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# Appendix 6 Report on First Proposals Consultation 2022

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# 1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of the consultation, and the activities undertaken to encourage participation, and how many people were reached.

It accompanies the publication of the following datasets relating to the development of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan:

- The full record of comments and feedback received during the Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals consultation which took place in late 2021.
- The full record of additional or amended site proposals submitted during or following the First Proposals consultation.

This report does not contain any response from the Councils to the comments received, nor an analysis of the sites in terms of their suitability for development.

In the case of the comments received as part of the First Proposals, a summary of the main issues raised by representations, and how they have been taken into account in the development of the Plan, will be published in the form of a Consultation Statement at the next stages of plan making.

In the case of new and amended site proposals, a full analysis of their deliverability and suitability will be added to an updated version of the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). Until sites are chosen as allocations in the Local Plan, they have no status as potential development sites.

All the datasets, including maps, can be viewed and downloaded from the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning service website. Sites can also be viewed on an interactive map on the Greater Cambridge Planning Local Plan Site Submissions webpage.

## 2. About the First Proposals consultation

The First Proposals consultation as a 'preferred options' consultation forms part of the established process for developing a Local Plan. The First Proposals consultation forms part of the regulation 18 consultation stage under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The purpose of the consultation is to invite responses about what should be in the Local Plan, from residents and businesses as well as stakeholders and other organisations.

Previous consultation and engagement was carried out in 2019 and 2020, which informed the development of the First Proposals. Further information on the previous stages can be found in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Consultation Statement First Proposals (preferred options stage) (greatercambridgeplanning.org)

The First Proposals consultation was open for six weeks from 9am on Monday 1 November 2021 to 5pm on Monday 13 December 2021.

The First Proposals (preferred options) set out our preferred approach to the level of growth that should be planned for, and where it should be planned. It describes the planning policies we proposed to prepare that would shape development and guide planning decisions. It set out why we identified these approaches against the alternatives available.

The purpose of the consultation was to invite responses to these proposals from residents and businesses as well as stakeholders and other organisations, to hear views before we develop the approaches into detailed planning policies.

Comments were invited on the main First Proposals (Preferred Options) 'document' which was published in a digital format as well as a standard document. We also consulted on the following supporting documents during the consultation period:

- The Sustainability Appraisal of the First Proposals document
- Habitats Regulation Assessment

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:

- Encouraging participation and engagement – explaining why the Local Plan is important and affects citizens' lives on the ground.
- Demystifying the process of creating a Local Plan, and managing expectations of what a Plan can and can't do.
- Communicating the 'big ideas' and the vision for the Plan.
- Ensure there is accurate and timely information accessible to all.
- Explain why difficult decisions have been made.
- Thinking outside the box – gathering ideas we might not think of otherwise – from internal and external sources.
- Testing ideas – 'kicking the tyres' – is it fit for purpose, what kind of challenges are we likely to face in the later plan-making stages?

- Testing the detail – benefitting from wider knowledge in the community and specialist stakeholders on specific theme/policy and sites, ensuring policy detail is well drafted and effective.
- Helping to gather evidence for why the draft Local Plan emerges in the form it eventually takes.
- Meeting and exceeding the requirements set out in our Statement of Community Involvement

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

- on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service website www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan
- by appointment at Cambridge City Council's Customer Service Centre: Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY (phone 01223 457000);
- by appointment at South Cambridgeshire District Council Reception: South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA (phone 01954 713000);
- 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.

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

- 7 September 2021 Pre-Committee Webinar on the Local Plan First Proposals.
- 4 November, 12-1pm: Online event: About the plan and how to comment.
- 10 November, 12-1pm: Online event: Explore the numbers for jobs and homes.
- 10 November, 6-8pm: Local Plan attended the Cambridge East Community Forum
- 11 November, 12-1pm: Online event: Explore the sites and spatial strategy.
- 11 November, 4-7pm: In-person drop-in event: Clay Farm community centre
- 13 November, 10am-1pm: In-person drop-in event: Melbourn Hub
- 17 November, 6pm: Local Plan team attended the North West and West Cambridge Community Forum
- 18 November, 5:00-6:00pm: Online event: Climate Change and Water Usage
- 18 November, 4.30-7.30pm: In-person drop-in event: Cambourne Hub
- 18 November, 6.30pm: Local Plan team attended the North Area Committee
- 19 November, 10am-12pm: Local Plan team attended the Abbey People community coffee morning, Barnwell Hub
- 20 November, 10am-12pm: In-person drop-in event: Barnwell Hub
- 24 November, 12-1pm: Online event: Biodiversity and green spaces

- 24 November, 6pm, Local Plan team attended the Cambourne and Bourn Community Forum
- 25 November, 12-1pm: Online event: North East Cambridge: the Area Action Plan and the Local Plan.
- 25 November, 3-7pm: In-person drop-in event: Arbury Community Centre
- 25 November, 6.30pm: Local Plan team attended the West Central Area Committee
- 27 November, 9am-12pm: In-person drop-in event: Great Shelford Farmers Market
- 29 November, 7pm: Local Plan team attended the South Area Committee
- 2 December, 6.30pm: Local Plan team attended the East Area Committee

A series of additional events were held to assist and encourage participation from hard to reach groups

- 17 November, 10am-12pm: In-person drop in event focusing on gypsy traveller issues: Cottenham
- 24 November, 10am-12pm: In-person drop in event focusing on gypsy traveller issues: Cottenham
- 25 November, 10-11am: In-person drop in event focusing on gypsy traveller issues: Blackwell, Milton
- 2 December, 10-11am: In-person drop in event focusing on gypsy traveller issues: New Farm, Whaddon
- Cambourne Soul youth club
- Milton youth club

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 those requesting to be notified on 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);
- 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.

## 3. 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 merged Cambridge City database and South Cambridgeshire database (313)
- Individuals who had opted in to receive emails about the Local Plan, or general planning matters, on the merged Cambridge City database and the South Cambridgeshire database (1127)
- Residents associations (153) and Parish Councils (109)
- We emailed all elected members at both Councils
- We also encouraged other service areas to use their databases to spread the word.
- 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

5,665 unique pageviews of the Local Plan webpage on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website, during the consultation period. This compares to 4,810 unique pageviews during the First Conversation consultation – an increase of 18%.

### Social media

The Councils' social media accounts were used to advertise the consultation and events. Information was posted throughout the consultation on various platforms including facebook, twitter, Instagram and youtube. Early posts introduced the consultation and how to get involved. Later posts were used to highlight the webinars, and particular issues that the consultation was addressing, including extracts form key policy proposals.

The total reach for Local Plan consultation-related advertising on Facebook was around 240,000 users between 1 November and 13 December. In broad terms, the posts targeted people who said they were located in Cambridge plus 13 miles.

From 1 November to 13 December twitter users saw tweets about the Greater Cambridge Local Plan consultation on Twitter 38,542 times.

Social Media posts also linked to a series of short videos highlighting key issues the plan would address and encouraging people to get involved. These videos were hosted on YouTube. The Councils' used YouTube's advertising feature to help promote the videos to users already on the site. In total the videos on YouTube were accessed over 120,000 times.

The videos are available of a Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals Consultation YouTube playlist.

Examples of social Media Graphics:









**Events**

- Members of the public engaged at in-person and online events run by the Shared Planning Service: approx. 750 people

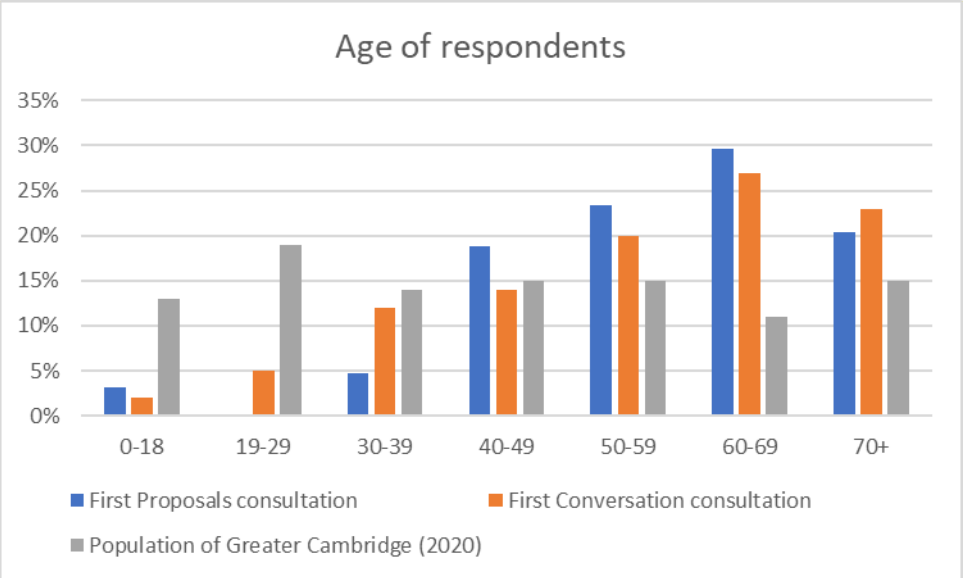
**Other**

- 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, and columns were authored by the Local Plan team and published in the Cambridge Independent.

**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 73 responses, representing 7% of the total number of users who answered the quick questionnaire; 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, which is positive. The chart below shows the age of respondents compared to data for the whole of Greater Cambridge (source: Cambridgeshire Insight population projections, 2020). 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. Encouraging younger people to answer formal consultations remains a challenge, although the team did engage with a significant number of young people through attendance at local youth clubs as part of the consultation and they were highly engaged with the issues. At these sessions young people were not required to complete the consultation questionnaire to retain the informality of the engagement.




- Respondents were overwhelmingly white, with only 2% - a single respondent – identifying as from a non-white background. This represents less ethnic diversity than at the First Conversation consultation where 12% of respondents to the same voluntary survey identified as from a non-white background and shows that there is much work to do in engaging effectively with people from non-white backgrounds in the area.
- 40% of respondents identified as having a physical or mental health condition or illness expected to last 12 months or more – a sharp increase from the 22% who reported this in the First Conversation consultation. 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 online consultation is increasingly effective at reaching those with physical or mental health conditions.

We will continue to monitor diversity and representation through further stages of Plan preparation and consultation.

## 4. How could people respond?

As this was a Regulation 18 consultation, we gave respondents a variety of ways to comment in order to encourage as broad a response as possible, including from those who might not feel comfortable submitting personal data along with their responses.

**Quick comments:**

Comments were invited about the big issues and main sites in the plan using an online quick questionnaire. This was anonymous and therefore we recommended that representatives of a group, organisation, developer or landowner, used the detailed comment process below. The introduction to the survey made it clear to respondents that they were encouraged to read the full digital plan and make further detailed comments.

**Detailed comments**

Comment on individual policies or site proposals, as well as the supporting documents, could be submitted using the comment points on each page of the digital Plan, by users who registered to our online consultation system (Opus 2 Consult). This allowed respondents to leave longer comments and add attachments. It was made clear to respondents that comments left using this method would be published along with limited personal data, in accordance with our privacy notice.

We allowed comments to be emailed or posted to the team as well, and these were inputted into the online consultation system. Some respondents did not directly indicate that they were responding to a specific proposal or policy issue. In these cases judgement was used to register them to the most relevant issue to their comments.

**Submitting information on sites**

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 this was followed by a further call for sites through the First Conversation consultation in 2020.

For respondents who wished to submit a new site for consideration, or to update information about a site previously submitted the Call for Sites in 2019-20, we provided an online site information form. This was for landowners, developers and their agents only. This ensured that the correct information was gathered for each site and any updated information could be correctly matched to existing site records.

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

## 5. 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 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 | 172 |

**How to view the Comments Received**

**Responses captured on the Opus 2 Consult system**

Comments registered on the Council's online consultation system (opus consult) can be viewed on our First Proposals website:
Greater Cambridge Local Plan - First Proposals | Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (greatercambridgeplanning.org)

Policy proposals where comments have been made have a magnifying glass symbol next to them, which links to a full list of the representations. For each representation a summary is provided, with the full representation text if provided and any document attachments. Each representation has a unique reference number.

All submissions including attachments have been redacted of personal data in line with our privacy statements.

Appendix A provides a breakdown of the number of comments received on each First Proposals policy approach.

**Responses via the quick questionnaire**

Responses have been collated into a spreadsheet. This is available on our local plan webpage: Greater Cambridge Local Plan (greatercambridgeplanning.org)
It has also been added to the Local Plan document library.

**Responses proposing new or amended 'Call for Sites' submissions**

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.

All sites have a unique reference number (URN) which has been assigned by the Planning Service as well as an Opus 2 Consult reference ID. These can be used to cross reference between the online mapping system and the full documentation about the site held on the Opus 2 Consult system. Site information can be found on the Call For sites pages on our local plan webpage: Greater Cambridge Local Plan (greatercambridgeplanning.org)

New or amended sites will be subject to a full analysis of their deliverability and suitability will be published as part of updates to the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) at the next stage of plan making. Until sites are chosen as allocations in the Local Plan, they have no planning status.

