

Joint Local Planning Advisory Group

Date: Wednesday, 8 September 2021

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

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Agenda

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 - 4f Appendix D3: Biodiversity and Green Spaces topic paper
 - 4g Appendix D4: Wellbeing and Social Inclusion topic

paper

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Joint Local Planning Advisory Group Members:

Cambridge City Council: Cllrs Bick, S. Smith and Thornburrow,

Cambridgeshire County Council: Cllr Shailer,

South Cambridgeshire District Council: Cllrs Hawkins, Van de Weyer and Wright,

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SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Joint Local Planning Advisory Group held on
Tuesday, 24 November 2020 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Dr. Tumi Hawkins – Chair
Councillor Katie Thornburrow – Vice-Chair

Councillors: David Baigent
Lynda Harford
Tim Wotherspoon
Tim Bick
Dr. Aidan Van de Weyer
Nicholas Wright

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Aaron Clarke Democratic Services Officer
Jon Dixon Principal Planning Policy Officer
Paul Frainer Assistant Director – strategy & economy
Caroline Hunt Planning Policy Manager
Hana Loftus Special Projects Officer
Stuart Morris Principal Planning Policy Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Martin Smart gave an apology for absence with Cllr Dave Baigent substituting in his place.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Nicholas Wright declared a non-pecuniary interest as a landowner (farmer) in the village of Connington within South Cambridgeshire.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 June 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

4. GREATER CAMBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN: STRATEGIC OPTIONS ASSESSMENT AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Members were shown a presentation highlighting key themes and sections of the Local Plan.

In response to the presentation, Members had the following comments:

- I. As the Combined Authority has the aspiration to double GVA (Gross Value Added) within the next 25 years, did officers factor this into the given growth figures?
- II. Members requested officers be careful on their use the word ‘consultant’ as this could provide the wrong impression to the public of the role such people fulfil, as it is officers who are the ones that guide the Local Plan process.
- III. The report made clear that water supply would be the single largest barrier to the delivery of higher growth options. Would the Councils be able to get sufficient

information about what may or may not be possible with regards to water supply, or will there have to be a risk-based judgement of the options, based on what other agencies may do?

- IV. Had the Councils considered building a reservoir to supply South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City?
- V. Was there a chance that meaningful new census data will inform the Local Plan process before being submitted?
- VI. The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS) had used the minimum level of growth for the standard methodology, it was queried if the use of the term 'minimum', meant that there were no constraints to delivering the standard methodology of houses during the period?
- VII. Was there any justification in national planning policy or guidance for not examining higher levels of growth than the standard methodology?
- VIII. Why were the Councils equating an increase in GVA with jobs growth and not reviewing productivity growth instead?
- IX. Members highlighted concerns at the modelling differences regarding housing between what was in the SPEAR report and those done by G.L. Hearn on behalf of the planning service.
- X. Due to the significant impact of Covid-19 on supply chains globally and regionally and in conjunction with the significant changes to the way people operated, particularly with an increase in online shopping, could policy making be more flexible to take account of this?

In response officers of the Greater Cambridge Planning Service said the following:

- I. SCDC growth figures were based on what researchers had identified as being realistic to deliver, officers were of course aware of the Combined Authority's aspiration but did not base their growth figures on this. It was also noted however, that job sectors in which the Greater Cambridge area was strong provided greater productivity per job, such as the life sciences.
- II. The vast majority of the work published for the Local Plan was carried out by expert consultants in their field and their names were published on the relevant documentation. This was however, done in a research capacity and their work is only used to inform the decisions that the officers make. Officer had not taken a view on the relevant work at the time of the meeting and it had just been provided

to the Committee in an informative capacity. Officers will reach a judgement on this information at a later stage. It was **agreed** that officers would organise some comms on the role of consultants in the plan process, an FAQ what it is that they do and how their relationship with the council works to clarify this.

