



Cambridge City Council

Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 27 June 2023

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ [access the building via Peashill entrance]

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Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee Members: Nestor (Chair), Baigent (Vice-Chair), Bick, S. Davies, Divkovic, Porrer and Swift

Alternates: Griffin, Glasberg, Lee, Payne and Pounds

Executive Councillors: Thornburrow (Executive Councillor for Planning and Infrastructure)

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PLANNING AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 January 2023

5.30 - 8.10 pm

Present: Councillors S. Smith (Chair), Baigent (Vice-Chair), Bick, S. Davies, Herbert, Porrer, Scutt, Smart and Swift

Executive Councillors:

Officers:

Director of Planning and Economic Development: Stephen Kelly

Delivery Manager (Strategic Sites): Phillipa Kelly

Planning Policy Manger: Jon Dixon

Strategy and Economy Manager: Caroline Hunt

Principal Planning Policy Officer: Nancy Kimberley

Principal Planning Policy Officer: Jenny Nuttycombe

Senior Policy Officer (Economic Development): Mark Deas

Committee Manager: Claire Tunncliffe

Meeting Producer: Boris Herzog

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

23/1/PnT Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

23/2/PnT Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Interest
Councillor Baigent	All	Personal: Member of Cambridge Cycling Campaign
Councillor Porrer	23/5/PnT	Personal: Employed by Cambridge University

23/3/PnT Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 04 October 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

23/4/PnT Public Questions

A member of the public asked the following questions as set out below.

Q1: What discussions have Cambridge City Council Executive Councillors and senior executives had with Anglia Ruskin University and other higher education institutions about bringing in town planning courses delivered in Cambridge that might help deal with the chronic shortage of town planners in the Greater Cambridge Planning Service? Please include any references to part-time and evening classes, and any conversations about retraining adults who would like to switch careers.

In response the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure said the following:

Across the UK, planning authorities are facing continued challenges in recruiting and retaining planning officers. Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCPS) was not immune to this challenge but was pleased to say that there were 41 planning officers dealing with planning applications.

Successful recruitment meant that only 4 posts are vacant currently, and 5 posts are filled by contract or temporary staff, primarily funded by Planning Performance Agreements to address specific projects.

Like most Planning Authorities, the shortage of experienced and specialist planning and related professionals continued to present challenges as competition with the private sector for these people remains high. GCPS was nevertheless participating in South Cambridgeshire District Council's 3-month pilot of the four-day week with the explicit objective of helping to improve the recruitment and retention offer provided by the public sector.

GCSP was one of the authorities who supported the Royal Town Planning Institute in the development and accreditation of the Planning Apprenticeship programme and alongside our continued support for post graduate entry into the profession (with two of the team recently passing their post graduate qualification in Town planning), the Shared Planning Services expected to promote 6 new planning apprentices across the service in 2023. This was subject to a bid for their employment within GCSP with the view of rotating the apprentices across the various functions in the planning service. This would create capacity for agency workers to be replaced by the more experienced team members.

To this end, a meeting had been held in September 2022 with Anglian Ruskin University at a high level to outline the proposal. ARU have undertaken to assist with recruitment which would commence after April of 2023, in readiness for the start of the new academic year in September 2023. The business team within ARU would provide advice, assistance and practical help.

GCSP have previously raised the issue informally with Anglia Ruskin University that planners based in Greater Cambridge have a difficult journey to reach the ARU town planning course based in Chelmsford. Clearly, moving an entire department from its base of some 30+ years to Cambridge would be a major issue for them, and we do not expect this to happen. It is however acknowledged following the increased uptake of working from home, potential apprentices may be located further afield.

Supplementary public question:

The MP for St Albans recently tabled a parliamentary question to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up and Communities on the costs that Local Authorities (LA) occur regarding large planning applications. The LA staff costs were far greater than what the developers paid in fees. The Secretary of State had confirmed he would meet with the MP for St Albans to discuss how this issue could be resolved. Would ask that that both Cambridge City Council and SCDC were kept up to date on the outcome of that discussion.

The Executive Councillor stated that the Councils were very aware of the matter raised and were keen to know the outcome of the planning fees issue raised with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up and Communities.

Q2: Could council officers and/or the executive councillor provide an update on any proposed new large concert hall and other city and region wide cultural and leisure infrastructure such as a new Lido, outdoor swimming pool, indoor swimming pool and/or Arts Centre at the Milton Road Garage Site that's part of the North East Cambridge development site and the Beehive Centre. It was vital that all large redevelopment sites provided a usable leisure facility or green open spaces.

The Executive Councillor for Planning and Infrastructure responded with the following:

Both Councils were committed to supporting the provision of cultural facilities to meet local needs, and would be commissioning more evidence on this topic, and developing an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to accompany the draft Local Plan.

With regard to concert venues, a comprehensive response had been provided in [response to a written question to Council 26 May 2022](#), highlighting significant existing provision.

Regarding swimming pools, the Councils are currently updating the Indoor Sports Facility Strategy 2015-2031 which includes indoor swimming pool provision to ensure we have the most up to date information about needs in Greater Cambridge.

The Proposed Submission North East Cambridge AAP did not include provision on site but would seek contributions to support investment in swimming in the City. A visual / performing arts hub is identified as a requirement in the Proposed Submission AAP.

Regarding the Milton Road Garage Site specifically, based on engagement with the landowner, it was not likely that they would bring forward a new swimming pool on the site during the plan period or beyond. Therefore, even if it was identified in our plans, without an acquisition of the site, potentially through the councils using their Compulsory Purchase Order powers, the AAP would be likely to be considered unsound by an independent inspector if it proposed a new swimming pool in this location.

Consideration of the Beehive Centre site proposals would be guided the current Local Plan, the open spaces on site were part of the ongoing discussions with the developers before a submission was made.

Supplementary Public Question:

Concerned the North East Cambridge development had some of the most economically deprived wards in the City and leisure provision was a must, particularly for children.

The lack of swimming pools in the city would become an issue as the City

expanded. Recent documents from Cambridge University had shown that that a swimming pool was not a priority for their West Cambridge development.

There was an absence of a public swimming pool in South Cambridge despite the planning permission to the Purse School which would have primarily a private pool with very limited access for the public.

Councillors and Officers needed to appeal to the developers / landowners to change their applications or appeal to the wealthy private sector to purchase land and install such leisure facilities.

The Executive Councillor noted the public speaker's concerns which were valued. If the evidence confirmed what had been said, hoped that this would seriously be considered on how to change the provision.

23/5/PnT Authority Monitoring Report for Greater Cambridge 2021-2022

Matter for Decision

The report referred to the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) for Greater Cambridge 2021-2022

Decision of the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

- i. Agreed the Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council - Authority Monitoring Report for Greater Cambridge 2021-2022 (included as Appendix A) for publication on the Councils' websites.
- ii. Delegated any further minor editing changes to the Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council - Authority Monitoring Report for Greater Cambridge 2021-2022 to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport.

Reason for the Decision

As set out in the Officer's report.

Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Scrutiny Considerations

The Committee received a report from the Senior Policy Planning Officer.

In response to Member's questions the Senior Planning Officer, Planning Policy Manager and Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development said the following:

- i. The development of large wet lab spaces throughout the City would be monitored by planning permissions.
- ii. Acknowledged that change of use for retail units that did not require planning permission could be difficult to monitor. Options had been considered as to how it could be monitored such as available commercial data sets to determine if there was any information available, but this could be expensive. Physical surveys of every site could in theory be undertaken by officers but was not likely to be cost effective.
- iii. As part of the Cambridge Local Plan Policy (CLPP) six district centres were monitored which had shown around 55% of those units remained as retail in the sub centres.
- iv. Additional information was also used in conjunction with the CLP, consultants were used to provide additional information on retail, using a wide range of resources such as information on changing economy when looking at the change of use.
- v. Officers had considered how it might be possible to collect information using a number of different service and organisations data bases to improve monitoring however some information would be covered under data protection regulations and data formatting meant that technology available to the service was not currently capable of such analysis.
- vi. There had been no contact from residents' groups in Cambridge City to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan, except for South Newnham, despite the Service Website promoting Neighbourhood Planning. This was different in South Cambridgeshire where several Parish Councils had elected to produce Neighbourhood Plans.
- vii. The Council continued to use S106 funding streams rather than the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) but would be reviewing the merits of this approach, and the costs levied against a backdrop of suggested change by Government to a new Development Levy.
- viii. Density was measured when the sites had been completed which varied year on year dependent on the size of site.
- ix. To support the 2018 Local Plan, a Playing Pitch and Indoor Facility Strategy had been commissioned which included swimming pools. An update of these strategies would be prepared to test the proposals for the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan.
- x. Evidence would be updated regarding the open space standards and green infrastructure needs which should be ready to present later in the year.

- xi. The reported increase in amenity space of 3000sq m of D1 floorspace was as follows:
 - 1700sq m for a new library at Magdalene College, not open to the public
 - Day nurse at Homerton College not publicly accessible.
 - New community space at Mill Road depot housing scheme.
 - Extension to Salvation Army Chapel.
- xii. Previous quality of life indicators has presented challenges. For example, the Government ceased the Quality-of-Life survey. Through the emerging Local Plan Officers would have to determine a new set of indicators to look at wellbeing.
- xiii. Officers were undertaking work on 'Placemaking' which could form a focus on quality of life and wellbeing. Work was already underway to understand place metrics through specific datasets which would be presented to the relevant Committee when concluded.
- xiv. The emerging Local Plan would provide guidance on the development of Mitcham's Corner; the service would be happy to meet with the West Chesterton Forum.
- xv. Floor space was being monitored through planning permission and did not consider whether the space was occupied or vacant.

The Committee

The Committee unanimously endorsed the Officer recommendations.

The Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport approved the recommendations.

Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Executive Councillor (and any Dispensations Granted).

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

23/6/PnT Greater Cambridge Joint Local Plan

23/7/PnT Consultation response to the Draft Regional Water Resources Plan for Eastern England

Matter for Decision

The report referred to a joint consultation response with South Cambridgeshire District Council to Water Resources East (WRE) who were consulting upon their first full draft Regional Water Resources Plan.

Decision of the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

- i. Agreed the consultation response to be sent jointly with South Cambridgeshire District Council set out in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report and that this should be sent to Water Resources East.
- ii. Agreed that any subsequent material amendments be agreed by the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure (in consultation with respective Chairs and Spokes).

Reason for the Decision

As set out in the Officer's report.

Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Scrutiny Considerations

The Committee received a report from the Principal Planning Policy Officer.

In response to Member's questions the Principal Planning Policy Officer, Planning Policy Manager and Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development said the following:

- i. The draft WRE plan looks at reductions in abstraction with short term measures to prevent further deterioration of the environment and longer-term measures to enhance the environment.
- ii. To address the impact of the current development; a change was needed in where the water was taken in the longer term and how Cambridge Water with external partners would manage that transition. This was not just a Cambridge specific problem but an issue across the East of England.
- iii. Officers would be working with the Environment Agency looking at ways to improve integrated water management across the region with an understanding on how water planning could be improved for future use.
- iv. Officers would be willing to address the water issues with surrounding local authorities as this was not a single location issue.
- v. Officers were also exploring what could be done locally, engaging with the Lead Local Flood Authority regarding surface water management, which might enable better recharge of the aquifer through slower runoff rates to improve infiltration.
- vi. Officers would continue to address water management while working with local partners to improve the conditions of the chalk streams locally.

- vii. The Water Company Water Resource Management Plans should set out a strategy for the plan period. The plans would then go to the water regulator to look at the cost to the consumer.
- viii. The scrutiny committee was not the forum for considering the Equality Impact Assessment, this was for the regulator to make comment.

The Executive Councillor stated that the chalk streams were not adequately protected. The Ecology Officers were exploring the possibility whether the chalk streams could get international recognition under the Ramsar Convention through an application.

The Water Resources East Board stated that the Water Resources Management Plan should be at an 'enhanced' level not a business-as-usual plan, this was a late decision from the Board.

The Committee

The Committee unanimously endorsed the Officer recommendations.

The Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport approved the recommendations.

Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Executive Councillor (and any Dispensations Granted).

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

23/8/PnT Briefing on Major Infrastructure Projects Covered By Officer Delegation

Matter for Decision

The report referred to an overview of the Nationally Significant Infrastructure (NSIP) projects identified for delegations, and which are known/believed to follow the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, to enable an opportunity for members to express their views to officers.

The relevant projects covered by the delegation were:

- Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Works relocation
- East-West Rail

Decision of the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

- i. Noted this update report in respect of the Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Works relocation and East West Rail.
- ii. Confirmed agreement to an update on GCP infrastructure projects covered by the delegation being provided at the next meeting on 21 March 2023.

Reason for the Decision

As set out in the Officer's report.

Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Scrutiny Considerations

In response to Member's comment the Strategic Sites Delivery Manager and Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development said the following:

- i. The Councils main representations on the proposals would be formalised prior to submission either at Committee or an Out of Cycle Decision approved by the Executive Councillor in consultation with the Chair and Opposition Spokes dependent on time scale.
- ii. The business case for East West Rail was dependent in part on the amount of growth that it unlocks. Initially, it had been advised that this was expected to be centred around the nodes and not be ribbon development along the track.
- iii. Questions would be asked of East West Rail to determine what contribution they would make directly or indirectly in terms of growth in the Bedford to Cambridge corridor.
- iv. It was vital to highlight with East West Rail that development referenced should be treated as part of a sustainable pattern of transport infrastructure to support growth, with careful integration of public transport solutions including with the Greater Cambridge Partnership projects.

Noted the comment that the local representative group set up by East West Rail required improvement and better use of that Forum was needed.

The Committee

Unanimously approved the Officer's recommendation.

23/9/PnT To Note Record of Urgent Decision Taken by the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

23/10/PnT *RoD: Active Travel Strategy Consultation**

The decision was noted.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

CHAIR

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PLANNING AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21 March 2023

5.30 - 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors S. Smith (Chair), D. Baigent (Vice-Chair), Copley, Page-Croft, Pounds, Scutt, Smart and Swift

Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure, Councillor Thornburrow

Officers:

Director of Planning and Economic Development: Stephen Kelly

Assistant Director, Planning and Building Quality: Heather Jones

Delivery Manager (Strategic Sites): Philippa Kelly

Committee Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe

Meeting Producer: Boris Herzog

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

23/11/PnT Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Bick, S Davies, Herbert and Porrer.

Councillors Copley, Page-Croft and Pounds attended as alternates.

23/12/PnT Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Interest
Councillor D Baigent	All	Personal: Member of the Cambridge Cycle Campaign

23/13/PnT Public Questions

There were no public questions.

23/14/PnT Updated Planning Compliance Policy

Matter for Decision

The report referred to combining the enforcement policies of Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council into one united Compliance Policy for Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Services.

Decision of the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

- i. Adopted the unified Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Compliance Policy.

Reason for the Decision

As set out in the Officer's report.

Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Scrutiny Considerations

In response from comments from the Committee, the Assistant Director for Planning and Building Quality and Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development said the following:

- i. The policy centred upon the Planning Legislation and the policy included all the available provisions within the Planning Acts. There was other non-planning legislation which had not been referred to within the policy, but this did not stop officers from considering with colleagues other legislation where appropriate to address compliance matters.
- ii. Where an investigation identified a breach of planning control had occurred, the Town and Country Planning Act provided a range of measures that could be taken by the officers as outlined in Appendix A of the Officer's report.
- iii. A review of the Councils planning portal was being undertaken to identify ways to improve labelling/identification of applications and the mapping systems to support complainants in the early stages of the process.
- iv. Had expected a larger response to the public consultation than the nine received. The consultation had been published on various platforms, circulated to all members and other interested parties and the deadline for response had been extended. Hard copies had also been made available for written responses on request.
- v. The enforcement policy EQIA had regard to potential effects on those with protected characteristics. The action and emphasis aimed to ensure a consistent approach based on material planning considerations.

- vi. The Shared Planning Service (SPS) did not currently collect data on enforcement and protected characteristics due to General Data Protection Regulations. But would look to see if there could be some form of monitoring which could be undertaken.
- vii. Could not comment on individual cases but would be happy to discuss with members outside of the meeting.
- viii. Each case was treated individually. Early intervention was key, which was what officers want to achieve.
- ix. When made aware of planning breaches the objective would be for officers to work with the relevant parties to reach a resolution by consent rather than using formal enforcement measures.
- x. Where there was a sense that the applicant was deliberately breaching planning permission or simply did not engage with the compliance process, the policy would allow the service to move more quickly to undertake formal action.
- xi. With the new system in place, if enforcement breaches were reported on the electronic e-form this automatically created a case in the back-office system and can be allocated to an officer to deal with and respond to on a timely basis.
- xii. If the service had concluded it was not expedient to undertake enforcement, then that would be the decision unless new evidence had been put forward. The enforcement of planning breaches is discretionary and the decision to determine whether action is taken or not rests with officers based upon the evidence in each case.
- xiii. Service standards relating to time scales for response and actions are included but the government is currently consulting on national performance measures for enforcement. The Compliance Policy provided for five working days to respond upon receipt of high priority cases, with ten- and twenty-day response times for medium and low priority cases.
- xiv. Enforcement notices and other formal enforcement actions were shown on the Council's planning portal. Work was being undertaken to enter historic information from both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire on to the portal.
- xv. Another new feature of the Council's planning portal would be the automatic update of information on the compliance issue the individual had submitted online. This would supply the name of an allocated officer and updates when any work or changes had been made.
- xvi. Members of the public could also register on the planning portal to receive notifications of new planning information in a defined search area to help them stay informed.

The Committee

Unanimously endorsed the recommendations as set out in the Officer's report.

The Executive Councillor and Chair thanked the Assistant Director Planning and Building Quality and the team for all hard work and the improvements that had been made.

The Executive Councillor highlighted the considerate contractor scheme which she hoped contractors would sign up to; this allowed residents to work with contractors at an early stage, and Ward Councillors to raise issues.

Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Executive Councillor (and any Dispensations Granted)

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

23/15/PnT Briefing on Greater Cambridge Partnership Infrastructure Projects

Matter for Decision

To give Members an opportunity to ask questions about the officer's progress with applications for the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) projects, this report provided an overview of the projects, (for which the Director for Planning and Economic Development has delegated authority) together with a high-level programme for the projects.

The GCP projects covered by the delegation were as follows:

- i. Cambourne to Cambridge Rapid Transport Route (C2C) public transport corridor project.
- ii. Cambridge South-East Transport Route (CSET) public transport corridor project Phase 2.
- iii. Cambridge Eastern Access public transport corridor project.
- iv. Waterbeach to Cambridge public transport corridor project.
- v. Greater Cambridge Greenways (various routes).

Decision of the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

- i. Noted the update report in respect of the GCP projects identified in criteria (i) to (v) of Paragraph 1.3 of the Officer's report (as shown above).

Reason for the Decision

As set out in the Officer's report.

Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Scrutiny Considerations

In response to Member's comments and questions the Strategic Sites Delivery Manager and the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development said the following:

- i. The Shared Services response and input was determined by the project programmes that were being led by the GCP which were at various stages.
- ii. The dialogue at pre-application stage was not publicly available. These conversations were based around technical advice around planning matters/evidence resting with the Planning Authority. GCP was the project promoter and drew upon SPS advice as required.
- iii. Conversations involving planning policy officers working on the emerging Local Plan had been held. The LPA had referred GCP to its technical studies on the Local Plan and assisted with understanding and interpretation.
- iv. In terms of the Waterbeach to Cambridge public transport corridor project there was a phase one series of interventions that were required before 1600 dwellings approximately had been completed. Officers could not confirm whether the Waterbeach Public Transport Corridor was part of those phase 1 works but would advise further. Until there was a substantive number of residents, the trip effects and the transport mitigation were not required immediately. However, the cycleway enhancements along the A10 had been completed (one part of the mitigation proposals).
- v. Noted the statements read out by Councillor Copley on the projects referenced in the Officer's report.
- vi. Welcomed members views, whether individually or collectively on these projects, which would be taken into consideration as part of the preparation of the Council's responses
- vii. The Council's formal position at the point of statutory consultation would be formed either through the Out of Cycle decision process, approved by the Executive Councillor, in consultation with the Chair and Opposition Spokes or if possible through the Committee – but timelines for responses are fixed and not within the Control of the Council.

- viii. Noted the comment that shared space cycle/pedestrian facilities were not favoured by members - there should be separate pedestrian and cycles ways with clear signage
- ix. Welcomed the comments that good bridle ways should also be considered.

The Committee

- i. By a show of hands (6 votes to 0) to note the update report in respect of the GCP projects identified in criteria (i) to (v) of Paragraph 1.3 of the Officer's report.

The Executive Councillor thanked Councillor S Smith for chairing the committee during the municipal year 2022/23, who had been rigorous in their reading of the emerging Local Plan and committee items. Members appreciated all the input made as Chair.

The Chair thanked all Members for their work for the Committee.

Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Executive Councillor (and any Dispensations Granted).

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

23/16/PnT To Note Record of Urgent Decision Taken by the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

23/16/PnTa ***ROD Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Bus Strategy Consultation Response

The decision was noted.

23/16/PnTb ***ROD: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy

The decision was noted.

23/16/PnTc ***ROD: Huntingdonshire Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report consultation response

The decision was noted.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

CHAIR

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 May 2023
4.50 - 4.50 pm

Present: Councillors Nestor (Chair), Baigent (Vice-Chair), Bick, S. Davies, Porrer and Swift

Executive Councillor: Thornburrow

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

23/17PnT Appointment to Working Party

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the appointments below:

Joint Local Planning Advisory Group

2 Labour, 1 Lib Dem

Councillors – Thornburrow, S.Smith, Porrer

Reserves – Smart, Bick

23/18PnT Appointment to Outside Body

The Scrutiny Committee recommended the following appointments to the Executive Councillor.

The Executive Councillor agreed the appointments.

Members Active Travel Steering Group (formerly Members Cycling and Pedestrian Steering Group)

5 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrat

Councillors – Baigent, Robertson, Thornburrow, Smart, Pounds, Hauk, Levien, Martinelli

The meeting ended at 4.50 pm

CHAIR

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Item

Adopted Local Plans – 5 year review

Key Decision

To:

Councillor Katie Thornburrow, Executive Councillor for Planning, Building Control and Infrastructure

Planning & Transport Scrutiny Committee 27 June 2023

Report by:

Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development
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Wards affected:

All

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Local plans must be reviewed at least every five years from the date of a plan's adoption. In autumn 2023 it will be five years since the Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans were adopted and, therefore, a review of both has been undertaken, as set out in this report and its appendices. However, both plans will be replaced by the joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP), preparation of which began in 2019 and, consequently, the main purpose of undertaking a review of an adopted plan has already been met.
- 1.2 The key purpose of this current review, therefore, is to assess whether there are any relevant changes in national policy that might have a bearing on the weight accorded to adopted policies in determining development proposals, prior to the adoption of the emerging GCLP. The outcome of the review is that the majority of policies in both adopted plans remain consistent with national policy and, therefore, can be given full weight until replaced by policies in the GCLP. The small number of exceptions relate to those policy areas identified by the local

plan Inspectors as not fully addressing the requirements of national policy, or concern subsequent changes to national policy.

2. Recommendations

2.1. The Executive Councillor is recommended to:

- i. Agree the Local Plan Five Year Review Covering Report and appendix regarding the Cambridge Local Plan 2018
- ii. Agree that any subsequent material amendments be made by the Executive Member for Planning and Transport, in consultation with Chair and Spokes
- iii. 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 Executive Member for Planning and Transport, in consultation with Chair and Spokes.

3. Background

3.1 It is a statutory requirement for all local plans to be reviewed at least every five years from the date of a plan's adoption¹. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) says in this regard that 'policies in local plans and spatial development strategies should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years, and should then be updated as necessary'².