**Feedback from Events**

We also received feedback at the events held during the consultation period, which are not counted as responses in the table above, but full records of the issues raised can be found in sections 6 and 7 of this report.

## 6. What did people say?

This section of the Consultation Statement summarises the findings from the First Proposals consultation.

### Events

During the consultation we held a range of online, and in person events. Most were open to all but some were to target specific groups.

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.

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.

Whilst care had to be taken due to the Covid19 position, were able to hold a number of in-person events. These allowed people to drop in and see a small exhibition about the consultation, see documents and material, and discuss issues with officers. Again a mixture of key themes such as the level of development and strategy, and local issues were raised. There was interest in local allocations in villages, particularly at Melbourn.

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.

A summary record of each event is included in appendix 1 of this report.

**Quick questionnaire**

Two quantitative (likert scale) questions were asked at the start of the questionnaire in order to understand the broad sentiment about two of the principal points within the First Proposals development strategy.

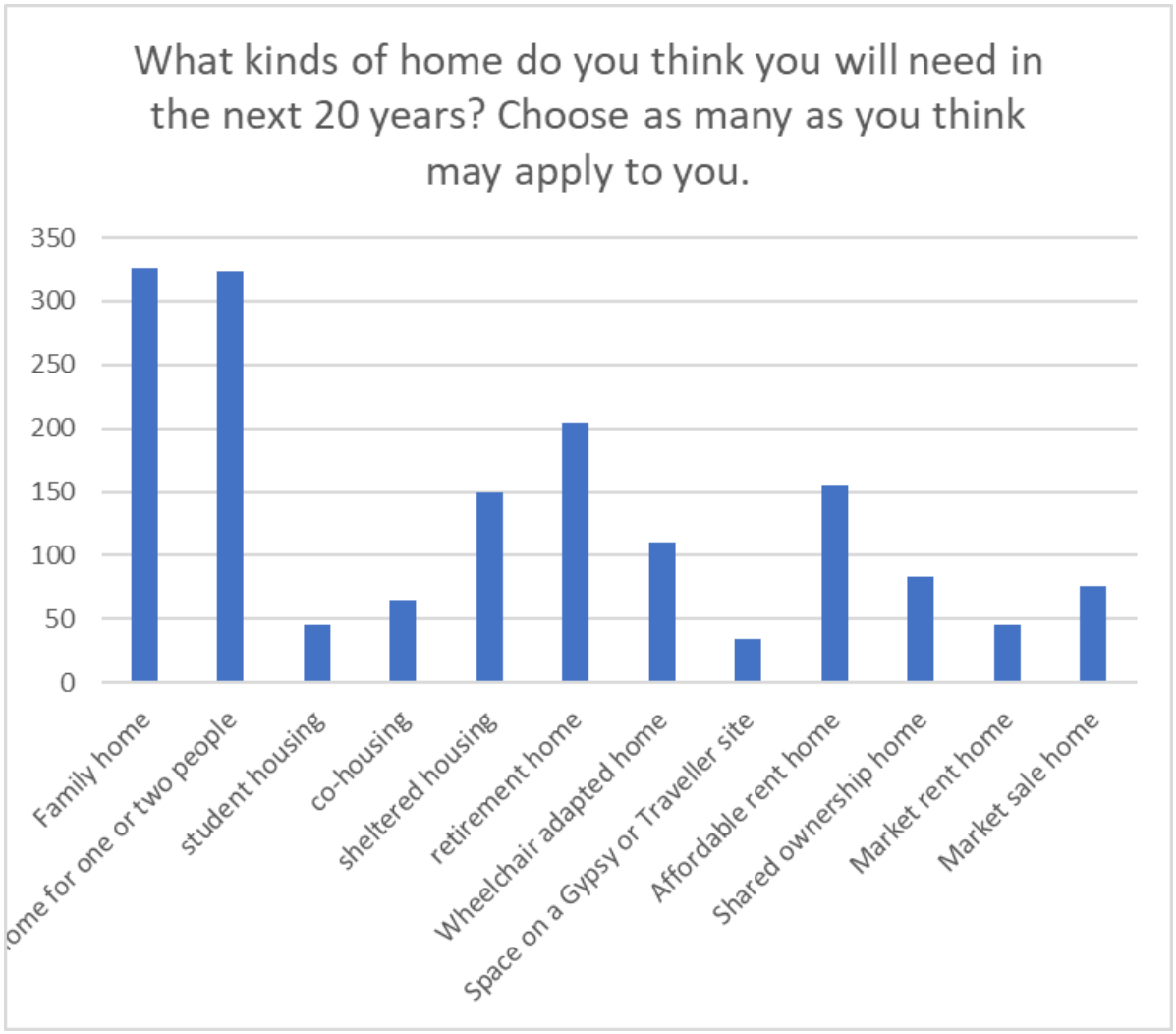
The first asked “Do you agree that we should plan for an extra 550 homes per year, so that new housing keeps up with the increase in jobs in our area?”. 31% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed, 54% disagreed or strongly disagreed, and 16% were neutral.

The second asked “Do you agree that new development should mainly focus on sites where car travel, and therefore carbon emissions, can be minimised?” 68% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed, while 16% were neutral and 16% disagreed or strongly disagreed. This shows strong support for this aspect of the strategy.

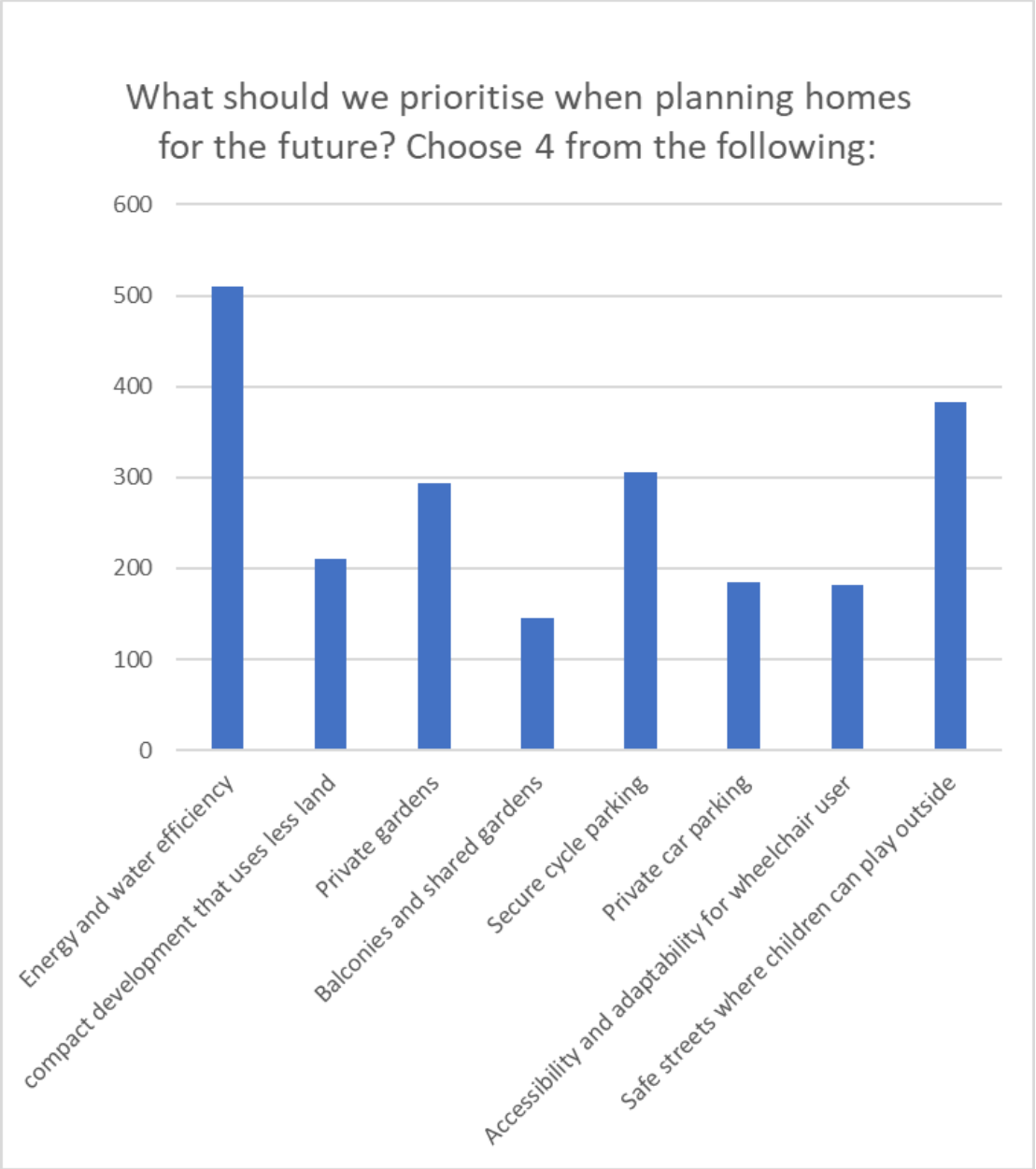
The next questions asked respondents to suggest what housing, jobs, facilities or open spaces should be provided in some of the larger development sites or broad locations proposed in the First Proposals – Cambridge East, North East Cambridge, the Biomedical Campus, Cambourne and the southern rural cluster. Two questions were also asked about village development. A wide range of responses and suggestions were received to these questions and the main issues raised have been analysed along with the responses to the proposed policy direction in the detailed comments.

Question 10 asked respondents if there were any sites that they felt should be developed, which had not been included in the First Proposals. The main issues raised in the responses to this question have been analysed along with the responses to relevant policies, and the sites put forward using the site information form.

Question 11 asked respondents about the types of homes they might envisage needing for themselves over the next 20 years, with the aim of understanding the preferences of local residents and the diversity of housing they perceived to be required. The responses to this, while showing a large number of people envisage needing family homes or one- or two-person homes, overall a great diversity of housing was perceived as required. It was particularly interesting to note that 35 respondents chose space on a Gypsy or Traveller site.




Question 12 asked respondents to prioritise different aspects of housing design, in order to understand sentiment about trade-offs. Energy and water efficiency was by far the most popular choice, followed by safe streets for children to play outside.




The final question was a general ‘catch-all’ question, allowing respondents to raise any other issues they felt were important for Greater Cambridge in 2041. The main issues raised in the responses to this question have been analysed along with the responses to relevant policies

## High level Summary of Comments on the First Proposals

A high level summary of the main issues raised in responses to each section of the First Proposals is provided below. A more comprehensive summary of comments and issue raised, along with a response by the Councils will be provided at the next plan making stages.

### Greater Cambridge in 2041

### How much development and where?:

#### Vision and aims

- A significant number of comments supported the aims, including particularly for tackling climate change and protecting and enhancing biodiversity and green spaces
- Objections relating to the vision and aims noted: they don't support the visitor economy; questioning of general assumptions about the benefits of growth; there is no reference to Cambridge as a centre of excellence and world leader in the fields of higher education and research; concern about water supply and resulting impacts; concern about exceeding our carbon budget; concern about jobs creation exceeding housing delivery and the need to provide more homes
- Observations included the need for infrastructure to serve the existing community to address established deficits; the need for additional aims to avoid extensive development in villages and preserve the Green Belt; conversely, the need to support village development supporting the vitality of rural communities; the need to quantify the scale of ambition referenced in the aims; the challenge of balancing and also delivering on the aims; the need to address COVID impacts; the need to address embedded carbon; concern about flood risk; the need to reverse existing in-commuting patterns; the need to add further specificity around affordable housing aims; the need to reference sustainable development.

**Policy S/JH: New jobs and homes**

- Support for the proposed number of homes and jobs noting that these sought to support the growing economy
- A number of comments recommended that the Councils plan for higher levels of homes and jobs, including: to meet the Councils' own higher growth employment forecasting scenario, respond to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review and support the Combined Authority's doubling GVA target; provide for specific employment sector needs; to respond to OxCam Arc jobs and housing ambitions and planned infrastructure; to provide flexibility of housing supply, improve housing affordability and reduce in-commuting. Some comments identified the need for the Councils to meet more specific housing needs such as older people's accommodation.
- Comments recommending that the Councils plan for fewer homes and jobs included strong concern regarding the impact of development on water resources and biodiversity, and its impact on the local natural and built environment. Some comments suggested that in principle the housing target should not exceed government's minimum Standard Method.
- Observations included that further employment and housing evidence was needed to explore the impacts of COVID and Brexit further. Comments were raised suggesting that the Councils' focus should be on addressing housing affordability and inequality as a priority.

**Policy S/DS: Development strategy**

- Comments supporting the proposed development strategy approved of: locating development close to transport infrastructure (particularly Cambourne), thereby limiting climate impacts; and limiting village development.
- Comments objecting to the proposed strategy: included 95 representations noting support for a letter submitted by Friends of the Cam raising concern about inadequate water supply, effect on national food security, failure to minimise climate change, likely irreparable damage to ecosystems, carbon

emissions resulting from construction, lack of an integrated public transport system, undermining of the Government's policy of ‘levelling up’, and a democratic deficit in the process and evidence base; recommended that the reliance on a few large site allocations should be balanced with smaller sites within existing sustainable village settlements, to increase the diversity of housing supply, bolster the Councils’ housing land supply in the first five years following adoption, and support the vitality of villages; noted concern regarding the removal of Green Belt; and noted concern that the plans had not been tested against Network Rail’s forecasts for rail provision.