- III. The information provided was an interim stage of the water cycle strategy, there would be far more detail given on the preferred option and how the issues could be addressed further into the Local Plan making process. Officers informed the Committee that the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service had been in conversation with Water Resources East and Cambridge Water as well as engaging with the Environment Agency on this important issue. All relevant agencies believed that this is a solvable issue.
- IV. At the time of the meeting, there was planning underway for reservoirs north of Cambridgeshire with a proposal for water transfer to supplement the supply in the region. This did not mean that the Water Resources East report that was due to come out early summer 2020, would not look at options such as using dry ditches in the summer that were not utilised at the time.
- V. It was remarked that this depended on when the data relevant to the Local Plan was released as the census data was usually released in batches. Officers acknowledged discrepancies between mid-year estimates with population for Cambridge and remarked that the Housing and Employment Relationship Report sought to address that and provide a robust starting point for population and housing forecasts but that the data would be used from the census if and once it was available.
- VI. All the growth levels identified had been in the absence of considering any constraints and it was remarked that it is only in the evidence appraisal of the growth options that the constraints can be identified. It was noted that the standard method is considered to be a minimum in national policy terms, so if that could not be met, other neighbouring authorities would need to be contacted to take that growth under the Duty to Cooperate.
- VII. As the standard method is a minimum, it was noted that this was all the local authorities were required to deliver. Given however the local context, as shown through in the SPEAR report and in the Local Plan evidence base that higher jobs growth had previously occurred in the area; officers remarked that higher levels of growth than the standard methodology would be considered.
- VIII. Officers remarked the data was not current and that any modelling work that was carried was pre-Covid, which had affected the progression of these trends. It was

noted that any effective data would not be available during this plan period but that it would be explored in as much granularity as possible during the timescales to deliver the Local Plan.

- IX. It was explained that through the Local Plan engagement process, the issue regarding the correct forecast to base the Local Plan on, would be debated and refined; particularly when taking into account the impact of Covid and any potential impacts of Brexit. Any conclusions that had been drawn at the time of the meeting would be constantly reassessed throughout the plan period.
- X. Officers noted that this was an important but difficult question as there was no clear answer. It was remarked that the planning service would attempt understand to the data that is driving any change to allow the best policies to be put in place.

A need for the GCSPS to be clear on how people can feed into the Local Plan process and the Call for Sites if they are unable to attend the workshops.

Chair Tumi Hawkins issued a thank you to all officers involved for their hard work, in addition, Vice-Chair Katie Thornburrow highlighted and thanked all officers for going above and beyond with the public consultation process to ensure all residents had an opportunity to feed into the process, All members of the JLPAG seconded these sentiments.

Members of the Joint Local Plan Advisory Group **agreed** by affirmation to:

- Note the initial evidence findings and exploration of options to inform the stakeholder engagement;
- Comment on the approach to the stakeholder engagement and issues that should be considered through the workshops.

The Meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.



Item

Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Proposals (Preferred Options) (Regulation 18) – For consultation

To:

Joint Local Planning Advisory Group 8 September 2021

Report by:

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Wards affected:

All

Key Decision

1. Executive Summary

The First Proposals (Preferred Options) represents the next stage in the preparation of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan being jointly prepared by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The proposed consultation document is supported by a suite of documents and evidence. The First Proposals responds to the First Conversation (Issues and Options) consultation that was undertaken in 2020. It includes: a vision and aims for the plan; the objectively assess needs for jobs and homes; the development strategy proposed for Greater Cambridge for the plan period 2020-2041 and beyond; new site allocations for housing, mixed use and employment development to meet the identified needs; and a suite of ambitious proposed policy approaches to provide a framework for development management decisions that respond to the overarching themes of climate change, biodiversity and green spaces, wellbeing and social inclusion, great places, jobs, homes and infrastructure. The First Proposals make clear that the proposed development strategy is contingent upon there being clear evidence that water supply challenges can be addressed before the plan moves to the draft plan stage. It is proposed that public consultation takes place between 1 November and 13 December 2021.

2. Recommendations

The JLPAG is recommended to recommend to the decision maker in Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council that they:

1. Agree the Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Proposals (preferred options) (Regulation 18) (Appendix A) for public consultation;
2. Note the First Proposals Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix B) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appendix C) and agree them as supporting documents to the First Proposals that will also be subject to public consultation;
3. Agree the following supporting documents to the public consultation:
 - (a) Topic papers for each theme (Appendix D)
 - (b) Statement of Consultation, including the Councils' consideration of and responses to representations received to the Issues and Options consultation 2020 (Appendix E);
 - (c) Duty to Cooperate Statement of Compliance (Appendix F);
 - (d) Draft Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground (attached at Appendix G)
 - (e) Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendix H);
4. Agree the findings of the following background document that has informed the First Proposals and is proposed to accompany the public consultation:
 - (a) Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (Appendix I);
5. Note the findings of the following background documents that have informed the First Proposals and are proposed to accompany the public consultation (see Background documents to this report):
 - (a) Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Conversation (issues and options) (Regulation 18) data release published September 2020
 - (b) Interim Evidence published in November 2020