3.2 The current Cambridge Local Plan was adopted in October 2018, while the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was adopted a month earlier in September 2018. As it will be five years in autumn 2023 since the plans were adopted, a review of both plans' policies has been undertaken to meet the requirement to do so within this time period.

¹ In accordance with Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended in 2018.

² NPPF, paragraph 33.

- 3.3 As we have already commenced a review the adopted local plans in the form of the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan, the principal purpose of undertaking a review of the adopted plans – to assess whether they need updating – has already been met. However, while it has been decided that the adopted plan policies will be replaced, until the new joint plan is adopted their statutory status in determining development proposals remains unchanged.
- 3.4 A key purpose of this current review is to assess whether there are any relevant changes in national policy that need to be taken into account, which could impact on the weight attached to them.

4. The Policy Review

- 3.5 The policy review can be found in appendix A of this committee report. The report explains the background to the review, recognising the particular context of the preparation of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan to replace the two adopted plans. Against this background, the approach taken to the review is explained, while the review of policies itself is included in the form of a table for each plan, appended to the report.
- 3.6 The outcome of the review is that the majority of policies in both adopted plans remain consistent with national policy and, therefore, can be given full weight until replaced by policies in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. There are a small number of policies that are generally consistent with national policy, but do not fully reflect more recent changes to national planning policy or legislation since the adoption of the Local Plans, but they do not prevent those changes being taken into account when determining planning applications.
- 3.7 Both Council's Local Plans will be more than five years old from autumn 2023 and the Councils recognise the need to update their housing requirements through preparation of the new joint Local Plan. In these circumstances reflecting national planning guidance calculation of five year housing land supply should be made against the government standard method. Based on the latest housing trajectory a five year

supply has been identified and it is anticipated that there will be a rolling five-year housing land supply going forwards when calculated in this way.

5. Implications

a) Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications of this policy review. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan review has already commenced.

b) Staffing Implications

There are no specific financial implications of this policy review. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan review has already commenced. The Local Plan is currently anticipated to be delivered within our existing staffing establishment. This will be kept under review alongside other work priorities.

c) Equality and Poverty Implications

There are no specific implications of this policy review. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan review has already commenced, and is being informed by equalities impact assessment.

d) Net Zero Carbon, Climate Change and Environmental Implications

The Climate Change Rating Tool has not been applied. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan review has already commenced and is exploring policy approaches informed by a Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Process.

e) Procurement Implications

There are no procurement implications as a result of this report.

f) Community Safety Implications

There are no specific community safety implications of this policy review. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan review has already commenced. The Local Plan provides an opportunity to address aspects of community safety that can be influenced by the physical environment.

6. Consultation and communication considerations

There are no specific consultation and communication implications of this policy review. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan review has already commenced and is subject to a significant programme of consultation.

7. Background papers

Background papers used in the preparation of this report include:

[Cambridge Local Plan 2018](#)

[South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018](#)

[National Planning Policy Framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

8. Appendices

Appendix A Cambridge Local Plan 2018 and South Cambridgeshire
Local Plan 2018 Policy Review of the Adopted Local Plans
for Greater Cambridge

9. Inspection of papers

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APPENDIX A



Cambridge City Council and South
Cambridgeshire District Council

Policy Review of the Adopted Local Plans for Greater Cambridge

June 2023



Cambridge Local Plan 2018 and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018

Policy Review of the Adopted Local Plans for Greater Cambridge

Executive Summary

Local plans must be reviewed at least every five years from the date of a plan's adoption. In autumn 2023 it will be five years since the Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans were adopted and, therefore, a review of both plans has been undertaken, as set out in this report and its appendices. Work began on the joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP) in 2019, as set out in the adopted plans, and, consequently, a process for the replacement of both plans is underway.

The key purpose of this current review, therefore, is to assess whether there are any relevant changes in national policy that might have a bearing on the weight accorded to adopted policies in determining development proposals. The outcome of the review is that the vast majority of policies in both adopted plans remain consistent with national policy and, therefore, can be given full weight until replaced by policies in the GCLP. The small number of exceptions principally relate to subsequent changes to national policy.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement for all local plans to be reviewed at least every five years from the date of a plan's adoption¹. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) says in this regard that *'policies in local plans and spatial development strategies should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years, and should then be updated as necessary'*².
- 1.2 The current Cambridge Local Plan was adopted in October 2018, while the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was adopted a month earlier in September 2018. As it will be five years in autumn 2023 since the plans were adopted, a review of both plans' policies has been undertaken to meet the requirement to do so within this time period.

¹ In accordance with Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended in 2018.

² NPPF 2021, paragraph 33.

1.3 This report explains the background to the review, recognising the particular context of the preparation of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan to replace the two adopted plans. Against this background, the approach taken to the review is explained, while the review of policies itself is included in the form of a table for each plan, appended to this report.

2.0 Background to the Local Plans Policy Review

2.1 The NPPF provides further details for a local plan review, stating that it *'should take into account changing circumstances affecting the area, or any relevant changes in national policy. Relevant strategic policies will need updating at least once every five years if their applicable local housing need figure has changed significantly; and they are likely to require earlier review if local housing need is expected to change significantly in the near future'*³. The National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) adds that the review process is a method to ensure that a plan and its policies remain effective⁴.

2.2 Through the Greater Cambridge City Deal the Councils committed to an early review of their local plans. This was in order to establish what impact the anticipated changed infrastructure situation and economic growth in the area might have on housing need and other aspects of spatial and transport planning. In addition, during the public examination hearings into the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, a number of issues were highlighted for specific attention in the next review of the local plans. These relate to the assessment of housing needs, progress in delivering the development strategy and provision to meet the requirements of caravan dwellers. Policies in both adopted plans require that the next full review of each plan should start in 2019 and this is now well underway in the form of a single joint local plan, covering the whole of Greater Cambridge. Once adopted, the new joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan will replace the current adopted plans.

2.3 For these reasons, the principal purpose of undertaking a review of the adopted plans – to assess whether they need updating – has already been met. However, while it has been decided that the adopted plan policies will be replaced, until the new joint plan is adopted their statutory status in determining development proposals remains unchanged. The policy requirement contained within both Local Plans to undertake a review of the plan to commence before the end of 2019, does not mean that after 2019 or on the fifth year anniversary of the adoption of the plans the policies contained

³ Ibid.

⁴ PPG, Plan-Making, paragraph 063.

in them will cease to be part of the development plan or automatically be rendered out of date.⁵

3.0 Approach to the Policy Review

- 3.1 Given the work already underway on the new joint plan, a key purpose of this exercise is to assess whether there are any relevant changes in national policy that need to be taken into account. The NPPF says that planning law requires that applications for planning permission be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The NPPF itself is a material consideration in planning decisions⁶.
- 3.2 The NPPF also states that existing plan policies should not be considered out-of-date simply because they were adopted prior to the publication of the Framework. Due weight should be given to them according to their degree of consistency with the Framework⁷. This assessment is important because the NPPF includes a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which requires consideration of whether the most important policies for determining an application are out-of-date⁸. A policy may become out of date by reason of it being no longer consistent with more recently published national planning policy.
- 3.3 The current version of the NPPF was published in July 2021. Therefore, the adopted plans were prepared and examined against an earlier version. However, the overall changes between versions of the NPPF are not significant and, for this reason, it is to be expected that the majority of the adopted policies remain consistent with national policy.
- 3.4 The tables appended to this report provide a proportionate assessment for the adopted plans of whether each policy is consistent with national policy, addressed initially through the first two columns in the tables. The third column provides the most recent evidence or changed local circumstances concerning the policy topic, in particular how this might inform policies in the new joint local plan. The fourth column sets out which, if any, replacement policies will address the same policy topic in the new plan. The last column gives an overall 'RAG' rating of the adopted policy's consistency with national policy. The table below explains the basis for the rating in each case.

⁵ Policy 9 in the Cambridge Local Plan 2018 and Policy S/13 in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018.

⁶ NPPF 2021, paragraph 2.

⁷ NPPF 2021, paragraph 219.

⁸ NPPF 2021, paragraph 11.

RAG rating colour code	Basis for RAG rating
Green	Policy remains consistent with national policy and can be given full weight until replaced by policies in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP).
Amber	Policy is generally but not wholly consistent with national policy. This might result in reduced weight being given in planning decisions to a policy or parts of a policy that do not remain consistent with national policy, depending on circumstances.
Red	Policy, or part of the policy, is inconsistent with national policy, which is likely to result in reduced weight until replaced by policies in the GCLP.

- 3.5 The outcome of the review is that the majority of policies in both adopted plans remain consistent with national policy (scoring green) and, therefore, can be given full weight until replaced by policies in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. There are a small number of policies that are generally consistent with national policy (scoring amber), but parts of the policy are not considered to fully reflect more recent changes to national planning policy or legislation since the adoption of the Local Plans. The weight given to those parts of the policies may be reduced as a result, depending upon the circumstances of the individual planning decision under consideration.
- 3.6 A particular point of focus for a policy review, as set out in national policy and guidance, is whether local housing need has changed or is expected to change and the consequences of it. As noted in paragraph 2.2 of this report, this is one of the reasons for an early review of the plans.
- 3.7 The Councils' more recent annual report setting out the latest position on housing delivery and supply⁹, concludes that the Councils remain on course to meet their individual housing requirements for 2011-2031 as set out in the adopted plans. Furthermore, together, as Greater Cambridge, the two planning authorities can demonstrate a five year housing land supply based on the housing requirement in the adopted plans, consistent with the approach in the adopted Local Plans.
- 3.8 Both Council's Local Plans will be more than five years old from autumn 2023 and the Councils recognise the need to update their housing requirements through preparation of the new joint Local Plan. The approach contained in

⁹ *Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five Year Housing Land Supply Report*, April 2023.

national planning guidance means that the five year supply calculation will no longer be based on the housing requirement in the adopted plans, but instead on the standard method¹⁰.

- 3.9 In terms of understanding the implications of national policy that will apply once the plans are 5 years old instead of the adopted policies, the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five Year Housing Land Supply Report (April 2023) considered the results of this change in circumstances. The current combined annual housing requirement from the two plans is 1,675 new homes, while the annual requirement based on the standard method calculation is currently 1,770 dwellings. Based on the latest housing trajectory, it is anticipated that there will be a rolling five-year housing land supply going forwards when calculated using the standard method and applying a 5% buffer.
- 3.10 Through preparation of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs will be considered and the extent to which those need can be met consistent with delivery of sustainable development, in particular water supply and housing delivery. The emerging plan and evidence have very limited weight in decision making and do not supersede national policy in respect of the figure of housing need that should be used for calculating five year supply in the period before the new Local Plan is adopted.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 The Councils have met the statutory requirement to review their adopted local plans at least every five years from their adoption. The outcome of the review is that the policies will be updated once replaced by the joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan; and that the majority of policies in both adopted plans remain consistent with national policy and, therefore, these policies can be given full weight until replaced by the new joint plan.

Appendix A: Cambridge Local Plan 2018 – Five Yearly Policy Review

Appendix B: South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 - Five Yearly Policy Review

¹⁰ NPPF 2021, paragraph 74 and footnote 39.