- Observations regarding the strategy included those noting the need for strategic green infrastructure to support the proposed development.

**Policy S/SH: Settlement hierarchy**

- Comments supporting the proposed settlement hierarchy approved of: the approach to infill villages; the categorisation of specific settlements, particularly of Cambourne as a town; and the settlement hierarchy approach to using certain thresholds for development
- Concerns regarding the proposed settlement hierarchy noted: a suggestion to remove the proposed settlement hierarchy approach to allow for more development on suitable sites in all villages; alternative approaches for specific villages given their proximity to larger settlements; requests to change the categorisation of specific settlements; the potential for Group Villages to receive greater levels of development than proposed; the need to respond to limits on development set in relevant neighbourhood plans; the need to limit all development until constraints on infrastructure are fully addressed.
- Observations noted: the infrastructure implications of changing the category of specific villages; the need to review the relationship of settlements with others nearby when completing the categorisation process

**Policy S/SB: Settlement boundaries**

- A number of comments supported retaining the current approach to settlement boundaries.

- Concerns regarding the proposed approach to settlement boundaries noted: the need to be more flexible about the approach to development on the edge of sustainable villages, including to meet local affordable housing need; the need to remove the current settlement boundary approach to provide greater opportunity for needed development
- Observations noted: the potential to redraw the boundaries around specific settlements in a particular way, including to allow for specific promoted developments; the need to update settlement boundaries to address the current urban extent; that settlement boundaries should be comprehensively reviewed; the need to maintain green separation between settlement boundaries; the need to draw settlement boundaries more loosely; the need to carefully consider the approach to defining boundaries at new settlements; and the potential to widen the range of activities appropriate in rural areas.

## Cambridge urban area

General comments regarding Cambridge urban area included:

- Support, noting: the need to exhaust all urban development opportunities before looking at greenfield sites; the benefits of locating development at large scale brownfield sites
- Concerns about: there being too much emphasis is placed on delivering large sites in the urban area, noting infrastructure capacity and delivery risks; there being inadequate space in the historic city streets and city centre public realm to cater for existing and future people movements; concern about existing and future strains on existing infrastructure; complex local governance arrangements adding risk about delivery of effective transport solutions to address existing issues
- Observations, noting: the need to maximise the benefits of East West Rail, including around Cambridge South station; the need to consider the impact of committed housing growth in the urban area; the transport opportunities and challenges of allocating growth in this area; the need for sufficient infrastructure to support development; the lack of mention of COVID impacts on the city centre

**Policy S/NEC: North East Cambridge**

- Comments supporting the proposed allocation approved of: development close to bus and rail provision; the opportunity for high quality mixed use development
- Concerns regarding North East Cambridge allocation noted: the Green Belt and carbon impacts of the relocation of Milton Waste Water Treatment Plant, with some comments suggesting there was no operational need to relocate the plant and that NEC could be allocated but with less development alongside the existing WWTP; that the WWTP relocation should have been considered within the GCLP; concern that the proposed development is too dense and will generate negative townscape and landscape impacts; potential traffic impacts of development; a perceived under-provision of open space on the site; and that the brownfield nature of the site and associated remediation works might lead to impacts on delivery and viability, suggesting the housing trajectory to 2041 should be reviewed.
- Observations noted: that the NEC allocation and the NECAAP should provide for sufficient strategic natural greenspace, which would also benefit other nearby communities with deficiencies in natural greenspace; the infrastructure implications of proposed development; the need to provide cemetery provision and alternative road access to Chesterton Fen Road.
- The quick survey raised a similar wide range of responses, with some saying it shouldn't be developed, and others offering views on the sorts of facilities it should include.

**Policy S/AMC: Areas of Major Change**

- Comments supporting the proposed approach to Areas of Major Change approved of: the proposal not to carry forward the Southern Fringe Areas of Major Change
- Concerns regarding the proposed approach to Areas of Major Change noted: the opportunity to include additional land within specified areas; that East West Rail plans imply further development around the Southern Fringe, which would imply a need to maintain that AMC

- Observations noted: the opportunity to use the Beehive and Grafton areas for housing; uncertainty regarding the future of the Grafton Centre; relevant site owners plans and aspirations for specific areas within the identified AMC.

**Policy S/OA: Opportunity Areas in Cambridge**

- Comments supporting the proposed approach to Opportunity Areas in Cambridge approved of: the opportunity to provide housing and reduce car parking at identified OAs; the opportunity to make efficient use of land and enhance public realm; the identification of particular OAs
- Concerns regarding the proposed approach to Opportunity Areas in Cambridge noted: the potential impacts of a relocated stadium for Cambridge United FC; the need to include additional areas within identified OAs
- Observations noted: the need to protect green spaces within identified OAs; the changing nature of retail in informing potential change at a number of OAs; the need to maintain provision for retail and leisure, and a stadium for Cambridge United FC, within Cambridge when considering replacement uses in OAs

**Policy S/LAC: Other site allocations in Cambridge**

- Comments supporting the proposed approach to Other site allocations in Cambridge approved of: the continued allocation of specific sites previously allocated in the Cambridge Local Plan 2018; support for the rejection of specific submitted sites
- Concerns regarding the proposed approach to Other site allocations in Cambridge noted: the need for more allocations within Cambridge to limit the need for rural development; the allocation for development of a City Wildlife Site; uncertainty of delivery regarding specific sites; requests for additional allocations from site promoters; concern about over-development within Cambridge urban area
- Observations noted: the opportunity for higher capacity at specified sites; the need to address impacts of specific allocations, including historic environment impacts.

## The edge of Cambridge

General comments regarding the edge of Cambridge included: concerns about infrastructure capacity and delivery risks, suggesting more growth should be focused in rural areas; objection to development; the need to set limits in the plan on individual windfall scheme sizes on the edge of Cambridge; and observations, noting objection to development between the Backs and the M11.

### Policy S/CE: Cambridge East

- Comments supporting the proposed allocation approved of: its brownfield status, its allocation in preference to North East Cambridge, noting that it is less complex than NEC in terms of ownership and contamination; the resulting enhanced sustainability of Teversham, including for additional development; the potential for the site to connect to existing employment clusters; to deliver needed homes and jobs
- Concerns regarding Cambridge East allocation noted: the loss of existing employment; uncertainty over the timing of delivery in relation to the airport relocation and delivery of Cambridge Eastern Access Public Transport Scheme; concern regarding potential traffic impacts
- Observations noted: the need for large scale green space provision here to divert pressure from ecologically sensitive sites; the need for the site to achieve 20% Biodiversity Net Gain; the importance of retaining the individual character of Teversham village and preventing encroachment on the Green Belt; the need to link new housing at Cambridge East to employment centres like CBC; the need to address historic assets with the site sensitively; the need for new cycle ways connecting to the national network.
- There was a real variety of views expressed in the quick survey. Some comments did not support development, but others listed the sort of facilities they would like to see on the site, including open spaces.

## Policy S/NWC: North West Cambridge

Few comments were made in relation to this allocation, with the majority making observations about issues to address including: infrastructure implications including

for green infrastructure; the need to protect an ancient tree on site; the need for more detailed master-planning; the need to review the location of Madingley Park and Ride in relation to the proposal. One comment raised concern about the potential impact of additional development here on local character.

### Policy S/CBC: Cambridge Biomedical Campus (including Addenbrooke's Hospital)

- Comments supporting the proposed allocation at CBC noted: the need to support affordable housing for the key workers close to key employment sites; the need for land beyond that included in the draft allocation in order to fully support employment growth requirements
- Concerns regarding the proposed allocation at CBC noted: concern about Green Belt; biodiversity impacts; flood risk; transport and other infrastructure capacity; landscape; concern about the impacts on nearby villages; the need for full use of the existing site in preference to further expansion; the need for CBC to strengthen their case for expansion and why this has to be onsite, including the role of the hospitals and the new and renewed infrastructure they are seeking
- Observations regarding the proposed allocation at CBC noted: the need to agree a common set of growth projections for CBC to inform the next stage of work; the suggestion of setting up a formal review forum to review and influence any proposed campus planning applications and Planning Gain discussions, to help ensure that all those with a material interest in the campus had a say; the need to address any historic environment impacts of development.
- There were lots of comments in the quick survey about facilities needed to support the campus, including affordable housing and improved transport connections. Others felt there should be no further development.

### Policy S/WC: West Cambridge

Few comments were made in relation to this allocation, with the majority making observations about issues to address including: the need to integrate development with surrounding neighbourhoods; the need to consider the provision of a balance of

jobs and homes including affordable housing; the need for effective cycle infrastructure; the need to preserve remaining green spaces in this part of Cambridge; the need to address heritage impacts. One comment noted support for the proposal to consider the site together with North West Cambridge.

## Policy S/EOC: Other site allocations on the edge of Cambridge

- Comments supporting the Other site allocations on the edge of Cambridge noted: support for development on the edge of Cambridge instead of allocating further village development
- Concerns regarding the Other site allocations on the edge of Cambridge noted: concern about creating urban sprawl; concerns about access, traffic and drainage issues at previously allocated sites; concerns about the landscape impacts of development at Darwin Green.
- Observations noted: the need to continue to provide a policy framework for the Southern Fringe area; the need to address specific issues at specific sites; the potential to provide needed development in other locations such as sustainable villages; requests by promoters for additional allocations at specific sites; the need to maintain current Green Belt boundaries.

## New settlements

General comments regarding new settlements included:

- Support, noting: the benefits of locating development at new settlements, in particular on brownfield sites, to protect greenfield land elsewhere
- Concerns about: traffic impacts; the need to focus develop at and on the edge of Cambridge in preference to new settlements, to limit carbon emissions
- Observations, noting: the need to provide sufficient facilities and infrastructure, including for sport and health; the need for design and density to respond to location; the potential for more new settlements than proposed in the First Proposals.

## Policy S/CB: Cambourne

- Comments supporting the proposed expansion of Cambourne approved of: the opportunity to enhance services, facilities and transport connection
- Concerns regarding expansion of Cambourne noted: potential for overdevelopment and urban sprawl in the Cambourne area; landscape impacts; potential to distribute provision of housing in South Cambridgeshire more equitably; concern that delivery of EWR is uncertain; the risk that the expected housing trajectory for an expanded Cambourne might be unrealistic given the reliance on EWR strategic infrastructure project
- Observations regarding expansion of Cambourne noted: the need to consult when a specific site has been identified for the expansion of Cambourne; the need for additional infrastructure to support additional development, including for green infrastructure; the need to start development only upon provision of East West Rail; the need for additional public transport provision as well as EWR; opportunities for biodiversity in the area, and conversely, concerns about recreational impacts by residents of the new development on nearby nature sites; additional development opportunities near to Cambourne made more sustainable by the accessibility to an EWR station; design recommendations for the location; the need to address any historic environment impacts of development.
- The quick survey had a range of views but many highlighted the need for infrastructure to accompany development, including a high street, sports facilities, and more jobs.

## Policy S/NS: Existing new settlements

- Comments supporting the allocation of existing new settlements noted: support provided there is effective provision of infrastructure at the sites concerned.
- Concerns regarding the allocation of existing new settlements noted: concern whether the expected accelerated delivery rates were realistic; objection to Cambourne West; concern about the lack of democratic involvement in the planning process for and environmental impacts of development at

Northstowe, Bourn Airfield and Waterbeach; concern about the impact on neighbouring villages of potential increased densities around transport hubs.

- Observations noted: the need for infrastructure delivery to match the expected accelerated housing delivery; the opportunity to locate additional growth at Waterbeach village, supported by the additional services and facilities being provided at Waterbeach new town; the need for existing allocations which have yet to receive planning permission to provide additional biodiversity enhancements and green infrastructure; suggestion that Bourn Airfield could achieve accelerated housing delivery rates; in relation to Northstowe, ongoing flood risk management options to reduce the risk of flooding at Oakington.