- (c) New Evidence published August 2021;
6. Agree that any subsequent material amendments be made by the Lead Member for Planning Policy in Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, in consultation with respective Chairs and Spokes;
 7. Agree that any subsequent minor amendments and editing changes that do not materially affect the content be delegated to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning Policy in Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, in consultation with respective Chairs and Spokes.

3. Background

The Greater Cambridge Local Plan is being jointly prepared by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The timetable for the local plan was set out in the adopted Greater Cambridge Local Development Scheme (July 2020), which includes public consultation on the preferred options (under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012) taking place in summer/autumn 2021.

Several stages of public consultation and engagement have already taken place as set out in section 5 of this report and in the Consultation Statement for the First Proposals (preferred options) contained as Appendix E to this report. In particular consultation was undertaken on the First Conversation in early 2020, which set out issues and options for the plan for comment the responses from which as listed in the background documents in section 6, which includes a link to the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website where they can be read in full. Stakeholder engagement was undertaken in autumn 2020 alongside the publication of a first tranche of interim evidence as well as options for growth levels in jobs and homes and also spatial development options.

Current stage

The First Proposals form the preferred options stage in the preparation of the Local Plan, for public consultation. This will enable the councils to receive comments on the proposed way forward for the plan before the Councils move to the next stage of a fully worked up draft Local Plan for consultation. These stages form part of the Regulation 18 stage of plan making, which is

described as the 'preparation' stage of the plan and still offers the councils the opportunity to amend the plan in light of comments received. It precedes the formal stage of 'publication' of a local plan at Regulation 19 by which time the plan must be the plan that the councils intend to submit for independent examination.

The First Proposals are informed by the interim evidence and also a further tranche of evidence that is published alongside this report and listed either as appendices to this report in section 7 where they are prepared by council officers or where they will form supporting documents as part of the public consultation, or as background papers to this report in section 6 where they are documents prepared by others, mainly commissioned by the councils specifically to inform the local plan. The results of the First Conversation consultation has also been considered.

Local Plan Themes

The seven Themes identified for the Local Plan in the First Conversation have been carried forward into the First Proposals as the structure for the emerging plan, with the addition of a Strategy Theme at the start. The First Proposals are therefore structured around the following:

- Strategy
- Climate change
- Biodiversity and green spaces
- Wellbeing and social inclusion
- Great Places
- Jobs
- Homes
- Infrastructure

The First Proposals (Preferred Options) consultation document is contained in Appendix A to this report. A Topic Paper has been prepared for each Theme (see Appendix D) to provide more background and context for the proposals in the consultation document. The First Proposals set out the proposed policies to be included in the draft Local Plan, and provide information on what the policy will do, the proposed policy direction, information on why the policy is needed, the alternatives that were considered (which is a requirement of the Sustainability Appraisal that must accompany the plan, see Appendix B), lists the supporting topic paper and relevant evidence studies, and the existing policies that may exist in the adopted 2018 Local Plans.

Local Plan Vision

The vision for the new plan is proposed to be:

“We want Greater Cambridge to be a place where a big decrease in our climate impacts comes with a big increase in the quality of everyday life for all our communities. New development must reduce carbon emissions and reliance on the private car; create thriving neighbourhoods with the variety of jobs and homes we need; increase nature, wildlife and green spaces; and safeguard our unique heritage and landscapes.

Our Plan takes inspiration from what is unique about our area, and embraces the bold new approaches that will help us achieve this vision.”

The vision is supported by a series of aims, framed around the plan Themes.

Development Strategy

The Development Strategy for the plan starts by identifying the objectively assessed needs for Greater Cambridge for jobs and homes, which having regard to the findings of our evidence and our consideration of that in the context of national planning policy and guidance we have concluded is:

- 58,500 jobs
- 44,400 homes, reflecting an annual objectively assessed need of 2,111 homes per year, which is rounded for the plan.

