

Public Questions for Full Council, 19 March 2026.

Question 1:

I should like to ask the following question about the Establishment of a centrally led Urban Development Corporation on behalf of the FeCRA Committee.

The Federation of Cambridge Residents' associations is a grassroots civic voice for everyone in Cambridge - and also for its environment. Residents want a say in shaping Cambridge's development to ensure that the city grows in a way that will achieve balanced communities and quality of life. The Federation's strength is in our network of members across city neighbourhoods, plus our strong connections with nearby villages. Most residents do not even know there is a consultation on the establishment of a centrally led Urban Development Corporation for Greater Cambridge. Why hasn't every household in Cambridge received a leaflet? There have been no drop-in events, no posters, no information on the Council's website. How do City Councillors know the views of residents if they haven't asked them?

Question 2:

The consultation states that a GCDC would rely on borrowing, private partners and developing assets to generate income. Won't this financial model end up chasing profit at the expense of social housing, public services and ecological sustainability?

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