Appendix A

Cambridge Local Plan 2018 – Five Yearly Policy Review

The Spatial Strategy

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
Policy 1: The presumption in favour of sustainable development	Policy 1 remains generally consistent with national policy, although it does not fully reflect the wording of the current NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development (paragraph 11), in particular 11a which adds that in promoting sustainable patterns of development all plans should align growth and infrastructure; improve the environment; mitigate climate change (including by making	The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) indicates that there is no need for a plan to replicate directly the wording in the NPPF in a policy (<i>Plan Making</i> , paragraph 36).	No policy necessary in light of current guidance	The wording of the policy is generally consistent with national policy, but in any case the most recent version of the NPPF can be relied on alongside the NPPF. Local Policies are not required to replicate the NPPF.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	effective use of land in urban areas) and adapt to its effects.			
<p>Policy 2: Spatial strategy for the location of employment development</p>	<p>The NPPF requires strategic plan policies to make sufficient provision for housing and employment needs (paragraph 20). It also says that planning policies should set out a clear economic vision and strategy, which positively and proactively encourages sustainable economic growth; and set criteria, or identify strategic sites, for local and inward investment to match the strategy and to meet anticipated needs over the plan period (paragraph 82). Policy 2 provides a vision for economic</p>	<p>The development strategy needs to be updated to take account of new housing and jobs forecasts to 2041 and beyond.</p>	<p>S/JH: New jobs and homes S/DS: Development strategy</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	growth and allocates sufficient land to meet this. It is, therefore, fully consistent with national policy.			
Policy 3: Spatial strategy for the location of residential development	The NPPF requires strategic plan policies to make sufficient provision for housing and employment needs (paragraph 20) and prepare plans with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development (paragraph 16a). Strategic policy-making authorities should establish a housing requirement figure for their whole area and should identify sufficient sites to meet this requirement (section 5). Policy 3 is	Through preparation of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs will be considered and the extent to which those need can be met consistent with delivery of sustainable development, in particular water supply and housing delivery.	S/JH: New jobs and homes S/DS: Development strategy	The policy is generally consistent with national policy. All aspects of the policy remain green with the exception of: from October 2023 until the new plan is adopted, the five year housing supply requirement will be based on the standard method reflecting the NPPF and the recognition that the housing requirement requires updating. The updated NPPF also sets the buffer according to

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	<p>consistent with national policy in this regard as it identifies the housing requirement for the plan period, allocates sufficient sites to meet this, and seeks to direct development to the most sustainable locations. However, the five year housing land supply calculation will, from October 2023 until adoption of the new joint plan, be based on the standard method in accordance with the more recent requirement of national policy (paragraph 74 and footnote 39).</p> <p>Paragraph 74 and footnote 41 of the NPPF (published in July 2021) provides</p>			<p>performance against the housing delivery test.</p> <p>These two specific aspects of the policy are Amber.</p>

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	<p>guidance regarding the application of a housing land supply buffer which supersedes Policy 3.</p> <p>The Councils consider that it is now appropriate to apply a 5% buffer to their five year housing land supply calculations.</p>			
<p>Policy 4: The Cambridge Green Belt</p>	<p>The NPPF requires Green Belt boundaries only to be altered in exceptional circumstances and provides detailed policy for assessing development proposals (section 13). Policy 4 is fully consistent with this approach.</p>	<p>The <i>Green Belt Assessment (2021)</i> considered that the purposes of the Cambridge Green Belt were still relevant and they were used to assess the potential harm of new development. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will require that new development in the Green Belt will only</p>	<p>GP/GB: Protection and enhancement of the Cambridge Green Belt</p>	<p>Policy 4 states that new development will only be approved in accordance with Green Belt policy in the NPPF and, therefore, is consistent with it.</p>

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
		be approved in accordance with Green Belt policy in the National Planning Policy Framework.		
Policy 5: Sustainable transport and infrastructure	The NPPF expects plan policies to promote sustainable transport (section 9); Policy 5 is consistent with this approach.	An update of the adopted policy will reflect the aims of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport & Connectivity Plan and national policy, whilst addressing the specific challenges and local opportunities within Greater Cambridge.	I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 6: Hierarchy of centres and retail capacity	The NPPF says that plan policies should define a network and hierarchy of town centres and promote their long-term vitality and viability (paragraph 86a). Policy 6 defines the hierarchy for Cambridge and	The Greater Cambridge <i>Retail and Leisure Study</i> (2023) will review and assess the retail hierarchy across the whole of Greater Cambridge. This will be reflected in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.	J/RC: Retail and centres	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	identifies the need for additional floorspace during the plan period. It is, therefore, consistent with national policy.			
Policy 7: The River Cam	The NPPF expects strategic policies to make provision for conservation and enhancement of the natural environment, including green infrastructure (paragraph 20d). Policy 7 is consistent with national policy with regard to the importance of the River Cam.	The <i>Greater Cambridge Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping Recommendations Report (2021)</i> and <i>Greater Cambridge Landscape Character Assessment (2021)</i> identify key features to protect and opportunities for enhancement of river corridors, including the River Cam and its tributaries. This will be reflected in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.	BG/RC: River corridors	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 8: Setting of the city	The NPPF expects strategic policies to make provision for	Local Plans need to ensure the varied character of different	BG/GI: Green infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	<p>conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscapes and green infrastructure (paragraph 20d). Policy 8 responds positively to this requirement in national policy in the particular context of Cambridge’s setting.</p>	<p>parts of the area is properly considered in planning decisions. The <i>Greater Cambridge Landscape Character Assessment</i> (2021) has identified 33 different Landscape Character Areas with a distinct local identity and sense of place. This will be reflected in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.</p>	<p>GP/LC: Protection and enhancement of landscape character J/AL: Protecting the best agricultural land</p>	
<p>Policy 9: Review of the Local Plan</p>	<p>The policy specifies the need for an early plan review and, therefore, takes a proactive approach to the NPPF requirement for plans to be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years (paragraph 33).</p>	<p>No change; review of adopted plan through the Greater Cambridge Local Plan is underway.</p>	<p>No policy necessary in light of current plan review.</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

City Centre, Areas of Major Change, Opportunity Areas and site specific proposals

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
<p>Policy 10: The City Centre</p>	<p>The NPPF expects planning policies to support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation (paragraph 86). Policy 10 sets out the future role of the city centre in accordance with national policy and by identifying strategic development locations and opportunity areas and therefore it is consistent with the NPPF’s requirement that a plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic</p>	<p>In terms of future policy direction, while Cambridge city centre remains a thriving regional centre providing a wide range of uses including shopping, leisure and tourist related activities, it is important that the centre can evolve in a way that supports changing consumer, retail and leisure habits while retaining its vibrancy and appeal, by continuing to provide for the needs of those living, working and studying in the city. This will be considered in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.</p>	<p>J/RC: Retail and centres</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	priorities of the area (paragraph 23).			
<p>Policy 11: Development in the City Centre Primary Shopping Area</p>	<p>This policy meets the NPPF’s requirement that policies should define the extent of town centres and primary shopping areas, and makes clear the range of uses permitted in such locations, as part of a positive strategy for the future of each centre (paragraph 86b). While the policy is consistent with this requirement, the controls over ground floor uses has been impacted by changes to the Use Classes Order, particularly the new, broad Class E, which includes shops and</p>	<p>The introduction of Use Class E – Commercial, Business and Service - means that some use changes can be made potentially without planning permission, such as shops becoming financial services, offices, or even light industrial uses. In some circumstances changes to residential uses is possible through permitted development rights. Policies in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan will need to respond to these changes, with the aim of protecting the vibrancy of existing centres.</p>	<p>J/RC: Retail and centres</p>	<p>The policy is generally consistent with national policy.</p> <p>However, the restriction on ground floor uses included in Table 3.1 has been impacted by changes to the Use Classes Order for uses that currently fall within Class E.</p>

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	offices amongst other uses.			
Policy 12: Fitzroy/Burleigh Street/Grafton Area of Major Change	This policy involves an area of major change within the city centre, including for new or expanded retail and leisure development. As such, it is consistent with national policy, which expects plan policies to allocate a range of suitable sites in town centres to meet the scale and type of development likely to be needed (paragraph 86d).	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to provide continued policy guidance for existing Areas of Major Change in the urban area of Cambridge identified in the adopted Local Plan, with any appropriate amendments to reflect current circumstances. This will ensure that development opportunities in these locations are progressed in a comprehensive manner, including ensuring careful integration with existing nearby communities.	S/AMC: Areas of Major Change	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 13: Cambridge East	The policy concerns a strategic development site comprising areas allocated for	Several developments allocated by this policy are under construction.	S/CE: Cambridge East	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	<p>development and also safeguarded land for longer term development through plan review. It is consistent with the NPPF requirement that a plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic priorities of the area (paragraph 23) and to identify safeguarded land between the urban area and the Green Belt, in order to meet longer-term development needs stretching well beyond the plan period (paragraph 43).</p>	<p>The Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to allocate land for a major new eastern quarter for Cambridge, enabling development of the airport site which was safeguarded for longer term development in the 2018 adopted Local Plans, identified as approximately 7,000 homes and 9,000 jobs in the First Proposals 2021. Marshall has advised the Councils of its commitment to relocate the Airport related uses and seeks to demonstrate the availability and deliverability of the site and has secured resolution to grant permission for an alternative site for the</p>		

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
		Airport in a nearby authority.		
<p>Policy 14: Areas of Major Change and Opportunity Areas – general principles</p>	<p>As above, but relating to strategic locations as a whole, which are identified as Areas of Major Change and Opportunity Areas.</p>	<p>The Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to provide continued policy guidance for existing Areas of Major Change in the urban area of Cambridge identified in the adopted Local Plan, with any appropriate amendments to reflect current circumstances. This will ensure that development opportunities in these locations are progressed in a comprehensive manner, including ensuring careful integration with existing nearby communities. Two new Opportunity Areas are proposed that are currently areas of low density, large-scale</p>	<p>S/NEC: North East Cambridge S/AMC: Areas of Major Change S/OA: Opportunity Areas in Cambridge S/CBC: Cambridge Biomedical Campus (including Addenbrooke’s Hospital) S/WC: West Cambridge S/EOC: Other site allocations on the edge of Cambridge</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
		retail uses with extensive surface car parking. This does not make very good use of an expansive area of land in the heart of Cambridge (Newmarket Road Retail Park and Beehive Centre).		
<p>Policy 15: Cambridge Northern Fringe East and new railway Station Area of Major Change</p>	<p>The policy concerns a strategic development site and, therefore, is consistent with the NPPF’s requirement that a plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic priorities of the area (paragraph 23).</p>	<p>The allocation of Cambridge Northern Fringe East is proposed to be incorporated into a wider North East Cambridge allocation. The emerging North East Cambridge Area Action Plan responds to the adopted policy reference to preparation of an AAP and the site is also proposed to be included in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan for a mix of employment and</p>	<p>S/NEC: North East Cambridge</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
		residential development, predicated on the relocation of the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant.		
Policy 16: South of Coldham’s Lane Area of Major Change	As above, with regard to this Area of Major Change.	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to provide continued policy guidance for existing Areas of Major Change in the urban area of Cambridge identified in the adopted Local Plan, with any appropriate amendments to reflect current circumstances. This will ensure that development opportunities in these locations are progressed in a comprehensive manner, including ensuring careful integration with existing nearby communities.	S/AMC: Areas of Major Change S/C/SCL Land South of Coldham's Lane, Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
<p>Policy 17: Cambridge Biomedical Campus (including Addenbrooke’s Hospital) Area of Major Change</p>	<p>As above, with regard to this Area of Major Change.</p>	<p>The Cambridge Biomedical Campus is subject to continued development, and revisions to the masterplan are needed to improve the overall experience of the site for workers and visitors. Work is underway to inform a policy in the new local plan..</p>	<p>S/CBC: Cambridge Biomedical Campus (including Addenbrooke’s Hospital)</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>
<p>Policy 18: Southern Fringe Areas of Major Change</p>	<p>As above, with regard to this Area of Major Change.</p>	<p>Existing allocations at Cambridge Southern Fringe, including Clay Farm, Glebe Farm, and Trumpington Meadows, are likely to be built out by the time the Greater Cambridge Local Plan is adopted, therefore the existing plan policies will no longer be required. The new homes on the existing allocation at Bell School have been</p>	<p>S/EOC: Other site allocations on the edge of Cambridge</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
		completed; however, the new student accommodation also included within this allocation has not yet been started. The need for the allocation at Bell School will be kept under review.		
Policy 19: West Cambridge Area of Major Change	As above, with regard to this Area of Major Change.	Outline planning permission was approved in July 2021 providing a long-term vision and strategy for the comprehensive development of the site, and creation of the West Cambridge Innovation District. This provides significant opportunities for academic and commercial research, along with a range of other supporting facilities. A policy will be needed in the Greater	S/WC: West Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
		Cambridge Local Plan to set out what will be expected of future development proposals as the site evolves during the plan period.		
Policy 20: Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road Area of Major Change	As above, with regard to this Area of Major Change.	The adopted Local Plans allocate developments on the north west edge of Cambridge, referred to as Darwin Green. The part of the site in Cambridge has outline planning permission, and some parcels have detailed planning permission or are under construction. The land in South Cambridgeshire has yet to gain planning permission. Given that the site will still be coming forward when the new plan is adopted it is proposed to carry	S/EOC: Other site allocations on the edge of Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
		forward the allocations into the emerging plan.		
Policy 21: Station Areas West and Clifton Road Area of Major Change	As above, with regard to this Area of Major Change.	The emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to provide continued policy guidance for existing Areas of Major Change in the urban area of Cambridge identified in the adopted Local Plan, with any appropriate amendments to reflect current circumstances. This will ensure that development opportunities in these locations are progressed in a comprehensive manner, including ensuring careful integration with existing nearby communities.	S/AMC: Areas of Major Change	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 22: Mitcham’s Corner Opportunity Area	The policy concerns a strategic area with regard to development	The emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to continue to	S/OA: Opportunity Areas in Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	and redevelopment opportunities. It is, therefore, consistent with the NPPF requirement that a plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic priorities of the area (paragraph 23), as well as national policy regarding sustainable transport (section 9) and achieving well-designed places (section 12).	provide planning guidance in this and other areas proposed to be carried forward from the adopted Plan, with any appropriate amendments to reflect current circumstances; although the site boundaries will be considered in preparing the draft plan.		
Policy 23: Eastern Gate Opportunity Area	As above.	As above.	S/OA: Opportunity Areas in Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 24: Mill Road Opportunity Area	As above.	As above.	S/OA: Opportunity Areas in Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 25: Cambridge Railway Station, Hills Road Corridor to the City Centre Opportunity Area	As above.	As above.	S/OA: Opportunity Areas in Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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Policy 26: Old Press/Mill Lane Opportunity Area	As above.	As above.	S/OA: Opportunity Areas in Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 27: Site specific development opportunities	The policy concerns allocation of development sites and, therefore, is consistent with the NPPF requirement that a plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic priorities of the area (paragraph 23).	For the emerging joint local plan, specific development opportunities have been considered in addition to those already extant from the adopted plan. These have been informed by the <i>Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment</i> (2021). Two new sites have been identified in the Cambridge urban area – one for new homes and one for new employment uses. There are some existing allocations which are no longer anticipated to come forward for the use	Policy S/NEC: North East Cambridge Policy S/LAC: Other site allocations in Cambridge Policy S/CE: Cambridge East Policy S/NWC: North West Cambridge Policy S/CBC: Cambridge Biomedical Campus (including Addenbrooke’s Hospital) Policy S/WC: West Cambridge Policy S/EOC: Other site allocations on the edge of Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		<p>allocated. They are therefore proposed to be removed from the plan unless additional evidence to continue to include them comes forward during the plan making process.</p>		