This is a higher number of homes than would be the case under the government’s standard method for calculating the minimum number of homes, but reflects the most likely number of jobs to be provided in the area during the plan period 2020-2041 and all the homes to support them that are above the standard method. The standard method is rejected as it would not support the most likely forecast for future jobs. As such we do not consider that it represents our objectively assessed need. If we do not reflect the anticipated level of jobs growth, it would lead to increased commuting into the area (with consequent impacts on quality of life, wellbeing and carbon emissions objectives for the plan).

The First Proposals then confirm the intention to plan for a housing requirement that comprises the full objectively assessed need. It is also proposed to plan for an approximately 10% buffer to give some flexibility and greater confidence in delivering the number of homes required. There is already a substantial supply of housing committed in our current 2018 Local Plans and through planning permissions and windfalls totalling some 37,200 homes. This leaves some 11,600 homes to plan for in the new plan.

The proposed development strategy takes up opportunities to use brownfield land and responds to opportunities created by proposed major new infrastructure. It proposes a limited number of new sites in the most sustainable locations. The Strategy proposes:

Within the city of Cambridge our strategy proposes:

- North East Cambridge – a compact city district on brownfield land already identified for development, including a mix of jobs and homes;
- The University Innovation District centred on West Cambridge/Eddington – supporting the continued development of this area, including encouraging a mix of uses to create a vibrant campus;
- Smaller new sites for housing and employment well-integrated with existing neighbourhoods;
- Continuing existing sites and areas of major change allocated in the previous plan that we still expect to be delivered;
- Continuing existing opportunity areas and identifying new ones;
- Windfall development – an allowance for homes on unallocated land, which would be consistent with the other policy requirements in the Plan.

On the edge of Cambridge we propose:

- Cambridge East – a new mixed-use district on the existing safeguarded land at Cambridge Airport;
- Supporting the nationally important Cambridge Biomedical Campus, including through a limited release of land from the Green Belt;
- Using land more effectively at North West Cambridge through intensifying development within the existing boundary of the site;
- Continuing development at existing strategic sites allocated in previous plans, for example at Darwin Green.

For our new settlements, we propose:

- Evolving and expanding Cambourne into a vibrant town alongside the development of the new East West Rail station, which will make it one of the best connected and most accessible places in the area; and
- Continuing development at the new settlements of Northstowe, Waterbeach and Bourn Airfield allocated in previous plans – including faster housing delivery rates at the new towns of Northstowe and Waterbeach, so that more homes are provided by 2041 without an increase in the overall amount of development proposed.

We propose some development in the rural area south of Cambridge, the Rural Southern Cluster, where homes and jobs can be located close to each

other and served by good quality public transport, cycling and walking links, including:

- Employment and tied housing at the Wellcome Genome Campus expansion – confirming the existing planning permission;
- Additional employment at Babraham Research Campus, through releasing the Campus and a modest area of additional land from the Green Belt;
- New smaller sites for housing and employment in villages that have very good public transport access and are close to jobs, some of which are through release of land from the Green Belt; and
- Continuing allocations for existing sites allocated in previous plans;

In the rest of the rural area, we propose a very limited amount of development:

- Small new sites for housing and employment at villages that have very good public transport access, to help our rural communities thrive;
- New employment sites in the countryside meeting specific business needs; and
- Windfall development - an allowance for homes on unallocated land, which would need to be consistent with policy requirements in the Plan, including Policy SS/SH: Settlement Hierarchy, which sets out scales of development in different categories of village.

Consistent with the new National Planning Policy Framework, our vision for Greater Cambridge looks not only to the plan period of 2041, but well beyond to 2050, reflecting that significant development identified in our strategy will continue beyond the plan period from the range of strategic sites identified.

New sites

The Call for Sites process led to 692 sites being submitted by landowners and site promoters for housing and employment development. These have been fully assessed in the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA, see Appendix I). Over 300 potential further sites were identified from other sources but screened out at an early stage, with 38 being added for full testing. A total of 730 sites were subject to full assessment in the HELAA. 19 new sites are actually proposed in the First Proposals – this is 3% of the total sites that were assessed.