## The rural southern cluster

General comments regarding the rural southern cluster included:

- Support, noting: the benefits of clustering development including housing close to jobs
- Concerns about: not releasing enough Green Belt land to support development in this sustainable location; focusing development on this part of the rural area and not considering other sustainable rural locations; concern about water resources and biodiversity impacts of further development; objections by site promoters to the exclusion of their submitted site; the need for additional employment land in this area to meet sector needs; concern about the effect of Haverhill growth on traffic in the area
- Observations, noting: the need for additional transport infrastructure to support development in this area; the need for more small scale affordable housing in the area; concern about the impact of further development on the villages in the area
- In the quick survey some highlighted that development should be restricted to preserve the character of villages. Others highlighted the difficulties in finding affordable housing

## Policy S/GC: Genome Campus, Hinxton

- Comments supporting the allocation at Genome Campus noted: support for the specific proposed employment uses; support for provision of accompanying affordable housing
- Concerns regarding the allocation at Genome Campus noted: need to locate additional jobs close to proposed housing in the north of Greater Cambridge; Green Belt impacts; concerns about availability of affordable housing; concern about the scale of development in the countryside
- Observations noted: the need to tie the housing to the employment; transport impacts on A505; nearby heritage assets

## Policy S/BRC: Babraham Research Campus

There were relatively few comments relating to the allocation at Babraham Research Campus. Comments in support of the allocation noted its suitability for additional R&D employment. Comments raising concern noted: need to locate additional jobs close to proposed housing in the north of Greater Cambridge; Green Belt impacts and the site's sensitive location in the landscape; Conservation Area and local character impacts; impact of water abstraction. Observations noted: minerals safeguarding implications; listed buildings on site; the need to provide affordable housing; potential to provide public footpath access through the site; the need for compensatory Green Belt improvements; the need to amend the Policy Area boundary to exclude areas outside of the Campus; transport impacts on the A505.

## Policy S/RSC: Other site allocations in the Rural Southern Cluster

- Comments regarding Land between Hinton Way and Mingle Lane, Great Shelford included support for development due to limited landscape impacts and exceptional accessibility, and a request to increase the size of allocation; but a significant number of comments expressed concern that the site does not justify Green Belt release; concern about the merging of Great Shelford and Stapleford; water supply; access issues; traffic impacts; biodiversity impacts; GP and education impacts; protection of farmland
- General comments included the following:

- Support for limited development in Southern Cluster villages to be close to jobs; support more generally for the approach of allocating some development to more sustainable villages; support for rejection of sites not included as a draft allocation in the First Proposals
- Promotion of sites not included as a draft allocation in the First Proposals, and objections to HELAA RAG rating assessment of sites not included as a draft allocation in the First Proposals
- Observations noting: need to account for neighbourhood plans in identifying village sites; comments on other sites not proposed for development; need to account for constraints such as minerals and waste sites protection, heritage assets, and Duxford's Air Safeguarding Zone

## Policy S/SCP: Policy areas in the rural southern cluster

There were relatively few comments relating to Policy areas in the rural southern cluster. Comments in support noted: support for the Rural Travel Hub and Depot site, including to support more sustainable travel to and from IWM Duxford; support Observations noted the need for public transport provision in the area; promotion of sites near to the identified Whittlesford Parkway Station Area Policy Area; and promotion of a Policy Area for Granta Park to provide a framework for its further development.

## Rest of the rural area

General comments regarding the rest of the rural area included:

- Support, noting: the benefits of the First Proposals approach to focusing development on Cambridge and limiting rural development
- Concerns noting: promoters perceived flaws with HELAA site assessments; objections by promoters to the First Proposals omitting their site; the need to allocate more village sites to support the sustainability of the villages, and to ensure a plan-led approach to development in villages; objections to the loss of farmland; the need to support additional development at Group and Infill villages

- Observations, noting: that housing in rural areas should be provided solely to meet local needs; that major infrastructure proposals could isolate rural villages; the need to minimise rural development; the transport impacts of rural development; the need for the plan to account for the variation in the sustainability of different parts of rural South Cambridgeshire; that the Councils have not set out sufficient rationale to differentiate between the 'rest' and the 'rural southern cluster' areas.
- Many comments in the quick survey said development in the rural area should be restricted, although some questioned this, arguing that some villages were capable of accommodating development.

## Policy S/RRA: Site allocations in rest of the rural area

Comments regarding site allocations at Melbourn expressed concern at more development following previous allocations, and concern at traffic, biodiversity, air pollution impacts. Comments specifically regarding the allocation at The Moor expressed concern at over development in relation to traffic and infrastructure.

Comments regarding Land at Mansel Farm, Oakington expressed concern at habitat loss, traffic impacts, flooding, noting the small scale of development in relation to overall need, and the resulting lack of justification for the exceptional circumstances required for Green Belt.

Comments regarding Land to the south of the A14 services included the suggestion that development should be limited to the area previously used by A14 compound.

General comments regarding the site allocations in the rural area included promotion of sites not included as a draft allocation in the First Proposals, and objections to HELAA RAG rating assessment of sites not included as a draft allocation in the First Proposals.

## Policy S/RRP: Policy areas in the rest of the rural area

There were relatively few comments relating to Policy areas in the rest of the rural area. A number of comments expressed support for the continuation of existing

Policy Areas. Regarding East of bypass, Longstanton, comments variously supported open space but not housing, and for assisted living but not affordable housing. Comments noted the need to protect ancient woodland adjacent to Papworth Hospital Papworth Everard Proposed Policy Area, and the need to address heritage impacts at a number of the Proposed Policy Areas.

### Climate change

Strong support for this overarching theme and that the location and design of development will play a key part in the transition to net zero carbon. However, given the climate crisis some representations question whether the policies go far enough, whether they will be successfully implemented in new developments, and the need for retrofit in existing properties.

### Policy CC/NZ: Net zero carbon new buildings

Strong support for the proposed policy and that it goes beyond current requirements, but further detail and clarity will be required and it should be applied to all new housing developments. Comments about life-cycle carbon emissions and that the policy should recognise the savings from re-using buildings rather than building new. Concerns that the policy will increase the cost of construction and impact on viability.

### Policy CC/WE: Water efficiency in new developments

Concern about there being enough water to support growth in the Local Plan and the need to protect chalk streams and when new sources of water supply would be available. Support for rainwater harvesting and greywater harvesting and ambitious targets on water consumption. However, also concern that the standards proposed will have an impact on the viability of developments and some consider that 110 litres/person/day is more realistic.

### Policy CC/DC: Designing for a changing climate

General support for the policy including the proposed cooling hierarchy, passive design and reference to SuDS. Suggestions made that the policy should refer to

industrial developments, simplify reference to cooling hierarchy, include ground source heat pumps under green spaces.  Concern about viability and that it  and allow for viability considerations.

### Policy CC/FM: Flooding and integrated water management

The importance of planning appropriately around flood risk was highlighted by many respondents, particularly in light of climate change. Sustainable drainage solutions were suggested, including innovative solutions that could secure multifunctional benefits.

### Policy CC/RE: Renewable energy projects and infrastructure

There was a lot of support for delivery of renewable energy, as long as impacts were appropriately considered on issues including landscape. There were suggestions regarding how the plan could be more innovative regarding the sorts of technologies available.

### Policy CC/CE: Reducing waste and supporting the circular economy

There was support for a holistic approach to this issue, from dealing with construction waste through to providing the right infrastructure to deal with domestic waste. Construction Environment Management Plans were endorsed by a number of developers, although some also said the level of detail should be appropriate to the scale of the development.

### Policy CC/CS: Supporting land-based carbon sequestration

There was broad support for this approach, linked by many to biodiversity and green infrastructure theme.

### Biodiversity and green spaces

There was support for this being a key theme for the plan, and lots of ideas about how biodiversity and green space could be enhanced. Comments raised issues about how designated sites should be recognised in the plan, and how impacts

should be considered. A range of specific issues were identified, including the importance of protecting chalk streams.

### Policy BG/BG: Biodiversity and geodiversity

Many representors highlighted the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity. Support was expressed for the aspiration to double nature and for requiring 20% biodiversity net gain. A number of developers consider the requirement should remain at 10%, as Greater Cambridge should not depart from the minimum set by the Environment Act, and that there should be further consideration of viability.

### Policy BG/GI: Green infrastructure

Detailed comments have been provided on the strategic green infrastructure priority areas identified in the First Proposals. There were suggestions regarding space standards which should be applied to new developments. Also concern was expressed about the impact of some proposed developments on Green Infrastructure.

### Policy BG/TC: Improving Tree Canopy Cover and the Tree Population

Most comments supported the general approach, with detailed comments regarding how the policy should be applied, and where it should be applied.

### Policy BG/RC: River corridors

Most comments were supportive of having a policy on river corridors. Detailed comments identified issues the policy should address, and the links to other policy areas such as green infrastructure. . Also concern was expressed about the impact of some proposed developments on rivers, and the impact of the level of development on the chalk aquifer.

### Policy BG/PO: Protecting open spaces

Protecting open space was supported in general, but there was specific comments regarding how it should be applied, including how sites should be assessed. There

were comments on specific designations such as local green space. Also concern was expressed about the impact of some proposed developments.

### Policy BG/EO: Providing and enhancing open spaces

The importance of open space provision was highlighted, to meet varies needs for sport play and recreation. Specific areas and facilities were noted, as well as the importance of securing multifunctional benefits.

### Wellbeing and social inclusion

This was highlighted as an important theme, particularly in light of the pandemic. Issues raised crossed a number of the other themes.

### Policy WS/HD: Creating healthy new developments

There were comments on the approach to health impact assessments, and whether they should be restricted to only larger scale sites. A range of issues that could contribute to the delivery of healthy communities have been raised, from provision of the right type of homes, open spaces, to sustainable transport connections.

### Policy WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities

The need for various types of sports facilities and venues have been mentioned. Some highlighted the need for further evidence on these issues.

### Policy WS/MU: Meanwhile uses during long term redevelopments

The idea of meanwhile uses was generally supported, although some pointed out difficulties which can impact on the practicality of achieving it.

### Policy WS/IO: Creating inclusive employment and business opportunities through new developments

Most comments supported this proposal, and suggested areas and types of employment it should focus on. One representation challenges whether it was a reasonable requirement as part of planning applications.

## Policy WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety

The policy was supported, with various consultees suggesting technical issues that should be addressed.

## Great places

The need to protect the qualities of the area was highlighted, raising issues of landscape, heritage, and character.

## Policy GP/PP: People and place responsive design

Some expressed concern as to whether the policy would be sufficiently flexible to achieve good design and avoid monotony. Issues are raised with the approach to tall buildings, and in particular their relationship with the city. Other aspects highlighted were the need to make places accessible, including for horse riders, and to make places feel safe.

## Policy GP/LC: Protection and enhancement of landscape character

There was support for effective consideration of landscape impact. A number of specific locations were highlighted, including suggestions regarding important countryside frontages. The importance of historic landscapes was also highlighted.

## Policy GP/GB: Protection and enhancement of the Cambridge Green Belt

Most representations support inclusion of the policy. Some representations consider that further land should be released to meet development needs, referencing site proposals that have been submitted to the local plan process. Others question sites that are already proposed to be released. A number of representations reference the Anglian Water proposals for the Milton Waste Water Treatment Works relocation.

## Policy GP/QD: Achieving high quality development

There was support for this policy approach, with suggestions about elements that should be including, including measures to avoid poor development.

## Policy GP/QP: Establishing high quality landscape and public realm

Responses include lots of suggestions regarding how high quality public realm can be achieved.

## Policy GP/HA: Conservation and enhancement of heritage assets

A number of comments highlight particular historic assets or landscapes that they would like to ensure the policy provides protection to, including looking at the city of Cambridge , villages and rural areas.

## Policy GP/CC: Adapting heritage assets to climate change

The approach was generally supported, with some requesting further guidance regarding how it would be applied.

## Policy GP/PH: Protection of public houses

Comments supported the protection of pubs, but a number of comments highlighted the need to be realistic, and there could be circumstances where the loss was appropriate.

## Jobs

Some question whether the plan is doing enough to support high technology clusters, and others whether it is doing enough to promote a mix of uses (for example logistics). Others are concerned by the impact of economic growth on housing needs and the environment.

## Policy J/NE: New employment and development proposals

Some representors consider the policy overly restrictive, particularly regarding how it applied the new use class E, or for proposals outside development frameworks. Others consider that it is too flexible and will not allow the Councils to control the level of development in the area. Some specific locations are suggested, linked to call for site proposals.

### Policy J/RE: Supporting the rural economy

The need for this policy is supported, although some consider it is defined too narrowly and doesn't fully reflect the range of rural businesses. The importance of protecting agricultural land was also highlighted.

### Policy J/AL: Protecting the best agricultural land

The principle of this policy was supported, although some questioned why proposed allocations were being made on agricultural land, and others highlighted that a degree of flexibility may be needed in order to meet development needs.

### Policy J/PB: Protecting existing business space

The approach was generally supported, but a number of reasons to apply flexibility in appropriate circumstances were highlighted.

### Policy J/RW: Enabling remote working

There was lots of support this this approach, and suggestions from individual developers how they were taking forward support for remote working.

### Policy J/AW: Affordable workspace and creative industries

Support for the approach, with some supportive but asking for a greater degree of flexibility. Some consider the policy unnecessary and unreasonable.

### Policy J/EP: Supporting a range of facilities in employment parks

There was support for the approach, in particular how it could help encourage active travel.

### Policy J/RC: Retail and centres

There was support for making centres successful, and to support the needs of new and existing communities. Concerns expressed by some about the need for the policy to be flexible.

## Policy J/VA: Visitor accommodation, attractions and facilities

Some comments highlight the need for visitor accommodation, and make specific proposals. Others express concern about the impact of short term lets on residential accommodation.

## Policy J/FD: Faculty development and specialist / language schools

A range of education providers have responded to this policy, and make distinctions between different types of facility, particularly between state provided and private. There are differing views on the approach to residential accommodation and family housing.