Responding to Climate change and managing resources

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
<p>Policy 28: Carbon reduction, community energy networks, sustainable design and construction, and water use</p>	<p>The NPPF requires that plans should take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change (paragraph 153). By requiring applicants to provide a Sustainability Statement, Policy 28 is consistent with this approach. The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) indicates that where there is a clear local need, local planning authorities can set out policies requiring new dwellings to meet the tighter Building Regulations optional requirement of 110 litres/person/day (Housing: optional</p>	<p>The <i>Net Zero Carbon Study</i> (2021) advises that new buildings need to be built to net zero carbon as soon as possible to enable Greater Cambridge to play its part in meeting the UK’s carbon budgets. In order to support the transition to net zero carbon and keep Greater Cambridge within its carbon budget, the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan will need to facilitate both community and commercial scale renewable energy generation, with a blend of both wind and solar based energy. The</p>	<p>CC/NZ: Net zero carbon new buildings CC/WE: Water efficiency in new developments CC/DC: Designing for a changing climate CC/CE: Reducing waste and supporting the circular economy WS/HD: Creating healthy new developments</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	technical standards, paragraph 14). Policy 28 reflects this approach.	<i>Greater Cambridge Integrated Water Management Study (IWMS, 2021)</i> has shown that the current level of water abstraction from the chalk aquifer is widely believed to be unsustainable. The IWMS has shown that 80 litres/person/day is achievable by making full use of water efficient fixtures and fittings, and also water re-use measures on site. Draft regional and water company resource management plans highlight the importance of delivering high levels of water efficiency.		
Policy 29: Renewable and low carbon energy generation	By supporting development involving the provision of renewable and/or low	In order to support the transition to net zero carbon and keep	CC/RE: Renewable energy projects and infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	carbon energy generation, the policy reflects the approach to addressing this issue included in the NPPF (paragraphs 155 – 156).	Greater Cambridge within its carbon budget, updated policies in the emerging local plan will need to facilitate both community and commercial scale renewable energy generation, with a blend of both wind and solar based energy.		
Policy 30: Energy-efficiency improvements in existing dwellings	The requirement in this policy for extensions to or conversions of buildings to be energy efficient reflects the purpose of the planning system to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development (NPPF, paragraph 7).	This policy approach is not proposed to be carried forward into the new Local Plan as it has proved to be ineffective as planning conditions can only be applied to the works for which planning permission has been sought.	None	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 31: Integrated water management and the water cycle	The PPG indicates that flood risk can be reduced and biodiversity and	An updated policy, integrating existing policies in the adopted Local Plan, is proposed	CC/FM: Flooding and integrated water management	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>amenity improved by designing development that includes permeable surfaces and other sustainable drainage systems (<i>Water supply, wastewater and water quality</i>, paragraph 019). The policy is consistent with this approach.</p>	<p>for the emerging plan to supplement national policy with local considerations, and to ensure that water is managed sustainably.</p>		
<p>Policy 32: Flood risk</p>	<p>The NPPF requires that strategic policies should be informed by a strategic flood risk assessment and should manage flood risk from all sources (paragraph 160). Policy 32 meets these requirements and requires flood risk assessments and application of the sequential test in accordance with national policy.</p>	<p>A <i>Greater Cambridge Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment</i> (SFRA, 2021) has been prepared which identifies areas that may flood from all sources, including rivers, surface water, groundwater, sewers and reservoirs.</p>	<p>CC/FM: Flooding and integrated water management</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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<p>Policy 33: Contaminated land</p>	<p>This policy responds to the requirement in the NPPF that policies should ensure that a site is suitable for its proposed use, taking account of ground conditions and any risks arising from land instability and contamination (paragraph 183a).</p>	<p>Plan policies respond to the requirement in national policy in a local context.</p>	<p>WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>
<p>Policy 34: Light pollution control</p>	<p>The NPPF requires that policies ensure that new development is appropriate for its location taking into account the likely effects. This includes limiting the impact of pollution from artificial light, including on local amenity and nature conservation (paragraph 185c). Policy 34 seeks to</p>	<p>As above.</p>	<p>WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	control any harmful effects of external lighting and, therefore, is consistent with national policy.			
Policy 35: Protection of human health and quality of life from noise and vibration	As above, but with regard to the effects of noise from development.	As above.	WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 36: Air quality, odour and dust	Policy 36 reflects the requirement in the NPPF that policies should sustain and contribute towards compliance with relevant limit values or national objectives for pollutants, taking into account the presence of Air Quality Management Areas and Clean Air Zones; and the cumulative impacts from individual	A particular issue is to ensure there is no adverse effect on air quality in air quality management areas (AQMA), which are currently in effect in the city centre.	WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	sites in local areas (paragraph 186).			
Policy 37: Cambridge Airport Public Safety Zone and Air Safeguarding Zones	The NPPF takes a broad approach to this issue, indicating that plans should recognise the importance of maintaining a national network of general aviation airfields and have regard to the Government’s General Aviation Strategy (paragraph 106f). Policy 37 is appropriate in the specific context of the need for safeguarding around Cambridge Airport.	In addition to Cambridge Airport there are a number of established aerodromes and smaller airfields in Greater Cambridge, including Imperial War Museum Duxford. Policies are needed to ensure aviation development does not negatively impact environment and human health, and that impacts of proposals are fully considered, and the continuation of this approach is proposed for the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan.	I/AD: Aviation development	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 38: Hazardous installations	This policy reflects the broad provisions in national policy concerning hazardous installations and	Plan policies respond to the requirement in national policy in a local context.	WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	substances (paragraph 45).			
Policy 39: Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory, Lord's Bridge	This policy reflects the broad principles of the NPPF with regard to safeguarding important strategic and local infrastructure.	Policy in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan will continue to safeguard important infrastructure from any adverse effects of new development.	I/SI: Safeguarding important infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Supporting the Cambridge economy

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<p>Policy 40: Development and expansion of business space</p>	<p>This policy concerns strategic development locations and, therefore, is consistent with the NPPF requirement that planning policies should set criteria, or identify strategic sites, for local and inward investment to match the strategy and to meet anticipated needs over the plan period (paragraph 82b).</p>	<p>A range of key employment locations are proposed to be identified in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan to support the Cambridge economy.</p>	<p>J/NE: New employment and development proposals</p> <p>J/EP: Supporting a range of facilities in employment parks</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>
<p>Policy 41: Protection of business space</p>	<p>By protecting existing employment uses, this policy is consistent with the NPPF’s expectation that policies should help create the conditions in which</p>	<p>Less local employment opportunities can reduce the vibrancy of communities and mean people have to travel further for work, or to access local services. It</p>	<p>MS/MU: Meanwhile uses during long term redevelopments</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	businesses can invest, expand and adapt (paragraph 81).	would be unreasonable to protect employment sites in perpetuity, but policies can seek to ensure that alternative employment opportunities have been explored before sites are lost. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to continue to protect employment land from loss to other uses	J/PB: Protecting existing business space	
Policy 42: Connecting new developments to digital infrastructure	This policy is consistent with the NPPF’s expectation that plan policies should support the expansion of electronic communications networks, including full fibre broadband	The Greater Cambridge economy is driven by businesses in knowledge-based sectors with businesses that rely on the use of cutting-edge digital technology. An updated policy proposal has been included in the Greater	I/DI: Digital infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	connections (paragraph 114).	Cambridge Local Plan to ensure that adequate and appropriate digital infrastructure is provided in new development.		
Policy 43: University development	By supporting university-related development in general and including specific development sites, this policy is consistent with the NPPF's requirement to address education provision and strategic priorities (paragraph 20).	The University of Cambridge continues to be a world leader in higher education and research. It is also a vital driver of the Cambridge economy and is the reason why so many high technology and knowledge-based employers decide to locate in the city. It contributes to, and is dependent upon, the quality of life in the city and city centre. ARU has made significant investment in its East	J/FD: Faculty development and specialist/language schools	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		Road sites which remain the most sustainable location for future investment.		
Policy 44: Specialist colleges and language schools	This policy seeks to manage the development of existing and new specialist colleges and language schools. As such, it is a policy tailored to a specific issue arising in a local context, but is otherwise consistent with national policy.	There are a growing number of specialist colleges in Cambridge, which is an important centre for the study of English as a foreign language. These institutions can have significant economic benefit, but it is important that the impacts of their growth are properly managed, including the additional burdens on the housing market. It is therefore important to support the growth of higher education institutions,	J/FD: Faculty development and specialist/language schools	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		language schools and specialist colleges while minimising the potential impact of their new development.		

