (key for villages and the city equally).
The idea of aligning jobs with housing, rather than aligning housing with jobs was discussed.

Densification

There was concern that densification will cause overheating and water shortages in areas such as North East Cambridge, and that height creep is an issue with densification generally in all areas. There was a view that high density developments are not suitable for small villages and that high density is for larger towns. Caution was raised about over-densification and that creation of low-rise areas rather than blocks of flats was preferable. It was mentioned that job creation in some locations has led to densification problems.

Edge of Cambridge

There were mixed views in relation to development on the edge of Cambridge, with some concerns around further substantial development of the city edge and the Green Belt. There was discussion that Cambridge Airport was a sustainable location.

Green Belt

Importance of protecting and enhancing the Green Belt was highlighted by many, as it is important to protect in order to preserve the environment, green spaces, green corridors and lifestyles.
The benefits of short distances into city from the Green Belt was also discussed and the need for the Local Plan to create a balance between competing issues.
Some support was raised for building into the Green Belt, and that this would need to be mitigated by improved public transport connections to disperse commuter congestion.
It was held that open space is critical to society and that it was not clear how or when the outputs of the Green Infrastructure Strategy evidence base will feed into the work on spatial options and growth scenarios.

Villages

There was concern that villages close to Cambridge will lose their character and that scattering small amounts of development through villages would not help develop the required village infrastructure.
Views were held that villages could take more development but only if accompanied by improvements to bus and transport links as well as water and drainage infrastructure. Development in villages should be sustainable as some isolated areas lack growth, and there is a need to provide shops, amenities, and schools.
Discussion took place in relation to the advantages of a larger critical mass of housing for villages to support services.
The question arose of whether the assumptions of the evidence base that transport emissions associated with villages are as high as suggested.

New settlements

There was discussion that big new settlements should provide for jobs to reduce commuting and that new settlements, such as Cambourne, have struggled to attract employers and are not necessarily self-sustaining (with a lot of Cambourne residents working in Cambridge).

Clusters (integrating jobs and housing)

There was some support for cluster development close to Cambridge with south east better than west.

Public transport corridors

Discussion took place around the possible impact of East West Rail, the OxCam Arc, Greater Cambridge Partnership projects, Cambridge Autonomous Metro and the dualling of the A428. There was discussion that the northern route could be positive in the context of the East West Rail proposals. Concern was raised about Cambourne being close to existing routes, that it is becoming too big.

Additional comments on spatial options

Concerns were raised around water, climate change, carbon, biodiversity, sustainability, and infrastructure when considering spatial options.

In relation to water, there was concern that it will be too late for a planning inspector to examine the implications by the time water companies provide information in 2023.

Transport was discussed in depth, with transport planning considered key to the spatial options strategy. Discussion was held that it would be useful to have an overlay of where employment opportunities are located and how this relates to housing and commuting/transport planning.

Comments were raised that the Transport Study needs to recognise the link between where people live, work and the role of commuting (with the view that it currently takes an overly simplistic view) and it was questioned whether 2030 is the right year for the modelling transport emissions, or should we be looking to 2035 or 2040.

It was discussed that electrification of the fleet may help to reduce carbon impacts and lessen the pressure of development on the Green Belt.

It was viewed that there is a ‘Chicken and egg’ scenario with the planning of new settlements and proposed new transport routes.

3.3 Senior Officers workshop

Growth

Comments included feedback that the minimum, medium, and maximum growth scenarios, should be looked at regarding the physical constraints, i.e., climate change, sustainability, biodiversity etc. and that climate change may be harder to address under a maximum growth scenario.
Issues around growth scenarios were discussed, including the issues of not planning for sufficient development to meet needs.
Evidence needed to be kept up to date in light of Covid and other issues.
It was discussed there is currently no degree of certainty post COVID-19 on people's employment, lifestyles, opportunities etc.
It was thought that COVID-19 means people are now not moving to be nearer jobs, therefore housing could be in one location, with people living further away as work can (mostly) be done virtually/remotely. Following COVID-19 the employment/housing link could be a lot weaker thereby impacting on housing requirements in Greater Cambridge.
There was discussion that it is not always easy to locate jobs in new developments – e.g. Cambourne and that Greater Cambridge needs better infrastructure to allow people to move around as many people will not live and work in the same place.
Think around growth in a networked way rather than individual transport (cars), such as 15-minute cities and that putting people closer to city reduces transport infrastructure needs.
The link between travel/transport and carbon emissions was recognised along with the affordability of new housing - workers will still need to commute if they cannot afford housing close to work.
It was discussed that not everyone works in the city. There are jobs all over the Local Plan area – a complex ecosystem – which means we need homes in different areas.
Certain issues related to growth, e.g. water, were discussed as being bigger than Greater Cambridge and that government needs to provide clearer direction. It was discussed that we need to keep planning for major infrastructure (water etc) but macroeconomic information is just unknown.
There were insights from specific areas of officer expertise, such as commercial waste, with ideas that revenue generated from growth could be invested in new innovative technology for waste disposal systems.