## Homes

Lots of people in the quick questionnaire cited the need for affordable housing, others questioned the need for more housing.

## Policy H/AH: Affordable housing

Some comments said the affordable housing requirement should be the maximum that could be achieved. Some comments expressed concern whether affordable housing was truly affordable. There was concern from some whether sites could deliver the 40% requirement, and that viability needed to be considered.

## Policy H/ES: Exception sites for affordable housing

There was general support for the need for this policy. The importance of the views local community was highlighted by some. There was some concern about the impact of First Homes, and views about how a market element should be addressed.

## Policy H/HM: Housing mix

Comments raised the need for various types of homes, including small dwellings, family houses, and bungalows. Some representations sought to ensure that the policy would deliver a flexible approach.

## Policy H/HD: Housing density

Many pointed out that densities should respond to local circumstances and local character. Efficient use of land was supported. Some expressed concerns about higher densities.

## Policy H/GL: Garden land and subdivision of existing plots

The benefits of gardens were highlighted, including for their biodiversity value.

## Policy H/SS: Residential space standards and accessible homes

There was support for adoption of the Nationally Described Residential Space standards. Some considered that the requirements for accessible homes should be set higher and others that they may be too high. Some questioned whether it would always be possible to provide amenity space.

## Policy H/SH: Specialist housing and homes for older people

Comments identified a range of times of homes that were considered to be needed, and there was concern whether the plan would secure enough provision. The need to support downsizing was also mentioned. A number of developers request more detail on the implications of this policy.

## Policy H/CB: Self and custom build homes

Some consider the policy overly prescriptive and question the impact on development viability. A number of comments seek a more positive approach towards self build plots on the edges of villages, and consider that the policy approach will not deliver enough plots to meet demand. Others question whether the register over estimates demand.

## Policy H/BR: Build to rent homes

There was generally support for having a policy on this issue. Some question why the requirements for affordable is lower than standard dwellings. Some challenged

whether the policy should set restrictions regarding the maximum proportion of homes, and that it should be based on individual circumstances.

### Policy H/MO: Houses in multiple occupation (HMOs)

There was support for inclusion of a policy on this issue, with concerns expressed about the impact conversion to HMOs can have. The need for housing for young single persons was also highlighted.

### Policy H/SA: Student accommodation

The general policy approach was supported. Some sought greater flexibility regarding changes between student and residential housing. Others consider that the policy could do more to support expansion of existing student and educational establishments.

### Policy H/DC: Dwellings in the countryside

There was acknowledgement that dwellings were needed in the countryside to support rural uses. Some considered elements of the policy may be too flexible, others that it was not flexible enough.

### Policy H/RM: Residential moorings

There was support from Huntingdonshire DC for applying the policy to the Great Ouse as well as the Cam.

### Policy H/RC: Residential caravan sites

The need to for completion of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment was highlighted. Also the different types of need for caravan accommodation, from those needed to support agricultural workers to park homes.

## Policy H/GT: Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites

Representations highlighted the need for site provision. Concern regarding the impact of the Police, Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill, and the need for effective engagement with Gypsy and Traveller communities.

## Policy H/CH: Community-led housing

There was support for having a policy on this issue, but representors questioned whether the policy should do more to support community land trusts.

## Infrastructure

There were lots of comments, particularly in the quick questionnaire, about the need for facilities to accompany housing development, such as schools, doctors, green spaces, and transport infrastructure to deal with congestion, and questions whether infrastructure could cope with planned development.

## Policy I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity

There were lots of comments about the importance of this policy, and ensuring places were well connected. Many comments focused on the need to improve sustainable transport links for public transport cycling, horse-riding and walking. Some comments relate to individual elements of transport infrastructure such as the Greater Cambridge Partnership and Combined Authority schemes.  A number of site promoters refenced how they consider their sites are in sustainable locations.

## Policy I/EV: Parking and electric vehicles

More detail was needed regarding vehicle and cycle parking requirements and design standards. Some comments argued the electric charging infrastructure could be left to building regulations, and that the standards for provision for employment and retail appeared arbitrary. Some comments wanted to see reduced levels of parking; others sought flexibility to respond to local circumstances. Respondents also highlighted the need for spaces for clinically vulnerable people. A number of comments in the quick survey mentioned that we should be doing more to reduce dependency on cars, and support car free development.

## Policy I/FD: Freight and delivery consolidation

The importance of supporting logistics was highlighted in a number of comments, with some saying that more space is required. Space to transfer goods to sustainable modes, such as cargo bikes was mentioned.

## Policy I/SI: Safeguarding important infrastructure

The general approach to the policy was supported, and various infrastructure providers have made comments in relation to their specialist areas.

## Policy I/AD: Aviation development

Whilst there was support for protecting people from the impacts of aviation development others highlighted the need to support and protect aviation infrastructure.

## Policy I/EI: Energy infrastructure masterplanning

Detail was sought from developers regarding what doing an energy masterplan involved and how it would impact on viability. As well as having a residential threshold there were queries as to how it would apply to non-residential development.

## Policy I/ID: Infrastructure and delivery

The importance of effective planning for infrastructure was highlighted, with many providers highlighting the need for funding to be secured for their areas of interest. Further detail in the Infrastructure Delivery Plans and viability assessment was requested for subsequent stages of plan making.

## Policy I/DI: Digital infrastructure

There was lots of support for ensuring provision, including the views on the sorts of provision, such as broadband speed, that should be secured. Developers asked for clarity regarding what the requirements on them would be. Some considered that the issue should be left to building regulations.

**Sustainability Appraisal**

There was support from statutory consultees regarding the overall approach, with detailed comments to be taken into account for the next stages. Other comments questioned the assessment of individual site proposals. In some cases this was because village development was felt to have been unfairly assessed against sustainability objectives. There were comments regarding the relationship between the Cambridge waste water treatment works relocation proposals and the North East Cambridge site.

**Habitats Regulations Assessment**

Natural England is generally supportive of the interim findings of the HRA. Other comments raise issues regarding water supply impacts, and recreation impacts on protected sites.

## 7. Event records for in-person and online events attended by GCSP officers

**Event Name: Cambourne Soul youth club**

**Event date and time**

20 October and 3 November 2021

**Event location**

Cambourne Soul youth club

**Event organiser**

Cambourne Soul / Romsey Mill

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Hana Loftus(Engagement and Communications Lead)

Paul Frainer (Assistant Director Strategy and Economy)

**Number of attendees**

Two sessions on each evening with 6-10 12-16 year olds in the earlier session and 3-6 16-25 year olds in the later session. 3-4 youth workers in their 20s plus some older adult volunteers also participated in the discussion.

**Issues discussed**

What is good about Cambourne?

- Quiet, access to the countryside, the footpaths and lakes – ‘to be able to get lost’
- Crow Hill – ‘Cambourne’s Everest’ much valued
- Eco park and the wood area near there
- The sports pitches near the leisure centre – ‘full to the brim of people in summer’

- Cricket pitches – not really just for cricket but as places to hang out
- Walking link from the village centre to the village college
- Some young people said that the transport was fairly good
- Nice houses
- The existing shops are appreciated – but see comments below about altogether not enough shops

How could Cambourne be improved?

- ‘More like Cambridge’ or ‘the next Cambridge’ – which was expanded upon to mean shops in different areas, better local centres in Upper and Lower Cambourne not just Greater Cambourne, a greater variety of shops in Greater Cambourne such as clothes (Primark), shoes, sports (Sports Direct), bike shop (Halfords), phone repair, cafes (Starbucks) – ‘places to spend money’
- ‘Market square’ – several young people mentioned the green space that feels ‘left over’ between the village centre and the Hub, on both sides of the street, as a place where market activity (permanent or temporal) could take place, or more small shop units/ Boxpark type retail could be located – pop up stalls and a community hub in what feels a bit like dead space right now
- Post office
- ‘Mini shopping centre’ like the Beehive centre but smaller
- Lidl/Aldi
- Shops / etc are also places for school leavers to get jobs – noted that Home Bargains took on a lot of school leavers but there weren’t many other places that employed young people
- Many young people were interested in starting their own small businesses e.g. nail bar, small shop, repair business, but lacked the space to be able to do so
- Swimming pool which has been talked about for a long while with nothing coming to fruition. Swimming not just as a sport but as a leisure activity, something to do with friends
- Affordable gym for younger people
- More skate/BMX facilities – the skatepark is appreciated but is not enough for the whole community
- Bowling/cinema

- Go karting
- Not having to go to Cambridge to access these kinds of shops and activities
- Noted that fairs and other similar activities don't come often
- Restaurants/bars/ pubs – apart from the Monkfield there's nowhere else to go and the Monkfield gets crowded/too busy
- Dog park/ issues with lots of dogs in general green spaces

Spatial layout/masterplanning discussion – where should new development be located, what kind, where should the new station go?

- Strong preference for new station on the north side of Cambourne – young people didn't understand how the southern option would integrate at all with the existing centre and worried about losing the lakes/green spaces/access to countryside on that side.
- Wanted good connections to Bourn Airfield new village – were of the opinion that Bourn would effectively be another Cambourne West i.e. basically feel like another segment of Cambourne.
- Comment that Cambourne was 'blotchy' which was expanded upon to mean that it was a series of disconnected estates rather than a single place.
- Young people liked to have places to hang out that were near other activities but also slightly out of the way/with a degree of privacy – e.g. a wooded space near the village centre is much used for this reason.

Housing discussion – what kind of homes would you like to live in in the future?

- Maisonette with garden
- Outside space valued – considerations about pet owning, reports of new housing (social and private) not allowing pet owning
- Some expressed a view of no more flats but others liked the look and feel of some more flatted developments with big balconies – the balconies were key
- 4 storeys the max (some people said)

Design of new developments:

- Colour of brickwork makes a big difference
- Wanting character/something special

- Mention of a development near Mitcham's Corner which was liked (sounded like it might be a College project?)
- Didn't like the 'green' houses built in one phase
- Wanted 'features' – balconies, extensions, detail not just 'blocks'

Discussion around barriers to using public and active travel modes:

- Location of jobs – getting to work is an issue, two parents might both work in different locations and these are too far/not accessible as quickly as necessary unless you drive
- Lack of segregated cycle routes
- Need for car ownership for emergency situations. Discussion about whether car clubs/shared cars could help with some of that need
- More school buses that were actually useful

Services/social issues raised:

- Lack of policing – young people felt unsafe. A lot of discussion around antisocial behaviour and crime. A knife bin was mentioned. Discussion of conflict between residents in new social housing and existing neighbours. Discussion of dead-end cul-de-sacs feeling unsafe. Interesting points raised about some kids being allowed to play out unsupervised at what was felt to be too young an age, it was acknowledged that it was good that the street was safe enough for this to happen but there were concerns about the kids welfare and the lack of responsibility of their parents. (This was raised by the young people themselves and not the youth workers).
- Lack of mental health provision and local offer that supports wellbeing
- SEND provision in education
- Wifi and bandwidth issues
- Concern about the town council not being representative – view that the town council presented themselves as fairly powerful but were they really representing all parts of the community

**Follow-up required by officers**

- Have passed on details of Cambourne/A428 development cluster forum to the group

**Event name: Waterbeach Community Forum**

**Event date and time**

20 October 2021, 18:00

**Event location**

Online - Waterbeach Community Forum - South Cambs District Council (scambs.gov.uk)

**Event organiser**

South Cambs DC

**Council members/officers in attendance**

South Cambridgeshire Cllr Anna Bradnam

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers: Jonathan Dixon (Planning Policy Manager)

Plus a range of other council officers to address other agenda items.

**Number of attendees**

Approximately 45 people

**Issues discussed**

As part of the wider forum agenda, a 15 minute presentation was given, highlighting key issues from the consultation and how to comment. Questions raised included how the proposals would impact on the Waterbeach new town, and questions about the relationship of the local plan with the relocation of the waste water treatment works.

Meeting recorded and available on website: Waterbeach Community Forum - 20 October 2021 - South Cambs District Council (scambs.gov.uk)

**Follow-up required by officers**

A number of follow up questions were added to Q&A, which were followed up in writing

**Event name: Cambridge Residents Associations Forum**

**Event date and time**

16:30, 4 November 2021

**Event location**

Online

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

**Council members/ officers in attendance**

Cambridge Cllr Katie Thornburrow
South Cambridgeshire Cllr Tumi Hawkins
Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Jonathan Dixon (Planning Policy Manager)
Caroline Hunt (Strategy and Economy Manager)
Plus a range of other council officers to address other agenda items.

**Number of attendees**

Approx. 40

**Issues discussed**

As part of the wider forum agenda, a 15 minute presentation was given, highlighting key issues from the consultation and how to comment. A range of questions were asked regarding planned levels of development, water supply and responses to comments made through previous consultations.

Meeting recorded and available on Cambridge City Council website.

**Follow-up required by officers**

A number of follow up questions were added to Q&A, which were followed up in writing (see below)

**Event name: Webinar 1: Introducing the Local Plan and how to get involved**

**Event date and time**

12-1pm, 4 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom Webinar video, slides from the webinar.