Maintaining a balanced supply of housing

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
<p>Policy 45: Affordable housing and dwelling mix</p>	<p>The NPPF requires the tenure of homes needed for different groups in the community, including those requiring affordable homes, to be assessed and that the results of that assessment be reflected in planning policies (paragraphs 62 – 65). Policy 45 is largely consistent with national policy in this regard. However, the current NPPF says that where major development involving the provision of housing is proposed, planning policies should expect at least 10% of the total number of homes to be</p>	<p><i>A Housing Needs of Specific Groups study for Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk (2021) and Addendum for Greater Cambridge (2021)</i> will be used to inform the preparation of new policies.</p> <p>Plan policies set out how the Council will secure affordable homes and a mix of sizes and types of homes on new developments to address the identified need and create balanced and mixed communities.</p> <p>A replacement policy in the emerging Local Plan will continue to set out</p>	<p>H/AH: Affordable housing H/HM: Housing mix</p>	<p>The policy is generally consistent with national policy. However, whilst the policy is flexible regarding the affordable housing tenure mix, it does not specifically reflect the more recent requirement in national policy for at least 10% of the total number of homes on a major development to be available for affordable home ownership or the more recent Written Ministerial Statement and national planning guidance relating to First Homes.</p> <p>For consistency with national planning policy and as set out in a</p>

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	<p>available for affordable home ownership (as part of the overall affordable housing contribution from the site) unless certain exemptions apply (paragraph 65). Policy 45 does not specifically reflect this more recent requirement, although is flexible enough to accommodate it.</p> <p>A Written Ministerial Statement and national planning guidance have also introduced First Homes as a form of affordable housing and set out that First Homes should account for at least 25% of affordable homes delivered on a development that is</p>	<p>how the Council will secure affordable homes on new developments to address the identified need, and respond to the latest national planning policy and guidance.</p>		<p>decision taken by planning committee in November 2018, the Council is already applying the national policy requirement set out in NPPF paragraph 64 and the definition of major development, of seeking affordable housing on sites of 10 or more dwellings, rather than the threshold of 11 or more dwellings set out in Policy 45.</p>

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	<p>expected to provide affordable homes.</p> <p>Policy 45 requires that affordable housing is provided on sites of 11 dwellings or more, whereas the NPPF (paragraph 64) sets the threshold as major developments (10 dwellings or more). This difference between national and local policy was identified soon after plan adoption, and a decision was taken by planning committee in November 2018 to apply the policy to 10 or more dwellings reflecting national planning policy.</p>			

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<p>Policy 46: Development of student housing</p>	<p>National policy requires the housing needs for different groups in the community to be assessed and reflected in planning policies, including students (paragraph 62). Policy 46 is consistent with this requirement.</p>	<p>Students make up a significant proportion of the population of Cambridge and if adequate provision is not made for their needs in suitable locations this would lead to significant pressures on the local housing market. The existing plan policy for Cambridge, setting out policy requirements for student housing, is proposed to provide the basis for the replacement policy in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan .</p>	<p>H/SA: Student accommodation</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>
<p>Policy 47: Specialist housing</p>	<p>National planning policy requires the size, type and tenure of homes needed for different groups in the community to be assessed and that the</p>	<p>Providing specialist accommodation can help people to live independently whilst staying within their local community. Plan policies therefore need to set out</p>	<p>H/SH: Specialist housing and homes for older people</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	<p>results of that assessment be reflected in planning policies (paragraph 62). Policy 47 responds to this requirement with regard to specialist housing, which is designed so that support can be provided to its occupants where required (and often to others in the wider community) while promoting independent living.</p>	<p>how the Council will deliver sufficient specialist housing to meet the identified need and how proposals for new specialist housing will be considered.</p>		
<p>Policy 48: Housing in multiple occupation</p>	<p>As above, but with regard to houses in multiple occupation (which is not specifically referenced in national policy).</p>	<p>Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) form an important part of the housing market in Cambridge, with a significant number occupied by students. HMOs can change the nature of an area, and</p>	<p>H/MO: Houses in multiple occupation (HMOs)</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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		<p>can be seen to be associated with negative impacts. Policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to set out the specifications that should be met so that HMOs provide a standard of accommodation equivalent to that provided in other new residential developments.</p>		
<p>Policy 49: Provision for Gypsies and Travellers</p>	<p>The NPPF requires the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community, including travellers, to be assessed and reflected in planning policies (paragraph 62). More details are set out in the separate policy</p>	<p>A new accommodation needs assessment has been commissioned. The needs assessment will seek to identify the needs of Gypsies and Travellers meeting different definitions, including those that no longer travel, as part of the requirement under</p>	<p>H/GT: Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	document, <i>Planning Policy for Traveller Sites</i> . Policy 49 seeks to address this requirement, although no additional need for traveller pitches is identified.	the Housing Act to consider the needs of people living on sites on which caravans can be stationed. This potential need was one of the issues highlighted by the Inspector examining the 2018 Local Plans to be addressed through this Local Plan review, and the plan will need to identify how this need will be addressed.		
Policy 50: Residential space standards	National planning policy states that planning policies should ensure that developments create places with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users. It allows local authorities to include planning policies that make use of the nationally	The emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan suggests gross internal floor areas for all new homes should continue to be required to meet or exceed the nationally described residential space standards.	H/SS: Residential space standards and accessible homes	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	described residential space standard (paragraph 130f and footnote 49), which Policy 50 does.			
Policy 51: Accessible homes	As above. The NPPF also says that planning policies for housing should make use of the Government’s optional technical standards for accessible and adaptable housing, where this would address an identified need for such properties (footnote 49), which Policy 51 does.	The emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes requiring all new homes to be Building Regulations M4(2) ‘accessible and adaptable’ dwellings, which allows for dwellings to be adapted over time, including to accommodate a wheelchair user(s), or to take account of other disability or mobility issues.	H/SS: Residential space standards and accessible homes	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 52: Protecting garden land and the subdivision of existing dwelling plots	National policy indicates that plans should consider the case for setting out policies to resist inappropriate	The emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to continue the approach of the adopted plan by resisting inappropriate	H/GL: Garden land and subdivision of existing plots	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	development of residential gardens, for example where development would cause harm to the local area (paragraph 71). Policy 52 is consistent with this approach.	development of residential gardens and the subdivision of existing plots. This will be done by reference to a range of factors including potential harm to local character, adequacy of remaining amenity space, trees, heritage and biodiversity.		
Policy 53: Flat conversions	National planning policy states that planning policies should ensure that developments create places with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users (paragraph 130f). In this regard, Policy 53 is responding to a specific issue arising in a local context, concerning the effects of conversion of single dwellings into	Evidence related to the adopted policy is included in the supporting text.	None. Issues addressed in the current policy will be addressed across a number of new policies.	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	flats. As such, it is consistent with national policy.			
Policy 54: Residential moorings	National policy requires that the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies (paragraph 62); this includes the accommodation needs of those residing in houseboats. Policy 54 is consistent with this requirement.	An update of the accommodation needs assessment is being carried out which will assess the needs of house boat dwellers. The adopted policy for considering proposals for new residential moorings is proposed to be carried forward to apply to the whole of Greater Cambridge.	H/RM: Residential moorings	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Protecting and enhancing the character of Cambridge

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
Policy 55: Responding to context	By requiring development to respond to local context and character, the policy is consistent with a central objective of the NPPF, to achieve well-designed places (section 12).	National planning policy emphasises the need to create a robust policy framework to achieve high quality design. Since the Local Plan was adopted the NPPF has been updated to reference the role of the National Design Guide and National Model Design Code (paragraph 128).	GP/PP: People and place responsive design GP/QD: Achieving high quality development	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 56: Creating successful places	As above, with regard to high quality design.	As above.	GP/PP: People and place responsive design GP/QD: Achieving high quality development	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 57: Designing new buildings	As above, with regard to the design of new buildings.	As above.	CC/CE: Reducing waste and supporting the circular economy GP/QD: Achieving high quality development	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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Policy 58: Altering and extending existing buildings	As above, with regard to proposals to alter or extend existing buildings.	As above	GP/QD: Achieving high quality development	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 59: Designing landscape and the public realm	As above, with regard to design quality as it relates to landscaping and the public realm.	The spaces between, around and within buildings, streets, squares, parks and open spaces all play a key role in supporting public life and fostering social interaction.	GP/QP: Establishing high quality landscape and public realm	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 60: Tall buildings and the skyline in Cambridge	This policy responds to the need to ensure development is sensitive to Cambridge’s historic centre and its setting. As such, it is consistent with national policy as it relates to conserving and enhancing the historic environment (section 16) and good design (section 12).	Greater Cambridge’s historic and natural environments define the character and setting of the City and rural areas, contributing significantly to quality of life and forming a very significant part of the backdrop to a successful and growing area.	GP/QD: Achieving high quality development	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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<p>Policy 61: Conservation and enhancement of Cambridge’s historic environment</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF’s provisions for conserving and enhancing the historic environment (section 16).</p>	<p>As above.</p>	<p>GP/HA: Conservation and enhancement of heritage assets</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>
<p>Policy 62: Local heritage assets</p>	<p>As above.</p>	<p>As above.</p>	<p>GP/HA: Conservation and enhancement of heritage assets</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>
<p>Policy 63: Works to a heritage asset to address climate change</p>	<p>This policy recognises a specific issue concerning the need to enable adaptation of historic buildings to address climate change, as long as there is adequate safeguarding of the heritage asset. As such, the policy accords with national policy as it relates to these issues.</p>	<p>The <i>Net Zero Carbon Study (2021)</i> shows that existing buildings account for one third of all greenhouse gas emissions. The emerging Local Plan will therefore provide clarity to owners of heritage assets on how to undertake sensitive works to address the performance of their buildings, in line with best practice guidance for heritage assets.</p>	<p>GP/CC: Adapting heritage assets to climate change</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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Policy 64: Shopfronts, signage and shop security measures	This policy concerns shopfront and related design issues, including historic shopfronts. As such, it is consistent with the NPPF's objectives to achieve well-designed places (section 12) and to conserve and enhance the historic environment (section 16).	National planning policy emphasises the need to create a robust policy framework to achieve high quality design and this is supported by the National Design Guide.	GP/QD: Achieving high quality development GP/HA: Conservation and enhancement of heritage assets	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 65: Visual pollution	As above, with regard to preventing visual pollution arising from advertising, street furniture and other infrastructure.	As above.	GP/QP: Establishing high quality landscape and public realm	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 66: Paving over front gardens	This policy seeks to manage the paving over of front gardens in the interests of avoiding surface water flooding, the character and appearance of the	The policy supports both good design and sustainable development principles.	GP/QD: Achieving high quality development	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>area, and biodiversity. It is, therefore, consistent with the NPPF's objectives relating to these matters.</p>			
<p>Policy 67: Protection of open space</p>	<p>The NPPF requires that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless a number of criteria are met (paragraph 99). Policy 67 reflects the provisions of national policy in this regard.</p>	<p>Settlements contain a wide variety of open spaces that make significant contributions to the character of places, but also provide important local amenities. It is important that these are protected from development that could have an adverse impact on these qualities.</p>	<p>BG/GI: Green infrastructure BG/PO: Protecting open spaces</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>
<p>Policy 68: Open space and recreation provision through new development</p>	<p>This policy is consistent with the NPPF's requirement that policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and community facilities,</p>	<p>Open spaces not only help support the health, social and cultural well-being of local communities, but also help support strategies to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change. The varied nature</p>	<p>BG/EO: Providing and enhancing open spaces WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	including open space (paragraph 93a); and that this can be secured through developer contributions (paragraph 34).	of the area means that tailored solutions will be required for provision of open space in new development. Updated evidence regarding the need for sports and open space will be prepared to inform the local plan review.		
Policy 69: Protection of sites of biodiversity and geodiversity importance	The NPPF requires the protection and enhancement of sites of biodiversity and geodiversity importance, with the level of protection being appropriate to its international, national or local significance (paragraph 179). Policy 69 is consistent with this approach.	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will continue protection of important sites. Designated biodiversity sites within and close to Greater Cambridge are being impacted by increasing numbers of visitors – an issue that needs to be addressed to protect these vulnerable habitats and the species they support.	BG/BG: Biodiversity and geodiversity	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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<p>Policy 70: Protection of priority species and habitats</p>	<p>This policy is consistent with the requirement in national policy that plans should protect and enhance biodiversity, including priority habitats and species, and pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity (paragraph 179).</p>	<p>There is a continued need to protect priority species and habitats in accordance with legislation and national policy.</p> <p>Under the Environment Act 2021, most development will be required to deliver a minimum biodiversity net gain of 10% from November 2023.</p> <p>At an Oxford-Cambridge Partnership level the authorities have agreed a set of Environmental Principles which include the aims of doubling the area of land managed primarily for nature, and also to deliver a minimum 20% biodiversity net gain on development sites. These ambitions, together with the relatively low level</p>	<p>BG/BG: Biodiversity and geodiversity</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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		of designated sites and priority habitats in Greater Cambridge, highlight the need for development to bring further net gains beyond the 10% proposed nationally. This will be addressed in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan.		
Policy 71: Trees	The NPPF says that trees make an important contribution to the character and quality of urban environments, and can also help mitigate and adapt to climate change; and plan policies should ensure that existing trees are retained wherever possible (paragraph 131). Policy 71 is consistent with	Locally, low tree and tree canopy cover is recognised as a weakness within the ecological network of Greater Cambridge. The Cambridge City Council Citywide Tree Strategy 2016-26 Canopy Cover Project seeks to support Cambridge City Council’s aim of achieving 19% tree cover by the 2050s; South Cambridgeshire also has identified a priority of increasing	BG/TC: Improving tree canopy cover and the tree population	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	national policy in this regard.	tree canopy cover in it is Doubling Nature Strategy.		