It was mentioned that the demand for electricity is likely to quadruple and that we should perhaps be planning for decentralisation of energy supply.

Spatial options

A spatial mix of places is probably the answer and that there are no easy choices and it will be a hybrid.
It was discussed that the best places to live are those within easy (10-15 min) walking distance of local services i.e., shop, pub, GP, childcare services. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought this into focus.

Densification

It was perceived that density mean different things to different people and different communities.
Discussion looked at densification and achievement of the net zero carbon agenda. It was mentioned there are no ground source heat pumps opportunities, but that there are emerging low carbon communities which are high density and friendly and that a low carbon ethos encourages people to make connections.
Housing colleagues stressed the current demand for one-bedroom units, which outstrips demand for larger units, which would favour densification scenario.
It was discussed that densities range in all settlements, even in villages and that improved public transport links into the City and major employment sites would be crucial if an urban densification option is not progressed.
Historic environment and retention of the historic core and keeping Cambridge as an attractive place to live so as not to fundamentally change the character of a place for existing (and new) residents, was mentioned as important.

New settlements

It was discussed that it could be more difficult to build a sense of community in new settlements when starting from scratch and that it is not always easy to locate jobs in new developments. Cambourne was cited as a new settlement where many people do not live and work in the same place and that better transport infrastructure is needed for new settlements from the outset.

Cambourne was cited as an example of where local facilities are slowly improving; but that there were issues for early residents.
There was support however for additional new settlements, as from the start they could be planned as sustainable and a reasonable size for services there and that Greater Cambridge we are now better at these having learned from experience.

Villages

It was discussed that development in villages should not be ruled out to sustain local communities and that villages need to accommodate some growth to maintain services. It was mentioned that with home working and electronic vehicles there is a place for growth in villages and that development of villages is good for affordability and allows people to remain in communities.
The idea of clustered villages was discussed to sustain services collectively as well as for villages near to Cambridge accessing edge of city facilities. It was mentioned this approach depends on good transport links between the villages to support the carbon agenda.
Historic Environment was discussed as being part of the whole equation of sustainability and that villages typically have historic cores which are protected, and many have already grown beyond their cores. The need to consider landscape impact and the identify of villages which are bound up in landscape was discussed.

Edge of Cambridge

There was discussion of the benefits of the site opportunities that did not require green belt release.

Green Belt

There was discussion that the Green Belt spatial option, and acknowledgement of its importance. If it was needed it would depend on optimal social and transport links.

3.4 Statutory Consultees and Third Sector workshop

Growth

Statutory consultees and third sector participants held a range of views in relation to growth:

Some support for minimum growth given the climate emergency, net zero carbon ambitions and the possible impacts of COVID-19, with commuting no longer essential for remote workers, especially in the Cambridge context of a strong knowledge economy.

It was mentioned that both Councils have signed up to produce a Sustainable Local Plan and therefore the lower growth option could be justified.

Discussion also included the view that the minimum level of growth does not address affordability concerns. Many people are not able to live close enough to the office in Cambridge to meet carbon ambitions affected by transport and commuting.

Some considered development should be diverted to other employment opportunities to Peterborough and other parts of East Anglia to boost other local economies. It was also highlighted that if less employment is accepted, companies may decide to locate abroad rather than in the UK.

Concern was raised about the impact upon neighbouring districts, such as Fenland, if the maximum growth option was selected. It was mentioned that there is a need to work across boundaries generally in developing the Local Plan.

Water supply was discussed as an issue to growth and that moving water from other parts of the country is expensive and not sustainable in terms of energy required to transport the water.

Spatial options

Densification

Some support for the densification spatial option and for growth to focus on East Cambridge.