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Paul Frainer, Assistant Director Strategy & Economy
Hana Loftus, Engagement and Communications Lead
Jonathan Dixon, Planning Policy Manager
Stuart Morris, Principal Policy Planner
Mairead O'Sullivan, Senior Policy Officer
Mark Deas, Senior Policy Officer

**Number of attendees**

45

**Issues discussed**

The webinar included presentation sections regarding plan making, and how to engage with the consultation. Two interactive Mentimeter sessions were included allowing attendees to share their brief views on issues related to the consultation.

A range of questions were asked, and were responded to within the webinar, regarding:

- How to explore the proposals;
- The comprehensiveness of the consultation;
- Relationship with proposals to relocate the Cambridge water treatment works;

- Why the plan period was to 2041;
- Why we are doing events in the locations where we selected.

**Follow-up required by officers**

A number of follow up questions were added to Q&A, which were followed up in writing

**Event name: Cambridgeshire Development Forum**

**Event date and time**

9.30-10.30am, 5 November 2021

**Event location**

Savills, Unex House, 132-134 Hills Road, Cambridge with some CDF members joining via Teams

**Event organiser**

Cambridgeshire Development Forum

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development
Caroline Hunt, Strategy & Economy Manager

**Number of attendees**

Approx. 25

**Issues discussed**

Officers made a presentation regarding the First Proposals Local Plan.
Issues raised by attendees included:

- Are sites in the current local plans on track?
- Should there be a longer term time horizon for the local plan?
- Jobs proposals are laudable but where will industrial jobs be provided?
- Villages need local homes
- The world is changing fast, how flexible are proposals to changes in types of jobs and changing tech, what about government's levelling up agenda?
- How are jobs and homes being linked together?
- What if jobs forecast are exceeded, there is a need for more affordable housing and commuting is predominantly by car
- Ambition is important and what the plan is trying to achieve, the plan period is proposed to 2041 – is that ambitious enough? Lot of allocations are existing

sites and have been around for years. What if not planning for enough homes and jobs. Milton Keynes is looking to 2050 in its plan.

- Cambourne – make East West Rail in a form that enables a single town to be developed.
- Villages – scope for more small/medium green belt sites
- Not ambitious enough on climate change measures to retrofit existing properties – could take from new developments to cross subsidise existing. Need flexibility to enable listed buildings to retrofit. Look to modern methods of construction.
- Another comment was why should people in new sustainable housing should cross subsidise those living in old housing
- How is accelerated delivery in new towns going to be achieved?
- CDF is a good place to talk about deliverability as well as market absorption
- Timing will be important given OxCam Spatial Framework, LTCP, and planning reform in midst of process.

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Cambridge East Community Forum**

**Event date and time**

6-8pm, 10 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom Cambridge East Community Forum - Cambridge City Council

**Event organiser**

South Cambridgeshire District Council

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Caroline Hunt, Strategy & Economy Manager

Stuart Morris, Principal Policy Planner

**Number of attendees**

56

**Issues discussed**

Officers made a presentation regarding the First Proposals Local Plan including a focus on proposals in and around Cambridge East, and the transport implications of these.

Issues raised by attendees included:

- Suggested there is a need to identify sites close to A14/M11 for a freight interchange to enable small packages to be transferred to cycling/e-cycle-based local distribution services.
- Questioned what is being done as part of the Local Plan to ensure that community infrastructure is improved to meet the increased need of the new homes.
- Concern that the North East Cambridge site near Cambridge North Station will attract a lot of out of in-commuting from outside Greater Cambridge, and about in and out-commuting more generally.

- Concern about traffic on Coldham’s Lane arising from previously and currently proposed development.
- In relation to water supply, questioned whether there is a critical date by which the expanded water supply has to be in programme before the Local Plan would need to be revised and possibly reduce growth targets, and whether this issue also applied to electrical power. Queried whether the water companies accept the conclusions of the Local Plan water supply evidence, and whether the Anglian Water Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant proposed relocation site is ambitious enough in terms of infrastructure growth given all the housing planned.
- Questioned, given the proximity of East Cambridge to A14, what consideration is being given to regional facilities.
- Questioned what consideration the Councils have given to light rail connections to surrounding towns outside the county.
- Questioned what section of the Plan addresses broadband provision.
- Concern that the distribution of sites focuses in an unbalanced way on the north and east of Cambridge.
- Questioned whether the Councils have any powers to control the number of dwellings purchased by any individual 'body' who might then rent them out, or hold them as an investment.
- Concern that sustainable development at North East Cambridge is reliant upon the relocation of the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant to the Green Belt, which is not desirable.

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Webinar 2: Jobs and Homes**

**Event date and time**

12-1pm,  10 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom Webinar video, slides from the webinar and the webinar Q&A.

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development

Paul Frainer, Assistant Director Strategy & Economy

Caroline Hunt, Strategy & Economy Manager

Jonathan Dixon, Planning Policy Manager

Stuart Morris, Principal Policy Planner

(Matt Kinghan, Iceni Projects – consultant responsible for relevant evidence bases)

**Number of attendees**

45

**Issues discussed**

The webinar included presentation sections regarding the jobs and homes numbers included in the First Proposals and the evidence bases that informed these. Two interactive Mentimeter sessions were included allowing attendees to share their brief views on jobs and homes numbers.

A range of questions were asked, and were responded to within the webinar, regarding:

- The data on which jobs and homes evidence was based
- Whether the plan takes into account the needs of specific sectors
- The impact of COVID-19 on people's working and travel patterns
- The balance of jobs and homes being planned for

- Whether it was possible to limit the amount of employment land available, so that jobs are diverted to other areas (levelling up)
- The approach taken to planning for a buffer of housing over and above the identified ‘need’ for homes
- Relationship of housing numbers with OxCam aspirations
- The existing employment land supply
- Unemployment and entry level requirements, in relation to providing jobs for local residents
- The impact of water supply constraints and associated environmental impacts on the proposed jobs and homes numbers

**Follow-up required by officers**

A number of follow up questions were added to Q&A, which were followed up in writing

**Event name: Webinar 3: Sites and strategy**

**Event date and time**

12-1pm, 10 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom Webinar video, slides from the webinar and the webinar Q&A.

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Paul Frainer, Assistant Director Strategy & Economy
Caroline Hunt, Strategy & Economy Manager
Hana Loftus, Communications lead
Stuart Morris, Principal Policy Planner

**Number of attendees**

45

**Issues discussed**

The webinar included presentation sections regarding how the strategy was developed, the resulting overarching strategy, and the sites supporting this. Two interactive Mentimeter sessions were included allowing attendees to share their brief views on the strategy.

A range of questions were asked, and were responded to within the webinar, regarding:

- The approach taken to identifying the sites included within the strategy
- The location of proposed development sites in relation to flooding and infrastructure
- Provision of water and its impact on the chalk aquifer
- Provision of transport infrastructure

- Transport infrastructure capacity, commuting patterns
- The impact of COVID-19 on people's working and travel patterns
- The impact of new development on existing communities
- The need for affordable housing
- Specific locations, including Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Cambourne
- planned levels of development, water supply and responses to comments made through previous consultations.

Webinar recorded and available on Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website.

**Follow-up required by officers**

A number of follow up questions were added to Q&A, which were followed up in writing

**Event name: Clay Farm drop-in session**

**Event date and time**

4-7pm, Thursday 11 November 2021

**Event location**

Clay Farm Centre, Trumpington (public space in the library)

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Hana Loftus (Communications lead)
Johanna Davies (Principal Policy Planner)
Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner)
Julia Briggs (Planning Officer)

Cambridge City Cllrs Hauk and Lee, and County Cllr Slatter dropped in for part of the session

**Number of attendees**

Approx. 25-30
Mix of parents with children visiting library and (generally older) people specifically visiting to attend the public consultation

**Issues discussed**

Shops and services

- Commercial rents too high and are discouraging local businesses – there are still empty units
- Need more flexibility - both in terms of physical space (need to be able to merge units to create larger premises) and uses (support for positive approach to meanwhile uses)
- Is there a need for pub in Clay Farm?

- Need more nursery (childcare) facilities – difficult to get kids into childcare as they are all full
- Residents generally very positive about living in Trumpington/Gt Kneighton – praising the amount of community facilities, the quality of the spaces, neighbourhood feel, safety etc.

Cambridge Biomedical Campus

- Should finish uncompleted parts of existing masterplan before being allocated more land
- Too big – no case for further agglomeration
- Can't CBC develop satellite sites e.g. in city centre or on other brownfield sites rather than expanding where it is?
- Why do private companies get to locate on CBC – can't they be elsewhere?
- Re 'levelling up' agenda why aren't these companies encouraged to set up campuses in other parts of the country

Brownfield/site strategy

- Should always develop brownfield land first
- Was support for developing at high densities to limit greenfield land take
- Support for using some greenbelt areas where they are not 'useful' or particularly accessible/beautiful but not the 'beautiful' bits.
- There was support for the greenbelt CBC site at least to the point where people did feel it was the less 'beautiful' part if you had to choose, apart from some people whose amenity/view was going to be directly affected.

Play areas

- More play areas/ space, especially for older children. Should look at examples of good practice from abroad such as Sweden and Netherlands

Transport

- More support for cycling. There was support for local initiatives and the more strategic concept of a cycleway from Cambridge to Oxford
- Again, we should look to Europe for examples of good practice
- Parking is an issue around Clay Farm/ Trumpington. No parking enforcement in place as roads not adopted. However, there will be issues when enforcement commences. Parking spaces heavily limited but there are not suitable alternative travelling options. For example, how will 'white van' tradesmen be able to operate in these areas? Need to look at car clubs

- Concern about Cambridge South station and EWR eating into countryside and the Country Park
- Concern about lack of direct bus from Clay Farm area to Cambridge Station (bus goes via CBC and therefore takes a long time) plus lack of bus stops meaning bus stops get very crowded.
- Concern about cycling to station due to cycle theft at the Cycle Point facility
- Support for Cambridge South station in principle but concerns about the design and land take

Affordable housing

- Affordable housing is not affordable in Cambridge!
- Need more development in south Cambridge where houses will be more affordable than in the city/fringes.
- Some residents were talking about how it was difficult to buy property in Trumpington/Gt Kneighton if they needed a bigger house (e.g. family growing) as it was unaffordable, they were looking to e.g. Marleigh for a slightly more affordable offer but with a similar level of community facilities and neighbourhood feel.

Residential development next to Ninewells

- Don't want more housing on greenbelt land
- With new south station proposal development out of the city will be sustainable and more affordable.

Community gardens and allotments

- The lack of private gardens means that communal open space is very important
- Allotments are more useful than community gardens as it is easier to manage them. Residents get more direct benefits and it is clearer who is responsible for maintaining them
- There is good practice from Trumpington that could be applied to other strategic sites

Water/related issues

- Concern about chalk streams etc – mention of Fergal Sharkey and his campaign
- Concern about flash flooding and building on water meadows

**Follow-up required by officers**

Photos sent to Cllrs Slatter and Hauk (with permission of resident in the photo) - completed

**Event name: Melbourn Hub drop-in session**

**Event date and time**

10-1pm, Saturday 13 November 2021

**Event location**

Melbourn Hub (marquee outside)

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner), Julia Briggs (Planning Officer), Jon Dixon (Planning Policy Manager)

South Cambridgeshire Cllrs Hales, Hart and Roberts dropped in for part of the session

**Number of attendees**

Approx. 50-60

**Issues discussed**

There were a mixed range of issues and views expressed.
The Moor:
A number of attendees visited to specifically comment on the proposed allocation at The Moor, largely to express opposition.
The main concern was access/ traffic, in particular congestion on the street at the start and end of the school day and the width of the road.
There was also concern about the impact on the environment and biodiversity. It was commented that the site is one of the last remaining green spaces along the road and that there has also recently been another development along the road. It was

noted that this field breaks up the edge of the village, which adds to the semi-rural character of the area.
Residents visit horses on the field, there is a value to the community.
More general comments were made about the impact on already overloaded services such as schools and GP's
It was argued that the scheme could be a 'trojan horse' leading to further development on the large field to the rear of the site

Over-development of Melbourn:

- There was criticism both from those opposed to The Moor allocation and the larger allocation adjacent to the science park that the overall proposals amounted to over-development of Melbourn
- It was argued that further development would place unacceptable strains on infrastructure (including water, traffic, schools and health facilities)
- Previous development (including the New Road 'five year land supply' site) has been detrimental to the rural character of the village
- There was disagreement that Melbourn is a sustainable location for further development

Housing:

- Although those opposed to the proposed allocations did not want to see further growth there was a recognition by others of the housing challenges faced in the area, particularly younger and lower income households who could not afford local prices
- Some attendees felt that the proposals were 'about right'.

Overall Strategy:

- There was some support for the overall approach to development, focusing on brownfield sites and accessible locations.
- Need to address transport issues, and deliver public transport improvements.
- Acknowledgement of housing needs by some, and also concern about levels of development by others.

Consultation

- There was scepticism by some who suggested that the consultation was a 'done deal'.