Services and local facilities

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
<p>Policy 72: Development and change of use in district, local and neighbourhood centres</p>	<p>This policy meets the NPPF’s requirement that policies should define the extent of town centres and primary shopping areas, and make clear the range of uses permitted in such locations, as part of a positive strategy for the future of each centre (paragraph 86b). While the policy is consistent with this requirement as it relates to other centres, the controls over ground floor uses has been impacted by changes to the Use Classes Order, particularly the new, broad Class E, which includes shops and</p>	<p>The introduction of Use Class E – Commercial, Business and Service - means that some use changes can be made potentially without planning permission, such as shops becoming financial services, offices, or even light industrial uses. In some circumstances changes to residential uses is possible through permitted development rights. Policies in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan will need to adapt to these changes, with the aim of protecting the vibrancy of existing centres.</p>	<p>J/RC: Retail and centres</p>	<p>The policy is generally consistent with national policy. However, the restriction on some ground floor uses have been impacted by changes to the Use Classes Order, particularly Class E.</p>

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	offices amongst other uses.			
<p>Policy 73: Community, sports and leisure facilities</p>	<p>This policy is consistent with the NPPF’s requirement that policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments (paragraph 93a).</p>	<p>Community, cultural, education, sports and leisure services and facilities play an important role in making places vibrant, healthy and sustainable. These are important in both new and established settlements. Policies are needed to ensure these facilities and services are delivered to support new development. Appropriate care is also needed to ensure new facilities do not undermine existing facilities. It is also equally important to ensure these are protected from loss to alternative uses, to</p>	<p>WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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		support established settlements.		
Policy 74: Education facilities	This policy is consistent with the objective in national policy that development should be supported by sufficient infrastructure, including making provision for education, and that this can be secured through developer contributions (paragraphs 20b and c, and 34).	As above.	WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 75: Healthcare facilities	National policy says that plan policies should address the provision of community facilities, including for health (paragraphs 20c and 28). By supporting the provision of such facilities within sustainable locations Policy 75 is consistent with the NPPF.	As above.	WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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Policy 76: Protection of public houses	This policy is consistent with the NPPF's requirement that policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and community facilities, including public houses, to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments (paragraph 93a).	Public houses are an important part of local communities. They help to foster social interaction and local community life in both urban and rural areas. Their protection from demolition or re-use is, therefore, an important policy consideration.	GP/PH: Protection of public houses	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 77: Development and expansion of visitor accommodation	The NPPF defines tourist-related development as a main town centre use (Annex 2: Glossary). As this policy identifies locations for visitor accommodation it accords with the requirement in national policy to promote the	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will consider how visitor accommodation should be addressed.	J/VA: Visitor accommodation, attractions and facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	long-term vitality and viability of town centres (paragraph 86a).			
Policy 78: Redevelopment or loss of visitor accommodation	As above, but with regard to the loss of visitor accommodation.	See above.	J/VA: Visitor accommodation, attractions and facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 79: Visitor attractions	This policy supports the provision of visitor attractions within the city centre. As such, it accords with the requirement in national policy to promote the long-term vitality and viability of town centres (paragraph 86a) by taking a positive approach to tourist and other visitor-related development, which national policy defines as a main town centre use (Annex 2: Glossary).	None.	J/VA: Visitor accommodation, attractions and facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Providing the infrastructure to support development

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
<p>Policy 80: Supporting sustainable access to development</p>	<p>The NPPF expects plan policies to promote sustainable transport (section 9); Policy 80 is consistent with this approach.</p>	<p>The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will reflect the aims of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport Plan and national policy, whilst addressing the specific challenges and local opportunities within Greater Cambridge</p>	<p>I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>
<p>Policy 81: Mitigating the transport impact of development</p>	<p>This policy is consistent with the approach to sustainable transport in national policy, including that all developments that will generate significant amounts of movement should be required to provide a travel plan, and the application</p>	<p>This policy will be updated in the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan to ensure development will not have an unacceptable transport impact; increasing vehicular trips on already congested roads or generating more trips using public</p>	<p>I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity I/FD: Freight and delivery consolidation</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	<p>should be supported by a transport statement or transport assessment (section 9). It is also consistent with the requirement that development should be supported by sufficient infrastructure and that this can be secured through developer contributions (paragraphs 20b and c, and 34).</p>	<p>transport or the existing walking and cycling network than there is currently capacity to safely accommodate. Wider impacts on health and the environment, including cumulative impacts, will also be taken into consideration.</p>		
<p>Policy 82: Parking management</p>	<p>This policy sets local parking standards for new development and in doing so reflects the principles set out in national policy (paragraph 107).</p>	<p>The adopted policy currently includes a set of maximum car parking standards, which restrict parking particularly in the central areas. A replacement policy is proposed in the emerging Greater</p>	<p>I/EV: Parking and electric vehicles I/FD: Freight and delivery consolidation</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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		Cambridge Local Plan to move to a more design-led approach, supported by indicative standards tailored to reflect different circumstances.		
Policy 83: Aviation development	The NPPF takes a broad approach to this issue, indicating that plans should recognise the importance of maintaining a national network of general aviation airfields and have regard to the Government’s General Aviation Strategy (paragraph 106f). Policy 83 is focused on the effects of aviation-related development at Cambridge Airport, but is not otherwise	In addition to Cambridge Airport there are a number of established aerodromes and smaller airfields in Greater Cambridge, including Imperial War Museum Duxford. Policies are needed to ensure aviation development does not negatively impact environment and human health, and that impacts of proposals are fully considered, and the continuation of this approach is proposed for	I/AD: Aviation development	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	inconsistent with national policy.	the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.		
Policy 84: Telecommunications	This policy responds positively to development proposals for telecommunications infrastructure and, therefore, is consistent with national policy on planning for such development (paragraph 20b) and supporting high quality communications (section 10).	The Greater Cambridge economy is driven by businesses in knowledge-based sectors with businesses that rely on the use of cutting-edge digital technology. An updated policy is required to ensure that adequate and appropriate digital infrastructure is provided in new development.	I/DI: Digital infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.
Policy 85: Infrastructure delivery, planning obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy	This policy is consistent with the objective in national policy that development should be supported by sufficient infrastructure and that this can be secured	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will be supported by work to assess electricity infrastructure capacity at a strategic level. A new policy will seek to ensure	BG/GI: Green infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>through developer contributions (paragraphs 20b and c, and 34).</p>	<p>that this approach is integrated at a very early stage, via the development of energy masterplans for strategic developments.</p> <p>An Infrastructure Delivery Plan is being prepared to accompany the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. This will identify the infrastructure that is needed, when it is needed, and how much it costs.</p>	<p>I/EI: Energy infrastructure masterplanning</p> <p>I/ID: Infrastructure and delivery</p>	

Appendix B

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 – Five Yearly Policy Review

Spatial Strategy

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
S/1: Vision	The NPPF expects plans to ‘provide a positive vision for the future of each area’ (paragraph 15). The current Vision fulfils this purpose for the adopted plan.	The Vision is proposed to be updated in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan, in particular to emphasise the importance of reducing climate impacts, which reflects the declaration of a climate emergency by the Councils.	Updated draft Vision, covering the plan period to 2041, included in the GCLP First Proposals.	The policy is consistent with national policy.
S/2: Objectives of the Local Plan	The NPPF expects plans to provide ‘a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and	The objectives are proposed to be updated in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan with a more succinct approach through seven	Updated Objectives in the form of more succinct Aims included in the GCLP First Proposals.	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	environmental priorities' (paragraph 15). The objectives provide the framework for addressing these requirements.	Aims, based on the Plan's Big Themes. These are broadly similar to the Objectives in the adopted plan.		
S/3: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	Policy S/3 remains generally consistent with national policy, although it does not fully reflect the wording of the current NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development (paragraph 11), in particular 11a which adds that in promoting sustainable patterns of development all plans should align growth and infrastructure; improve the environment; mitigate climate change (including by making effective use of land in	The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) indicates that there is no need for a plan to directly replicate the wording in the NPPF in a policy (<i>Plan Making</i> , paragraph 36).	No policy necessary in light of current guidance	The wording of the policy is generally consistent with national policy, but in any case the most recent version of the NPPF can be relied on alongside the NPPF. Local Policies are not required to replicate the NPPF.

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	urban areas) and adapt to its effects.			
S/4: Cambridge Green Belt	The NPPF requires Green Belt boundaries only to be altered in exceptional circumstances and provides detailed policy for assessing development proposals (section 13). Policy S/4 is fully consistent with this approach.	The <i>Green Belt Assessment</i> (2021) considered that the purposes of the Cambridge Green Belt were still relevant and they were used to assess the potential harm of new development. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will require that new development in the Green Belt will only be approved in accordance with Green Belt policy in the NPPF.	GP/GB: Protection and enhancement of the Cambridge Green Belt	Policy S/4 states that new development will only be approved in accordance with Green Belt policy in the NPPF and, therefore, is consistent with it.
S/5: Provision of New Jobs and Homes	The NPPF requires strategic plan policies to make sufficient provision for housing and employment needs (paragraph 20). Policy S/5 is fully consistent	Through preparation of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan objectively assessed needs for homes and jobs will be considered and the extent to which those	S/JH: New jobs and homes	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	with this approach to 2031.	need can be met consistent with delivery of sustainable development, in particular water supply and housing delivery.		
S/6: The Development Strategy to 2031	The NPPF states that strategic plan policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality of places (paragraph 20). Policy S/6 sets out a clear strategy for the pattern and scale of development to 2031 and, therefore is consistent with the NPPF.	The development strategy needs to be updated to take account of new housing and jobs forecasts to 2041 and beyond. This will be considered through the local plan review.	S/DS: Development strategy	The policy is consistent with national policy.
S/7: Development Frameworks	The NPPF says that decision-makers should seek to approve	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan is proposed to include boundaries	S/SB: Settlement boundaries	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>applications for sustainable development where possible (paragraph 38). Policy S/7 supports the growth promoted through the development strategy by seeking to direct development to the most sustainable locations. While it places limitations on the type of development permissible outside defined development frameworks, this is part of an holistic approach to promoting a district-wide sustainable development strategy.</p>	<p>around settlements, identifying areas that are considered to be part of the settlement for planning purposes. As such, subject to any changes in boundaries from the adopted plan, the approach continues to promote growth in the most sustainable locations, in accordance with the development strategy.</p>		
<p>S/8: Rural Centres</p>	<p>The designation of a hierarchy of rural settlements in Policy S/8, together with</p>	<p>An updated assessment of settlements has been carried out, informed by the level of services and</p>	<p>S/SH: Settlement hierarchy</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	<p>appropriate levels of development, is an important part of establishing an overall strategy for sustainable development, as required by the NPPF.</p>	<p>facilities, education, public transport and employment available at each settlement. This showed that the positioning of settlements within the hierarchy remains appropriate, with the exception of three proposed changes: Cambourne is a growing centre, with a growing level of services, facilities and transport opportunities and should be classified as a Town; Cottenham should be classified as a Minor Rural Centre; and Babraham should be classified as a Group village. These changes are proposed for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.</p>		