It was discussed that the densification option, along with a mix of windfall sites in the larger villages, seemed reasonable. It was mentioned that the restructuring of

the High Street following COVID-19 will also provide opportunities to increase urban open spaces and/or opportunities for additional housing.
With densification of urban areas, thought should be given about the type of housing available and the role of the public sector in releasing land for increased affordable housing.
It was discussed that areas such as London seeing a huge demand for people wanting to leave dense urban areas to move to areas with more outdoor space (private), particularly as people are now only having to commute one or two days a week.
Support for the densification option in Cambridge; however was countered with concern about the cumulative effect of adding 'just one storey'/'just a bit larger' approach of last 20 years or so, with each site in isolation having a minor impact on historic character – but over time this has been detrimental. The need to look at ways to increase residential density in a good way without impacting the historic environment was discussed, looking at the work of Historic England. The location of high buildings can have a significant impact on historic character.

Villages

There was some favour for re-use of farm/agricultural buildings in rural/village locations for local employment i.e. Melbourn Science Park to avoid concentrating jobs in the City. It was suggested policies could be relaxed in this regard along with improved broadband for such developments and that farm-based employment schemes can provide cheaper rents for 'start-up' companies compared to other Science Parks.
There were views however that farm-based development in rural locations are not sustainable and rely on car journeys and that employment sites need to be accessible by public transport and by cycling/walking.
There was discussion that development in villages can be positive, but the challenge is education provision. School sites can be restrained, there may be no room for expansion, some schools are at capacity and there may not be enough pupils to make it sustainable.

New settlements

It was suggested that rather than have one large 9,000 population settlement there could be 2 x 4,500 settlements. These would still be large enough for critical mass for many services such as a school.

Green Belt

It was discussed that building on Green Belt can promote a socially sustainable approach and reduce commuter travel, but green spaces are extremely good for wellbeing and that consideration of Green Belt for development is a difficult one and not popular with people living close by.

It was mentioned there needs to be further discussion around issues of affordability in relation to Green Belt.

Public transport corridors

There was comment that the public transport corridors options were not considered to align with the sustainability data which states that villages are far less sustainable for future growth than other spatial options.

The forthcoming East West Rail was thought to be an opportunity to allow for sustainable commuting patterns and it was suggestion a ninth spatial option could focus on growth to the north of the city as this is where the infrastructure is/will be and could sustain growth over a longer period than the south.

Additional spatial options considerations

There was discussion that the Local Plan should be vision led and look at the opportunities from different spatial options, for example improved infrastructure to areas which are under served, rather than be driven by the pros and cons of each option.

There was general agreement that net zero carbon makes any spatial scenario challenging.

There was discussion around the need to decide on, and stick to, a primary focus for the plan; possibly minimising carbon, and to then to look at how much land is available for development in the right places. It was discussed that a blended approach might likely be best taken.

3.5 Developers and Agents workshop

Growth

Developers and Agents discussed the importance of supporting the economic potential of the sub-region. There was some opinion that the standard method is flawed and will not realise the potential of the area. There was agreement that growth forecasting must be based on jobs.

It was mentioned that growth in life sciences continues to increase both across start-ups and 'grow-ons' and that the council should plan for more growth.

The impact of COVID-19 was discussed and that only 24% of people have been working from home during the pandemic. There was thought to be a clear range between minimum to maximum growth and that the minimum requirement is quite low.

It was considered that the economy is moving faster than the housing market and there is a challenge to capture the economic activity before it goes elsewhere. It was thought possible to look to high levels of growth with Cambridge a hub for biomedical research and that success in the development of vaccine will lead to continued significant growth in this area, leading to demand for additional housing.

There was discussion that the maximum growth option does not achieve the Cambridge and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER) doubling gross value added (GVA) scenario and that this should be tested as it may be raised at examination. It was mentioned that consideration of forecasting in the issues and options responses and testing of these should take place, as the organisations who submit responses may be likely to challenge at examination. It was suggested that doubling of Gross Value Added (GVA), even if deemed not deliverable, should be tested to ascertain what constrains it.

There was discussion that the evidence on industrial use land and the extant Local Plans do not support jobs going outside the area, and a view that a balance should be found within the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority area.

It was considered there is more work to be done to understand the growth levels and the challenges/opportunities.