Ensuring a deliverable plan – Water supply

It is really important that the plan we ultimately prepared and take forward meets the government's soundness tests, which include that it is 'positively prepared' which mean meeting objectively assessed needs where it is consistent with achieving sustainable development, and that it is 'effective' which means that it is deliverable over the plan period. Our evidence confirms

the challenges that exist with sustainable water supply in this area identified in the interim evidence published in autumn 2020.

Water Resources East is currently preparing its Water Management Plan for the region to cover the period 2050, expected to be published for consultation in 2022. It is understood that this will include planning for significant new infrastructure in the form of a new Fenland reservoir, alongside other measures, to provide water supply that is designed to address both environmental and growth needs. However, on current timelines this will only be available to supply water from the mid 2030's. Until such new strategic resources are delivered, there are short/medium term risks that ongoing growth will cause further deterioration to the chalk aquifer and habitats in the chalk streams which flow into Cambridge. The solutions could lie in measures such as sourcing more water from other locations that do not rely on the aquifer and seeking maximum efficiency in water use and further reducing wastage through leakage. This approach could have dual benefits in reducing pressures from existing development and meeting short/medium term risks until the mid 2030s.

However, until more is known about the proposals for water supply that will be contained in the new regional Water Management Plan, there remains some uncertainty whether water supplies can be provided in a way that is sufficient for the full objectively assessed needs to be able to be delivered in a sustainable way throughout the plan period. This is an issue for a much wider area than Greater Cambridge, but our plan is the first to confront the latest issues. Clearly the hope is that the water industry, supported by government, will set out its intentions for positively addressing this key infrastructure issue at an early point in the ongoing plan making process that provide confidence that adequate water supply will be available to support delivery of the preferred options, before the next stage of a full draft Local Plan. However, given the situation at the current time, the First Proposals is very clear that the proposed strategy is contingent upon evidence being available during the preparation of the new plan that demonstrates that a sustainable water supply will be provided to support the preferred option.

The Councils have been, and continue to, engage with the relevant bodies responsible for water supply planning, including Water Resources East, the Water Companies and the Environment Agency to ensure they understand the significance of the issue. We are taking every opportunity to raise this at the most senior level with all key parties, including government through its focus on the OxCam Spatial Framework, that will also have to address this issue.

Policies to deliver on the plan's Theme

The First Proposals include a range of policies under each key Theme to provide a policy framework for planning applications to be determined. These include, for example, ambitious policies for net zero carbon buildings and water efficient new developments, policies to deliver improvements in biodiversity and new green infrastructure, healthy and inclusive new developments, a suite of policies to ensure great places through high quality design, policies to support a wide a diverse economy as well as the clusters of research & development and life science businesses, policies to secure affordable housing in new developments as well as a range in the types of housing to meet local needs, and policies to ensure transport to serve development is increasingly focused on reducing use of the private car and maximising use of active travel by foot or cycle or by high quality public transport as well as a range of digital infrastructure.

4. Implications

a) Financial Implications

The Local Plan budget identifies known and planned work in the preparation of each stage of the plan. Local plans are complex statutory documents and unforeseen issues can arise through preparation of the plan, including through evidence commissioned or prepared, responses to consultations and analysis of them. As such there is a need for the budget to be able to be responsive to such circumstances in order to prepare a plan that meets the soundness tests set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and ultimately is fit for independent public examination.

b) Staffing Implications

It is important that there is appropriate resourcing of the local plan through the ongoing stages of preparation.

c) Equality and Poverty Implications

The preferred options has been subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment (see Appendix H).

d) Net Zero Carbon, Climate Change and Environmental Implications

The Climate Change Rating Tool has not been applied, as the plan is subject to a more detailed Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Process. The First Proposals have also been informed by the Net Zero Carbon Study. Policies are proposed which would require buildings to meet net zero carbon standards, including meeting their energy needs on site where possible. Transport is the biggest generator of carbon from new development, and the development strategy proposed seeks to focus

development where there are opportunities for travel by active modes or public transport.

e) Procurement Implications

None

f) Community Safety Implications

The preferred options includes policies to ensure that future development provides a safe and healthy environment for local communities, including in terms of such issues as highway safety, noise, air quality and contaminated land.

5. Consultation and communication considerations

The local plan is accompanied by a Statement of Consultation at each stage in its preparation to set out what consultation has taken place in preparing the next version of the plan. The Consultation Statement for the First Proposals (preferred options) is contained as Appendix E to this report.

