

Public Questions: Planning and Transport Security Committee, 4 November 2024

Question 1:

Re Item 7 Draft Gtr Cambridge Planning Obligations SPD at Appendix A of the papers

(<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=475&MId=4586> from p65 on Libraries and Lifelong Learning:

Very little seems to have been mentioned about lifelong learning in the SPD - noting that the Adult Education Budget falls within the Combined Authority's remit. Furthermore, Cambridge lacks a specialist lifelong learning centre that it used to have until the 1980s, and that other towns and cities still have.

Please could you ensure that not only the Combined Authority is consulted, but that existing providers of adult education (specialist centres in other towns and cities) are invited to comment and suggest how developers could contribute towards the much-improved provision of lifelong learning facilities. Furthermore, please could you ensure that the wealthy sci-tech sectors that regularly raise the issues of chronic skills shortages are asked how best their existing and future developments could contribute towards new facilities that could enable more people to switch careers into those industries with chronic shortages.

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