There was discussion about the benefit of growth in providing infrastructure and that without further development, which will bring new water infrastructure, there will be continued pressure on the chalk aquifer. It was mentioned that agriculture relies on private water supplies and that if there is further pressure for residential water the licences for agricultural use will not be extended.
The need to undertake viability work was discussed, to understand the increased costs of delivering net zero carbon development for both delivering infrastructure as it moves away from fossil fuels and at an individual housing development. It was discussed that net zero carbon can be easily achieved in concentrated developments options (in urban settings and new settlements) both through new models of modern construction and in the scale of the development opportunities provided, but that delivery of zero carbon infrastructure will be a challenge in delivering an ambitious growth proposal. The length of development time for the A14 and East West Rail were cited as examples.
The financial mechanism capturing local off-setting to achieve net zero carbon development for a scheme at Addenbrookes was discussed as a possible vehicle to support net zero development. Initiatives such as local energy companies set up by Planning Authorities and use of a roof tax to invest in zero carbon project / carbon offsetting projects were discussed as potential projects to help reduce carbon emissions and reduce fuel poverty locally. The benefits of looking for examples around the UK was discussed.
There was discussion around delivery rates and that historical delivery rates should not be relied on for future growth. Reference was made to the Lichfields Report appearing hesitant to push the limits. It was discussed that delivery rates could be much higher in the City than settlements such as Cambourne and that Private Rental Sector Schemes could deliver 100s units very quickly. It was discussed that top and bottom [age groups] of the market need to be catered for and that it would be beneficial to builders and developers to not to have a top-heavy strategy to deliver in a timely manner, that there are innovative building techniques which can be used but it is important to see what land is available coming forward.

Spatial options

Some participants believed that no single spatial option would work and that a range of options would need to be selected. It was discussed that a combination option (dispersed allocations) would help avoid market absorption issues and improve delivery. There was comment that distributing growth is a better way to achieve it, as it spreads the risks of permissions, delivery and there is plenty of commercial land to attract people/businesses to different parts of Greater Cambridge.

It was thought that large sites including the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan and Marshalls have the potential to deliver huge amount of the target and leave a small amount of additional growth and that the Local Plan needs to do a bit of everything; in Cambridge, the Green Belt, new settlements and in villages.

Densification

It was commented that there is higher densification closer to transport hubs and that high densification can be good but open space is also relevant. It was mentioned that densification risks green space being lost in urban areas and that Cambridge cannot deliver higher density.

There was discussion around the tension for demand for bigger houses with more outdoor space due to increased homeworking and the idea of densification. North East Cambridge was cited as an example of where developers thought there may be likely demand for family housing.

In relation to North East Cambridge, it was mentioned that the Science Park is under pressure to meet the trip budgets that the Area Action Plan is proposing, and that infrastructure needs to be in place to deliver this, but that densification will make it easier to deliver 5-8K developments with amenity and other facilities. The challenges of delivering facilities with a dispersal spatial strategy was mentioned.

The potential for densification at Eddington was raised.

Villages

There was general sentiment that villages are in decline and there is a need to deliver some growth. Discussion considered that some villages are more sustainable then others depending on the current services available and their proximity to Cambridge. It was mentioned that development in villages can ensure that schools remain open.

There was discussion around some villages being at a tipping point, with no sales, residents getting older, no vibrancy, growth, schools, or community centre. It was considered that some villages can see the benefits of change leading to stronger communities and that brave decisions are needed.
It was discussed that villages should be considered independently rather than categorised into one spatial option considered the least sustainable, with a blended approach to villages, looking at each individual village to see what is right for it. It was mentioned that village frameworks can hamper growth and that allowing self-build schemes on the edge of villages outside the village framework may be beneficial.
There was a query about the Housing Statistical Information Sheet that was last published by the Council in 2018, which detailed the affordable housing needed in each village and how reinstatement of this could be a good way to demonstrate the benefit of development to village residents, with developments of larger developments (20+).
It was discussed that in South Cambridgeshire there are village sites and good growth areas and an appetite for community land trusts in some villages.
The opportunity to create sub-regions where villages focus as cohesive group was discussed, along with the benefits for primary schools and healthcare and the merits of creating a village style in a bigger development, clustering villages together to help combat closure of schools. It was thought village development, where not piecemeal, will support bus services and there was some discussion around how doubling a village's size could make it more sustainable, e.g. at Orwell, where no growth is planned but it was questioned how they will continue to exist.

Green Belt

Views ranged from the Green Belt being considered an 'outdated designation', to the need to look at why some areas are Green Belt and that biodiversity is important, to comments that the Green Belt is meant to be open in perpetuity but could benefit from development in some locations.