In summary the Greater Cambridge Local Plan has already been subject to several stages of public consultation and engagement. Workshops with a range of stakeholders were held in summer/autumn 2019 to understand key aspirations for each interest group through identification of challenges and opportunities. The First Conversation (issues and options) was subject to public consultation in early 2020 and the responses received have informed the preferred options document. Responses to the issues raised in representations are included in the Consultation Statement and by theme as appendices to each Topic Paper. Two Call for Sites were undertaken, in 2019 and as part of the First Conversation consultation. These have been addressed in the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (see Appendix I). Further stakeholder engagement took place in autumn 2020 alongside publication of an interim tranche of evidence and consideration of a range of growth level options and spatial development options. A survey was also undertaken with Parish Councils and Residents Associations on the call for sites submissions seeking any local information they had on a range of technical issues.

The Local Plan First Proposals (preferred options) is proposed to be subject to public consultation to invite responses to these proposals from residents and businesses as well as stakeholders and other organisations. Consultation is anticipated to be held 1 November to 13 December 2021. The consultation is anticipated to include the following:

- Digital first presentation of plan – learning from lessons from North East Cambridge Area Action Plan and the First Conversation consultations in 2020

- Local Plan First Proposals and all supporting information and evidence to be provided on the Greater Cambridge Planning website
- Webinars open to all
- Presentations at Area Committees, Parish Forums, Community Forums
- Targeted face to face (if possible, COVID-19 situation will continue to be monitored) sessions with key under-represented groups – young people, minority communities, lower income people, Gypsy and Traveller community
- A briefing pack and training for members to be able to facilitate their own meetings
- Survey-style comment format and ability to leave detailed technical comments
- Extensive publicity on social and traditional media
- Public Notice in the Cambridge Independent

6. Background papers

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

Evidence base

Strategy

Title and Author	Date published
Review & Economic Evidence Base Study (GL Hearn, with SQW, Cambridge Econometrics, and Icen Projects)	November 2020
Housing and Employment Relationships Report (GL Hearn with Icen Projects, Justin Gardner and Cambridge Econometrics)	November 2020
Housing Delivery Study for Greater Cambridge (AECOM) (DRAFT)	August 2021
Housing Delivery Study for Greater Cambridge – Interim Findings (AECOM) , including strategic spatial options assessment	November 2020
Transport Evidence Report - Preferred Options Update (DRAFT) (Cambridgeshire County Council)	August 2021
Existing Transport Conditions Report (Cambridgeshire County Council Transport Infrastructure Policy and Funding Team)	November 2020

Title and Author	Date published
Strategic spatial options assessment: Strategic Heritage Impact Assessment - Supplement (Chris Blandford Associates)	August 2021
Strategic spatial options assessment: Implications for carbon emissions - Supplement (Bioregional and Etude)	August 2021
Strategic spatial options assessment: Integrated Water Management Study - Supplement (Stantec)	August 2021
Strategic spatial options assessment Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping - Supplement (Land Use Consultants)	August 2021
Strategic spatial options assessment: Habitats Regulations Assessment - Supplement (Land Use Consultants)	August 2021
Strategic spatial options assessment: Landscape & Townscape - Supplement (Chris Blandford Associates)	August 2021
Strategic spatial options appraisal: Employment - Supplement (GL Hearn, with SQW, Cambridge Econometrics, and Icen Projects)	August 2021
Strategic spatial options assessment: Infrastructure Delivery Plan - Supplement (Stantec)	August 2021
<u>Development Strategy Options – Summary Report (Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service)</u>	November 2020
<u>Strategic spatial options for testing – methodology document (Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service)</u>	November 2020
<u>Strategic spatial options assessment: Implications for carbon emissions (Bioregional and Etude)</u>	November 2020
<u>Strategic spatial options assessment: Integrated Water Management Study (Stantec)</u>	November 2020
<u>Strategic spatial options assessment: Transport Evidence report (Cambridgeshire County Council Transport Infrastructure Policy and Funding Team)</u>	November 2020
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<u>Strategic spatial options assessment: Viability Assessment (Aspinall Verdi)</u>	November 2020
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Climate Change