**Follow-up required by officers**

None.

**Event name: North West and West Cambridge Community Forum**

**Event date and time**

6-7.30pm, 17 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom - North West and West Community Forum - Cambridge City Council

**Event organiser**

Cambridge City Council

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Caroline Hunt, Strategy & Economy Manager

**Number of attendees**

46

**Issues discussed**

- Do you have plans for enough water to serve the proposed development?
- Where does the number of 49,000 new homes to be built come from?
- How will affordability be defined, will it be by ratio to income or to private rent, will they actually be affordable to key workers?
- How will the really limited space in the city centre cope with increased numbers of people that will be using the city centre?
- Given growth of jobs since last local plan generated by local activities what does the local plan say about attracting jobs from other parts of the UK?
- As we bring in more local residents are there plans to help deal with tourists?

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Gypsy & Traveller focused drop in event**

**Event date and time**

17 November 2021

**Event location**

Cottenham

**Event organiser**

South Cambridgeshire District Council

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner)
Stevie Kuch (G&T Liaison Officer)

**Number of attendees**

There were about 10 attendees to the general drop in event.

**Issues discussed**

These points are based on a discussion with two people from the G&T community who live in Fenland. (One has experience of working with the G&T community across Cambridgeshire)

- The G&T community faces significant discrimination both generally and within housing related issues
- Delivery organisations can identify traveller homes from their address and refuse to make deliveries to them. (This was particularly problematic during Covid related lockdowns)
- It was suggested that this is through the type of planning permission granted and Local Planning Authorities should therefore amend their planning permissions to counter ‘red -lining’.

- Restriction on G&T planning permissions can make it difficult to get a mortgage as the financial institution may not be able to recover the full value of their loan.
- Most of the G&T community would prefer to buy their own site/ property rather than rent privately or from a local authority.
- Whilst they do not want to live on large sites they generally want to be near other G&T sites to be close to friends and family. This supports expanding existing sites.
- There is much less seasonal work about which means many of the G&T community won't meet the PPTS definition.
- Self and custom build plots could potentially provide scope for the G&T population. However, cost is likely to be an issue.

In terms of the Local Plan, one traveller discussed the plan and took some leaflets to give to her neighbours.

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Webinar 4: Climate Change and Water**

**Event date and time**

5 – 6 pm, 17 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom Webinar video, slides from the webinar and the webinar Q&A.

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Paul Frainer, Assistant Director Strategy & Economy
Jonathan Dixon, Planning Policy Manager
Nancy Kimberley, Principal Policy Planner
Emma Davies, Principal Sustainability Officer
(Anna Makenzie - Etude, Marina Goodyear – Bioregional,
Elliot Gill - Stantec – consultants responsible for relevant evidence bases)

**Number of attendees**

25

**Issues discussed**

The webinar included presentation sections regarding the climate change, net zero carbon building standards, and water supply issues. Two interactive Mentimeter sessions were included allowing attendees to share their views.

A range of questions were asked, and were responded to within the webinar, regarding:

- Application of net zero carbon standards;
- Retrofitting of buildings;

- Levels of development;
- Approaches to water efficiency, including water neutrality.

**Follow-up required by officers**

A number of follow up questions were added to Q&A, which were followed up in writing

**Event name: North Area Committee**

**Event date and time**

6.30-9.30pm, 18 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom - Agenda for North Area Committee on Thursday, 18th November, 2021, 6.30 pm - Cambridge Council

**Event organiser**

Cambridge City Council

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers: Caroline Hunt, Strategy & Economy Manager

Terry de Sousa, Principal Planning Policy Officer

North Area Committee Members

**Number of attendees**

Approximately 20 people in attendance.

**Issues discussed**

The committee included a number of agenda items. The Local Plan agenda item included a presentation by officers of the First Proposals and how to comment, including a focus on proposals in and around North Cambridge.

Public questions raised in writing and answered in the meeting were:

- with a drop in birth rate, migration and young people not being able to get mortgages as rates rise – who will buy these houses?
- Is there not a need to address the fact that people who were born in Cambridge cannot afford to live in the town they grew up in – should these not be the immediate focus?
- How can you define and guarantee affordable housing?

- With businesses choosing to incorporate more working from home, it makes sense that less office spaces will be needed. Is this shift being built into the plan through future proofing?

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Cambourne Hub drop-in**

**Event date and time**

4-7.30pm, 18 November 2021

**Event location**

Cambourne Hub

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner), Johanna Davies (Principal Policy Planner), Charlotte Morgan-Shelbourne (Admin Officer)
South Cambridgeshire Cllr Hawkins dropped in for a few minutes on way to another meeting

**Number of attendees**

Approx. 5 in room and 11 engaged outside

**Issues discussed**

One person thought that people in Cambourne were largely accepting of new development. Cambourne Town Council had been very successful in securing new facilities through s106 agreements and hence residents saw the benefits of new development. (They had also moved to a new settlement and therefore were perhaps implicitly more accepting of change) Interestingly, the few attendees we did got were from neighbouring villages.

Attendees were generally interested in finding out more about the proposals rather than coming with any specific points they wanted to make.

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Abbey People coffee morning, Barnwell Hub**

**Event date and time**

10-1pm,  13 November 2021

**Event location**

Barnwell Hub (inside and outside)

**Event organiser**

Abbey People

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers: Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner), Leonie Walker (Urban Designer)

**Number of attendees**

4 members of public plus 2 members of staff from Abbey People

Footfall was very low. A few people visited the pharmacy but there was little other passing custom.

**Issues discussed**

Despite the low numbers, discussions were prolonged and hence a wide range of issues were covered.

Affordable housing

- There was support for a significant proportion of any new development being affordable housing. The unaffordability of local prices was highlighted.

Quality of housing

- Much of the local housing stock is old and inefficient. This makes it expensive to heat and causes fuel poverty.
- Is there scope for district heating or other community led heating opportunities?

Social enterprise and community facilities

- New development should include new community facilities (e.g. better provision for existing hub) and opportunities for social enterprise.

- There needs to be more provision aimed at young people.
- Infrastructure
- Do the new developments include improvements to existing infrastructure? Two mothers with children at primary school were particularly concerned about the lack of a local secondary school.
- The phasing of infrastructure provision is important to ensure it is delivered when needed.
- There was also support for the idea of meanwhile uses to maximise the use of buildings during long term development proposals.

Cambridge United FC

- There was concern about any potential re-development of the Abbey stadium and re-location of Cambridge United FC. CUFC are seen as an important benefactor to the local community with lots of local initiatives. If they moved away this could have a significant negative local impact.

Waste water treatment works

- One attendee strongly objected to the re-location of the WWTC to a green field site accommodate more housing.

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Barnwell Hub drop-in**

**Event date and time**

11am - 1pm, 20 November 2021

**Event location**

Barnwell Hub

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Hana Loftus (Communications lead)

Nancy Kimberley (Principal Policy Planner)

Bruce Waller (Principal Policy Planner)

**Number of attendees**

25

**Issues discussed**

- Need for more council housing raised by most people
- Affordable housing is not actually affordable
- System for housing allocations doesn't work to address those most in need
- Overcrowding a problem – several generations living together in crowded accommodation because younger generations can't afford somewhere of their own
- Airport is 'wasted land' and fine to develop
- More school places needed
- One person spoke out against the CWWTP relocation until they understood it was not south of the A14 at which point they changed their mind and were fine with it
- Support for climate change agenda in the plan

- Abbey stadium relocation was raised – person was supportive of it moving, the stadium creates traffic and parking issues locally (this was raised by some other people too)
- Concern about water pressure in tall buildings – that current water pressure is not adequate in some council homes
- Desire for open spaces to be useable – dislike of the ‘no ball games’ approach to open spaces in the area’s estates
- Consultation fatigue – sense that their views were ignored

**Follow-up required by officers**

None.

**Event name: Parish Forum - Area 1**

**Event date and time**

4.30-6pm, 22 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Jonathan Dixon, Planning Policy Manager

Hana Loftus, Communications Lead

Stuart Morris, Principal Policy Planner

South Cambridgeshire Cllr Tumi Hawkins, Lead Member for Planning

**Number of attendees**

24

**Issues discussed**

The webinar included a presentation of the First Proposals and how to comment.

A range of questions were asked, and were responded to within the webinar, regarding:

- How to comment
- The length of the consultation
- The connection of the First Proposals consultation to other consultations such as OxCam Arc and Greater Cambridge Partnership travel schemes
- The Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping evidence base and call for green space sites

- Development site submissions
- Demand on electricity infrastructure and proposals for renewable energy
- Housing numbers
- The definition of new settlements in the First Proposals
- The relationship of the Thakeham new settlement proposal with the First Proposals plans
- The approach taken to site identification in relation to existing and future transport
- The proposal to only provide electric connections for homes, noting the future potential of hydrogen fuel connection
- Challenge of the plan relying on uncertain delivery of East West Rail
- Affordable housing definition and challenges
- Employment land provision in relation to need, and the different types of employment land
- Transport impacts on local roads

**Follow-up required by officers**

A number of follow up questions were added to Q&A, which were followed up in writing

**Event name: Webinar 5: Biodiversity and green spaces**

**Event date and time**

12-1pm, 24 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom Webinar video, slides from the webinar and the webinar Q&A.

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Paul Frainer, Assistant Director Strategy & Economy

Jonathan Dixon, Planning Policy Manager

John Cornell, Team Leader – Natural Environment Team Leader

Bruce Waller, Principal Policy Planner

Stuart Morris, Principal Policy Planner

Diana Manson, LUC (Consultant responsible for green infrastructure evidence base)

**Number of attendees**

29

**Issues discussed**

The webinar included presentation sections regarding the biodiversity and green spaces proposals included in the First Proposals and the evidence bases that informed these. Two interactive Mentimeter sessions were included allowing attendees to share their brief views on biodiversity and green spaces issues.

A range of questions and issues were asked, and were responded to within the webinar, regarding:

- The need for draft plan biodiversity policy to include provision for nest and bat boxes

- The relationship of the proposed green infrastructure initiatives with the proposed Green Belt policy
- The need to prioritise onsite biodiversity net gain
- Maintenance and funding of green spaces
- Relationship of green infrastructure proposals with Future Parks project
- Relationship of green spaces policies with water abstraction challenges
- Noting that the first priority should be to protect existing sites from the adverse effects of development, alongside biodiversity net gain
- Whether the green infrastructure initiatives were too focused on biodiversity such that they did not sufficiently address the full range of potential benefits

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: A428 Cluster Meeting**

**Event date and time**

6-8pm, 24 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom

**Event organiser**

South Cambridgeshire District Council

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development
Caroline Hunt, Strategy & Economy Manager

South Cambridgeshire Cllr Tumi Hawkins, Lead Member for Planning

**Number of attendees**

23

**Issues discussed**

Officers made a presentation regarding the First Proposals Local Plan including a focus on proposals in and around the A428 in the parishes of parishes of Bourn, Boxworth, Caldecote, Cambourne, Caxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Hardwick, Knapwell and Papworth.
Issues raised by attendees included:

- If East West Rail does not go ahead would Cambourne be removed from the Local Plan?
- If the 1,950 dwellings is based on build rate assumptions by 2041, does that mean that there could be more development in total?

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Gypsy & Traveller focused drop in**

**Event date and time**

24 November 2021

**Event location**

Cottenham

**Event organiser**

South Cambridgeshire District Council

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner)

Stevie Kuch, G&T Liaison Officer

**Number of attendees**

Part drop in event with various staff from the county council. Numbers of attendees apparently vary considerably. On 24/11/21 there were no attendees. Staff suggested this was due to people being encouraged to make an appointment before attending and a couple of key staff being absent.

**Issues discussed**

N/A

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Gypsy & Traveller focused drop in**

**Event date and time**

11-12pm, 25 November 2021

**Event location**

Milton

**Event organiser**

Stevie Kuch, G&T Liaison Officer, SCDC

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner)

Stevie Kuch, G&T Liaison Officer

**Number of attendees**

1

**Issues discussed**

The discussion focused on potential new G&T sites.

- It was considered there was very little scope for expending existing SCDC sites as they both have 16 pitches which is considered to be a good size in terms of management.
- A couple of redundant old sites were mentioned:
    - Metal Hill, Meldreth – this is owned by the parish council who do not want to see the site developed as a G&T site again
    - Meadow Road, Willingham

**Follow-up required by officers**

None.

**Event name: Webinar 6: North East Cambridge – the Local Plan and the Area Action Plan**

**Event date and time**

12-1pm, 25 November 2021

**Event location**

Zoom Webinar video, slides from the webinar and the webinar Q&A.

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development

Paul Frainer, Assistant Director Strategy & Economy

Caroline Hunt, Strategy & Economy Manager

**Number of attendees**

33

**Issues discussed**

- Stage of the AAP process
- Explaining the distinct process between the AAP, Local Plan and the Waste Water treatment Plant DCO
- NEC spatial strategy
- What has changed since we last consulted
- Water supply
- Fen road crossing
- Key benefits and opportunities for the new city district

**Follow-up required by officers**

A number of follow up questions were added to Q&A, which were followed up in writing

**Event name: Arbury Community Centre drop-in**

**Event date and time**

3-7pm, 25 November 2021

**Event location**

Arbury Community Centre

**Event organiser**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner), Nancy Kimberley (Principal Policy Planner), Bruce Waller (Principal Policy Planner)

**Number of attendees**

4 people attended the exhibition specifically. Also engaged with people attending other events in the community centre and handed out some leaflets (footfall was very low).