It was discussed that we should not be afraid to look at the Green Belt again as there are sustainability and carbon gains from developing the Green Belt in the right locations.
It was mentioned that the Green Belt has less contamination issues and can provide a good supply of affordable housing compared to other sites.
Discussion considered how rapid transport options could unlock Green Belt more easily or facilitate their release.
It was believed there are still some opportunities with Green Belt, but it will require a balanced portfolio of different spatial options.

New settlements

It was discussed that new settlements provide an opportunity to do something different and that sites need to be carefully selected to benefit from existing infrastructure, as affordable housing contributions risk being reduced to fund infrastructure.
It was mentioned that new settlements perform as well as urban extensions 'consuming their own smoke' but that people still want to travel for work and socialising.
Discussion considered how a lot of employment growth has been put into new settlements, such as Cambourne, previously, however new employers want to be in Cambridge, not on the edge of a housing estate. It was mentioned how in previous situations, (Uttlesford and another Local Authorities), there have been new settlements which did not work, and the projects were stopped.

Public transport corridors

It was discussed how it was important to bring housing to employment locations and not exclusively to transport corridors. There was a realisation that to do this there will need to be infrastructure invested in these areas and this needs to be in place before housing if possible. It was discussed that the east of Cambridge has not historically taken growth so it may have infrastructure capacity and that Network Rail are looking to create capacity in the Newmarket-Cambridge rail line.

Clusters

There was discussion of the benefit of collocating houses near employment clusters and that residents would be willing to cycle or walk to work, with excellent benefits for zero carbon emissions.
It was discussed that the piecemeal development south east of the City will not provide new infrastructure.

3.6 Business Sector workshop

Growth

Business sector participants raised questions about the relationship between the Cambridge and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER) and the GL Hearn evidence base study. Reference was made to the data due to be published in February 2021 by Cambridge University in relation to growth in Cambridge including the spatial impacts, which was predicted to show fast growth has continued beyond the data assessed by GL Hearn.
It was questioned whether consideration should be given to the implications of growth greater than the figures projected, which could be detrimental to the character of Cambridge and the economy.
The growth relationship between jobs and homes was also questioned, with comments that people buy homes based on lifestyle, social elements and long-term decisions and not just for jobs (particularly if they move jobs often).

Spatial options

Discussion generally focused on the need to optimise the balance between sustainability, carbon reduction and transport numbers/commuter patterns.

Densification

There was support for the densification spatial option benefits of allowing for walkable/accessible food and efficient deliveries in densely populated locations and discussion around whether densification could take place through development forms other than high rise tower blocks. Great Kneighton was cited as a good example of lower level (3 storey) high density development.

Villages

The issue of village sustainability was discussed as being important and the need to review each village in terms of services, access to transport corridors and other criteria to work out the best option for each village.
It was mentioned that rural businesses are changing in response to COVID-19 and that there is likely to be a growth in online activity with less demand for retail space. Small business owners may need bigger homes to work from.
The importance to the rural economy of SMEs and micro-businesses was mentioned.

Green Belt

Discussion took place that people value open green space and that the Green Belt has helped to keep Cambridge compact. Discussion also considered that some people are put off Cambridge by the congestion and cost of living and that allowing some development in the Green Belt could ease pressures. It was also discussed that the Cambridge Green Belt provides limited access to the public, with much of it used as agricultural land. New development in some parts of the Green Belt could help to open other parts of it to the public.

Edge of Cambridge

It was discussed that development of housing in areas such as the edge of Cambridge, with access to biggest range of opportunities could be beneficial.

Public transport corridors

There was discussion around companies historically moving into Greater Cambridge and locating to the east and south east and only more recently considering the west of the area. It was mentioned that relocations to the west are starting pick up and the Ox-Cam Arc will encourage this over time.
Participants mentioned that Cambridge has a good motorway network around it and that public transport corridors should be maximised to connect jobs and housing. There was support that spatial planning should ultimately be employment led. It was discussed that Cambourne has taken a long time to

attract employment and was planned to be self-contained, but employers have been reluctant to go there.
There was comment that the southern and eastern side of the Greater Cambridge area are a more logical focus for growth.

Clusters (integrating jobs and housing)

There was discussion that growth focused on the south and west of the area have attractions if a jobs-led approach is followed.