Title and Author	Date published
Net Zero Carbon Evidence Base - Non Technical Summary (Bioregional, Etude and Currie & Brown)	August 2021
Net Zero Carbon Study - Defining Net Zero Carbon (Bioregional, Etude and Currie & Brown)	August 2021
Net Zero Carbon Study - Carbon Reduction Targets (Bioregional, Etude and Currie & Brown)	August 2021
Net Zero Carbon Study - Policy Recommendations (Bioregional, Etude and Currie & Brown)	August 2021
Net Zero Carbon Study - Technical Feasibility (Bioregional, Etude and Currie & Brown)	August 2021
Net Zero Carbon Study - Cost Report (Bioregional, Etude and Currie & Brown)	August 2021
Net Zero Carbon Study – Offsetting (Bioregional, Etude and Currie & Brown)	August 2021
Cambridgeshire Renewables Infrastructure Framework (Cambridgeshire Horizons)	2012
Integrated Water Management Study - Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Stantec)	August 2021
Integrated Water Management Study - Outline Water Cycle Strategy (Stantec)	August 2021

Biodiversity and green spaces

Title and Author	Date published
Greater Cambridge Landscape Character Assessment (Chris Blandford Associates)	August 2021
Cambridge Green Belt Study (Land Use Consultants)	August 2021
Greater Cambridge Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping Recommendations (Land Use Consultants)	August 2021
Greater Cambridge Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping Baseline Report (Land Use Consultants)	November 2020

Wellbeing and social inclusion

Title and Author	Date published
No Specific documents	-

Great places

Title and Author	Date published
Cambridge Strategic Heritage Impact Assessment (Chris Blandford Associates)	August 2021

Jobs

Title and Author	Date published
Greater Cambridge Retail and Leisure study – Baseline (Hatch Regeneris and Urban Shape)	August 2021
Greater Cambridge Retail and Leisure - First Proposals Interim Findings (Hatch Regeneris and Urban Shape)	August 2021
Greater Cambridge Creative Business and Cultural Production Workspace: Specifications and Practical Requirements Study (LDA Design)	August 2021
Understanding demand for B8 premises across Greater Cambridge (WSP)	August 2021

Homes

Title and Author	Date published
Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk Housing Needs of Specific Groups (GL Hearn) (DRAFT)	August 2021
Housing Needs of Specific Groups - Addendum for Greater Cambridge (GL Hearn) (DRAFT)	August 2021

Title and Author	Date published
Build to Rent Market in Greater Cambridge and West Suffolk (Savills)	June 2020
Build to Rent Market Strategic Overview and Summary of Site-Specific Appraisals (Arc4)	March 2021
North East Cambridge Market Demand Appraisal Build to Rent (Arc4)	March 2021
Bourn Airfield Market Demand Appraisal Build to Rent (Arc4)	March 2021
Northstowe Market Demand Appraisal Build to Rent (Arc4)	March 2021
Waterbeach Market Demand Appraisal Build to Rent (Arc4)	March 2021
Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2019-2023: Homes for Our Future and Annexes 1-8 (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council)	April 2019
Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy Annexe 9: Build to Rent (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council)	June 2021
Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy Annexe 10: Clustering and Distribution of Affordable Housing (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council)	June 2021
Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy Annexe 11: Setting of Affordable Rents (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council)	June 2021

Infrastructure

Title and Author	Date published
Viability Study and Assessment Interim Report (Aspinall Verdi)	To follow
Infrastructure Delivery Plan Interim Report (Stantec)	To follow

First Conversation consultation results

Title	Date published
First Conversation consultation and Call for Sites data release – summary report	September 2020
Comments received via the GCSPS website	September 2020
Comments received via the Opus 2 consult system and through email	September 2020
Comments received via the Opus 2 consult system and through email (full records on our consultation site - scroll to question and use search icon to view comments)	September 2020

Call for Sites results

Title	Date published
First Conversation consultation and Call for Sites data release – summary report	September 2020
Site submissions (interactive map)	September 2020
Map of sites submitted across the whole of Greater Cambridge	September 2020
Map of sites submitted – Cambridge City	September 2020
Site submissions	September 2020
Site submissions (please see records for question 2 on our consultation site)	September 2020

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8. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report contact, tel: 01954 713183, email: LocalPlan@greatercambridgeplanning.org

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