**Issues discussed**

Issues highlighted included that there had been some issues with Gypsies and Travellers staying on unauthorised sites adjacent to the centre. The local centre (Arbury Court) was well used with high occupancy rates. (The community centre was also very well used with 70 community groups booking space)

There was interest in how the Local Plan would deal with a range of issues including parking, trees and Gypsy & Traveller site provision. They also commented on the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan and were happy that the Councils had listened following a previous consultation and made changes with regards to increasing the amount of open space and reducing building heights. They also had

positive comments about the webinars that had been held for the Local Plan First Proposals.

One attendee was interested in how the housing numbers had been calculated and the relationship with the OxCam Arc. There was also discussion about how promoting high growth in this area did not tie up with the Government's proposals to 'level up' the country.

One attendee discussed broader issues around the overall level of growth proposed and was concerned about the transport impacts of the level of housing proposed and whether these had been modelled.

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Cambridge City Council West Central Area Committee**

**Event date and time**

7-8.30pm,  25 November 2021

**Event location**

Online

**Event organiser**

Cambridge City Council

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Jonathan Dixon, Planning Policy Manager

Jenny Nuttycombe, Principal Policy Planner

West Central Area Committee members

**Number of attendees**

20

**Issues discussed**

The committee included a number of agenda items. The Local Plan agenda item included a presentation of the First Proposals and how to comment.

Public questions raised issues regarding cultural infrastructure provision, in particular in relation to concert halls.

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Parish Forum Areas 2 and 3**

**Event date and time**
4.30-6pm, Thursday 25 November 2021

**Event location**
Zoom

**Event organiser**
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

**Council members/ officers in attendance**
Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Caroline Hunt, Strategy and Economy Manager

South Cambridgeshire Cllr Tumi Hawkins, Lead Member for Planning

**Number of attendees**
24

**Issues discussed**
The webinar included a presentation of the First Proposals and how to comment.

A range of questions were asked, and were responded to within the webinar, regarding:

- The approach taken to the 10% buffer applied on top of the objectively assessed need for housing
- Strategic Green Infrastructure Initiative 8: Western Gateway GI Corridors
- Energy supply, including electricity infrastructure and energy policy requirements
- S/RRP/L East of bypass Longstanton, policy area
- The policy approach to Gypsy and Traveller sites

**Follow-up required by officers**
The above questions were added to Q&A and were also followed up in writing.

**Event name: Great Shelford drop-in**

**Event date and time**
9-12pm, 27 November 2021

**Event location**
Great Shelford farmer's market (Memorial Hall) and the adjacent Scout Hall
We ran a stand in the farmer's market with one officer fielding questions and signposting those interested to the adjacent scout hall where other officers and councillors set up a small exhibition area

**Event organiser**
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

**Council members/officers in attendance**
Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:
Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner), Stuart Morris (Principal Policy Planner) and Julia Briggs (Planning Officer)
South Cambridgeshire Cllrs Peter Fane and Nick Sample

**Number of attendees**
About 30-40 although difficult to be precise as some people will have visited both halls

**Issues discussed**
Hinton Way/Mingle Lane
A number of people felt that this site was unsuitable for housing:

- It's in the green belt
- Concern that allocating this site would provide a precedent for further in this location, reducing gaps between Gt Shelford and Stapleford
- Concern that more housing will be included on site if additional access provided
- Access would be better on Mingle Lane? Access from Hinton Way will add pressure on the level crossing. Also, need to take account of potential future development of Waverley Park opposite proposed Hinton Way access

Cambridge Biomedical Campus

- Concern that CBC is encroaching too far towards Great Shelford

Sites near Shelford Rugby Club

- There was support for the plan not proposing further development sites near to Shelford Rugby Club

Overall impact of development on Great Shelford

- Gt Shelford does not have the infrastructure to cope with further development – GP's, schools, shops
- Congestion will increase
- There will be detrimental impacts on the character and appearance of the village

Green Belt

- There is opposition to development in the Green Belt in principle

Level of growth proposed in the plan

- The plan should be targeting the minimum level of development it can, i.e. Government housing figure
- Some distrust of the local housing evidence.

Relationship between housing and employment

- There was scepticism that new housing would be occupied by local people. Could lead to an increase in London commuting. Therefore, spatial strategy of locating housing in rural Southern cluster close to employment centres not sound
- However, there was support for the concept of key worker housing

Employment trends

- Are the projected employment growth levels still likely to occur post Coronavirus?
- Will we still need projected level of employment space or will different work patterns limit this demand?

General

- Concern about pressure on water supply/infrastructure and the effect of growth on the natural environment.

**Follow-up required by officers**

Officers provided email follow-ups sharing with specific residents and local members information regarding:

- The Statement of Consultation
- Site assessments in the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment

**Event name: Cambridge City Council South Area Committee**

**Event date and time**

7-8.30pm,  29 November 2021

**Event location**

Online

**Event organiser**

Cambridge City Council

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Jonathan Dixon, Planning Policy Manager

Stuart Morris, Principal Policy Planner

South Area Committee members

**Number of attendees**

15

**Issues discussed**

The committee included a number of agenda items. The Local Plan agenda item included a presentation of the First Proposals and how to comment.

A range of questions and comments were made, which were responded to within the committee, regarding:

- Coldham's Lane and transport impacts
- Learning from previous plans, including residents' satisfaction regarding quality of life
- Cambridge Biomedical Campus proposed allocation, including impacts on agricultural land, landscape, Green Belt and employment land supply.
- Transport impacts at Land North of Cherry Hinton

- Whether the plan will support jobs and homes for local people
- Water supply
- The approach to consultation
- Opportunity to use evidence from new developments in the south of Cambridge, such as energy and water use
- Noting that new development in the south of Cambridge is still ongoing and can be learnt from
- Flexibility of non-residential uses
- The affordable housing register
- The need for local business space to meet community needs
- The potential for leisure facilities to be provided at the Cambridge Airport site
- Cambridge Great Park proposal

**Follow-up required by officers**

None

**Event name: Milton youth club**

**Event date and time**

30 November 2021

**Event location**

Milton youth club, The Sycamores

**Event organiser**

Connections Bus Project

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers:

Hana Loftus (Communications Lead)

**Number of attendees**

6 young people (13-16), 3 adult youth workers

**Issues discussed**

What the young people wanted to see in/around Milton:

- Go karting, paintballing i.e. energetic outdoor activities, not just 'going for a walk' – something to think about re. Milton Country Park etc?
- Swimming pool
- 'cool stuff like a dinosaur museum' – when we drilled into this, it was about things that are unique and memorable
- Some desire for landmark buildings including a skyscraper – the group certainly wanted to see things that were new, modern, different, put them on the map
- Affordable shopping options – wanting a choice of shops, not just Tesco

Generally the young people were positive about living in Milton. Had complaint about the management of the recreation ground – why were the football goals taken away in the summer when they still wanted to play football.

Discussion about living without a car:

- Some young people felt a car was totally unnecessary for life in Milton – they bike and take the bus all the time
- Others had concerns about e.g. getting to hospital in an emergency, visiting family outside the area
- Comment that the Jane Coston bridge is really windswept and doesn't feel safe
- Adult youth workers more sceptical about life without the private car – e.g. accessing employment.

Quality of design and build was talked about – young people wanted modern looking buildings that were 'different'. One of the adult youth workers lived in Orchard Park and felt the quality of build there was not high at all.

**Follow-up required by officers**

None.

**Event name: Gypsy & Traveller focused drop in**

**Event date and time**

11-12pm,  2 December 2021

**Event location**

Whaddon

**Event organiser**

South Cambridgeshire District Council

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Greater Cambridge Planning Service officers: Mark Deas (Senior Policy Planner)
Stevie Kuch, G&T Liaison Officer

**Number of attendees**

2

**Issues discussed**

The discussions focused on potential new G&T sites.

- New sites always seem to be poor locations such as rubbish dumps and sewage works
- Whaddon is a good site and acts as a model of good practice:
  - A good size – 16 pitches
  - Green space in middle of site
  - Close enough to village to provide access to services such as schools and local employment opportunities
  - Well screened
- Prospective tenants should be carefully vetted to avoid future management issues

These points were supported by the discussion with another individual after the drop-in where the following points were made:

- Lovely site, well run, pitches are a perfect size with a nice community feel

- We need more sites in the area as we have family that need housing, 1 or 2 in the district just isn't enough.
- South Cambridgeshire District Council and other services are supportive of GRT community

**Follow-up required by officers**

None.

## 8. Event records for other events facilitated independently by elected members

**Event name: Caldecote Ward GCLP 1**

**Event date and time**

15 November 2021, 6PM

**Event location**

Zoom

**Event organiser**

South Cambridgeshire Cllr Dr Tumi Hawkins

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Cllr Dr Tumi Hawkins

**Number of attendees**

2

**Issues discussed**

Policy S/RRA/H

The reason given for allocating was not acceptable (lapsed planning) because it was only achieved at appeal, and the reason for that permission no longer exists.

Drainage is still an issue with the site

Effect of EWR if preferred route comes through Highfields

The area in the redline includes Phase 1 which is already being built out, so boundary should be redrawn for phase 2 only

Why is allocation 64 which is 10 less than the Phase 2 number (140 – 66 phase 1).

Policy S/RRA/SNR

Employment land seems out of place at that location

Policy CC/FM

Not much info on how fluvial flooding will be dealt with, especially in areas with clay sub soil

Policy BG/GI

Lack of detail on what those identified corridors mean or will contain, or which sites from the call for sites is associated with them.

**Follow-up required by officers**

**Event name: Caldecote Ward GCLP 2**

**Event date and time**

2 December 2021, 7PM

**Event location**

Zoom

**Event organiser**

South Cambridgeshire Cllr Tumi Hawkins

**Council members/officers in attendance**

Tumi Hawkins

**Number of attendees**

6

**Issues discussed**

Policy S/RRA/H

Effect of EWR if preferred route comes through Highfields

The area in the redline includes Phase 1 which is already being built out, so boundary should be corrected for what is actually being proposed.

Why is allocation 64 which is 10 less than the Phase 2 number (140 – 66 phase 1).

What would happen if the current planning application for Phase 2 is approved before the new local plan is adopted? Will this site fall out then? Then what happens to the deficit?

Policy S/RRA/SNR
Employment land seems out of place at that location. Why is the employment not confined to Bourn Airfield?

Will there be enough space for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway on it?

Even though it is in Dry Drayton parish, the effect will be on Caldecote. So what benefits will there be for Caldecote from this site to mitigate the impact, especially traffic?

Policy S/DS
Good that Bourn Airfield is not being densified or expanded.
But what about EWR effect if it comes through Highfields – it is going to take out 150+ units off Bourn Airfield. Does that make it unviable? If so, what are the alternatives?

What about Cambourne to Cambridge busway – if EWR or S/RRA/SNR compromise it and cannot be delivered?

Thakeham – how will that affect the overall strategy if it is submitted between now and the local plan being submitted for inspection?

Policy S/SB
How will the new developments built outside the current boundaries be dealt with?

Will boundaries be reviewed or can revisions be submitted by PCs or anyone?

**Follow-up required by officers**

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**Greater Cambridge Local Plan – First Proposals**
**Public Consultation**

**Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are working together to create a joint Local Plan for their combined districts – which we are referring to as Greater Cambridge.**

The Councils are inviting comments, via public consultation, on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals (Regulation 18: Preferred Options 2021). The Councils are also consulting on the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the requirements of Strategic Environmental Assessment) and Habitats Directive Assessment. This is part of the Regulation 18 Consultation under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The consultation documents can be viewed:

- on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service website **www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan**
- by appointment at Cambridge City Council's Customer Service Centre: Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY (phone 01223 457000);
- by appointment at South Cambridgeshire District Council Reception: South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA (phone 01954 713000);
- 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.

Hard copies may be obtained at a charge by contacting the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service using the contact details below. If you need assistance to view the documents, or wish to discuss the consultation, please contact us using the details below.

The Councils are also holding a number of online and in-person events during the consultation period, where planning officers will be available to answer questions. These may be subject to change in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please consult our website for full event details.

**How to make comments**

You are encouraged to comment online – full details are available on our website at **www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan**

If you have difficulty commenting online, please contact the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Policy Team on 01954 713694 or email us at **localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org**

Alternatively, you can make comments in writing using response forms available on the Councils' websites or on request. Completed response forms should be emailed to localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org or posted to: Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service, Cambridge City Council, PO Box 700, Cambridge, CB1 0JH

Comments can be made on these documents between 9am on Monday 1 November and 5pm on Monday 13 December 2021.

All comments received during the consultation period will be published. Please refer to our privacy notice for further details, which can be found on our website.

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