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S/9: Minor Rural Centres	As above.	As above.	S/SH: Settlement hierarchy	The policy is consistent with national policy.
S/10: Group Villages	As above.	As above.	S/SH: Settlement hierarchy	The policy is consistent with national policy.
S/11: Infill Villages	As above.	As above.	S/SH: Settlement hierarchy	The policy is consistent with national policy.
S/12: Phasing, Delivery and Monitoring	This policy informs the requirement to produce an Authority Monitoring Report annually, as well as maintaining a five year housing land supply and keeping the effectiveness of plan policies as a whole under review. It is, therefore, consistent with the NPPF in this regard. However, as noted above in respect of Policy S/5, the five year housing land supply calculation will, from September 2023 until adoption of the	The NPPF requires a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide a minimum of five years' worth of housing against the housing requirement set out in adopted strategic policies; or against the local housing need (calculated using the standard method set out in national planning guidance) where the strategic policies are more than five years old (paragraph 74). Therefore, from September 2023, when		The policy is generally consistent with national policy. All aspects of the policy remain green with the exception of: From September 2023 until the new plan is adopted, the five year housing supply requirement will be based on the standard method reflecting national guidance. The updated NPPF also sets the buffer

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	<p>new joint plan, be based on the standard method.</p> <p>Paragraph 74 and footnote 41 of the NPPF (published in July 2021) provides guidance regarding the application of a housing land supply buffer which supersedes policy S/12. The Councils consider that it is now appropriate to apply a 5% buffer to their five year housing land supply calculations.</p>	<p>the adopted plan will be five years old and until the new plan is adopted, the five year housing supply requirement will be based on the standard method rather than the housing requirement in the adopted plan.</p> <p>The Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five Year Housing Land Supply Report April 2023 confirms that a five year land supply is maintained when considered against the standard method.</p>		<p>according to performance against the housing delivery test</p> <p>These two specific aspects of the policy are Amber.</p>
<p>S/13: Review of the Local Plan</p>	<p>The policy specifies the need for an early plan review and, therefore, takes a proactive approach to the NPPF requirement for plans to</p>	<p>No change; review of adopted plan through the Greater Cambridge Local Plan is underway.</p>	<p>No policy necessary in light of current plan review.</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years (paragraph 33).			

Strategic Sites

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
SS/1: Orchard Park	The policy concerns a strategic development site and, therefore, is consistent with the NPPF requirement that a plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic priorities of the area (paragraph 23).	Allocated development is largely completed, however the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes that the allocation is carried forward until all parcels are under construction or completed.	S/LAC: Other site allocations in Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.
SS/2: Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road	As above.	The adopted Local Plans allocate developments on the north west edge of Cambridge, referred to as Darwin Green. The land in South Cambridgeshire has yet to gain planning permission. The part of the site in Cambridge has outline planning permission, and some parcels have detailed planning permission or	S/EOC: Other site allocations on the edge of Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		are under construction. Given the site will still be coming forward when the new plan is adopted it is proposed to carry forward the allocations into the new plan.		
SS/3: Cambridge East	The policy concerns a strategic development site comprising areas allocated for development and also safeguarded land for longer term development through plan review. It is consistent with the NPPF requirement that a plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic priorities of the area (paragraph 23) and to identify safeguarded land between the urban area and the Green Belt, in	Several developments allocated by this policy are under construction. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to allocate land for a major new eastern quarter for Cambridge, enabling development of the airport site which was safeguarded for longer term development in the 2018 adopted Local Plans, identified as approximately 7,000 homes and 9,000 jobs in the First Proposals 2021. Marshall has advised the Councils of	S/CE: Cambridge East	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	order to meet longer-term development needs stretching well beyond the plan period (paragraph 43).	its commitment to relocate the Airport related uses and seeks to demonstrate the availability and deliverability of the site and has secured resolution to grant permission for an alternative site for the Airport in a nearby authority.		
SS/4: Cambridge Northern Fringe East and Cambridge North railway station	The policy concerns a strategic development site and, therefore, is consistent with the NPPF’s requirement that a plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic priorities of the area (paragraph 23).	The allocation of Cambridge Northern Fringe East is proposed to be incorporated into a wider North East Cambridge allocation. The emerging North East Cambridge Area Action Plan responds to the adopted policy reference to preparation of an AAP and the site is also proposed to be included in the emerging	S/NEC: North East Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		Greater Cambridge Local Plan for a mix of employment and residential development, predicated on the relocation of the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant.		
SS/5: Northstowe Extension	As above.	The allocation is proposed to be carried forward into the new Local Plan. The detailed policy wording will be reviewed as may be appropriate for the new Local Plan, including amending capacity assumptions where necessary to reflect planning permissions.	S/NS: Existing new settlements	The policy is consistent with national policy.
SS/6: Waterbeach New Town	As above.	The allocation is proposed to be carried forward into the new Local Plan. The detailed policy wording will be reviewed as may be	S/NS: Existing new settlements	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		appropriate for the new Local Plan, including amending capacity assumptions where necessary to reflect planning permissions. A Supplementary Planning Document for Land north of Waterbeach has been adopted.		
SS/7: New Village at Bourn Airfield	As above.	The allocation is proposed to be carried forward into the new Local Plan. The detailed policy wording will be reviewed as may be appropriate for the new Local Plan, including amending capacity assumptions where necessary to reflect planning permissions. A Supplementary Planning Document for Bourn Airfield has been adopted.	S/NS: Existing new settlements	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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SS/8: Cambourne West	As above.	The land north west of Lower Cambourne has outline planning permission and some parcels are under construction. The land within the Business Park does not yet have planning permission. The existing allocation for a new mixed use development at Cambourne West is proposed to be carried forward into the new Local Plan, but to be expanded to include the full extent of the planning permission for land north west of Lower Cambourne.	S/CB: Cambourne	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Climate Change

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
<p>CC/1: Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change</p>	<p>The NPPF requires that plans should take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change (paragraph 153). By requiring applicants to provide a Sustainability Statement showing how the proposal addresses climate change, the plan policy is consistent with national policy.</p>	<p>The Planning Act requires Local Plans to have policies related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. Overheating, particularly in new residential buildings is becoming an increasing problem with climate change, with potentially serious consequences to health and life. Overheating risks can and should be mitigated through consideration of various factors at early design stages at low or no cost.</p> <p>The new Local Plan is proposed to include a more focused approach</p>	<p>CC/DC: Designing for a changing climate; and CC/NZ: Net zero carbon new buildings</p>	<p>The existing policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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		to addressing climate change.		
CC/2: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Generation	The policy largely reflects the approach to addressing renewable and low carbon energy generation included in the NPPF (paragraphs 155 – 156).	In order to support the transition to net zero carbon and keep Greater Cambridge within its carbon budget, the emerging Local Plan will need to facilitate both community and commercial scale renewable energy generation, with a blend of both wind and solar based energy.	CC/RE: Renewable energy projects and infrastructure	The existing policy is consistent with national policy.
CC/3: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy in New Developments	By requiring a proportion of carbon emissions to be reduced by on-site technologies, this policy is broadly consistent with the NPPF's requirement for plans to help increase the use and supply of renewable and low	The UK has a legally binding requirement of net zero carbon by 2050. <i>The Net Zero Carbon Study (2021)</i> advises that new buildings need to be built to net zero carbon as soon as possible for Greater Cambridge to play its part in meeting the UK's	CC/NZ: Net zero carbon new buildings	The existing policy is consistent with national policy.

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	carbon energy (paragraph 155).	carbon budgets. The evidence base makes it very clear that to achieve net zero carbon by 2050, then new development will need to go further than the requirements set out in current and future Building Regulations.		
CC/4: Water Efficiency	The NPPF states that plans should take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change, taking into account the long-term implications for water supply, amongst other matters (paragraph 153). The PPG indicates that where there is a clear local need, local planning authorities can set out policies requiring new dwellings	<i>The Greater Cambridge Integrated Water Management Study (IWMS, 2021)</i> has shown that the current level of water abstraction from the chalk aquifer is widely believed to be unsustainable. The IWMS has shown that 80 litres/person/day is achievable by making full use of water efficient fixtures and fittings, and also water re-use measures on site	CC/WE: Water efficiency in new developments	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	to meet the tighter Building Regulations optional requirement of 110 litres/person/day (<i>Housing: optional technical standards</i> , paragraph 14). Policy CC/4 is consistent with this approach.	including surface water and rainwater harvesting, and grey water recycling. Draft regional and water company resource management plans highlight the importance of delivering high levels of water efficiency.		
CC/5: Sustainable Show Homes	The provision of sustainable show homes in new developments, required by this policy, reflects the purpose of the planning system to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development (NPPF, paragraph 7).	See comments in relation to Policy CC/3, above. Given the high standards proposed, the sustainable show home policy which is currently part of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan will no longer be required.	CC/NZ: Net zero carbon new buildings	The policy is consistent with national policy.
CC/6: Construction Methods	The policy concerns managing the impacts of construction on local	Government's Resources and Waste Strategy (2018) aims to	CC/CE: Reducing waste and supporting the circular economy	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	amenity. As such, there are no specific provisions for this in national policy, but the approach is broadly consistent with the principles of sustainable development.	eliminate avoidable wastes of all types by 2050 in England. This includes waste from all sectors, including construction.		
CC/7: Water Quality	The policy is consistent with the requirement in the NPPF that development should, wherever possible, help to improve local environmental conditions such as water quality (paragraph 174); and with the provisions of the PPG: <i>Water supply, wastewater and water quality</i> .	An updated policy, integrating existing policies in the adopted Local Plan, is needed to supplement national policy with local considerations, and to ensure that water is managed sustainably.	CC/FM: Flooding and integrated water management	The policy is consistent with national policy.
CC/8: Sustainable Drainage Systems	The PPG indicates that flood risk can be reduced and	<i>A Greater Cambridge Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment</i>	CC/FM: Flooding and integrated water management	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>biodiversity and amenity improved by designing development that includes permeable surfaces and other sustainable drainage systems (<i>Water supply, wastewater and water quality</i>, paragraph 019). The policy is consistent with this approach.</p>	<p>(SFRA, 2021) has been prepared which identifies areas that may flood from all sources including rivers, surface water, groundwater, sewers and reservoirs. A key component of managing surface water are sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).</p>		
<p>CC/9: Managing Flood Risk</p>	<p>The NPPF requires that strategic policies should be informed by a strategic flood risk assessment and should manage flood risk from all sources (paragraph 160). Policy CC/9 meets these requirements and requires flood risk assessments and application of the sequential test in</p>	<p>As above, the latest SFRA (2021) identifies areas that may flood from all sources including rivers, surface water, groundwater, sewers and reservoirs.</p>	<p>CC/FM: Flooding and integrated water management</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	accordance with national policy.			

Delivering High Quality Places

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
HQ/1: Design Principles	By requiring high quality design in new development, the policy is consistent with a central objective of the NPPF, to achieve well-designed places (section 12).	National planning policy emphasises the need to create a robust policy framework to achieve high quality design. Since the Local Plan was adopted the NPPF has been updated to reference the role of the National Design Guide and National Model Design Code which (paragraph 128).	GP/QD: Achieving high quality development GP/PP: People and place responsive design GP/QP: Establishing high quality landscape and public realm	The policy is consistent with national policy.
HQ/2: Public Art and New Development	As above.	As above.	GP/QD: Achieving high quality development	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Protecting and Enhancing the Natural and Historic Environment

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
NH/1: Conservation Area and Green Separation at Longstanton	The policy concerns areas of countryside within the conservation area at Longstanton, which will form part of the green separation between Longstanton and Northstowe. As such, it is consistent with the NPPF's promotion of good design which is sympathetic to local character, including the built environment and landscape setting (paragraph 130).	None.	GP/LC: Protection and enhancement of landscape character	The policy is consistent with national policy.
NH/2: Protecting and Enhancing Landscape Character	The NPPF expects strategic policies to make provision for conservation and enhancement of the natural environment, including landscapes (paragraph 20d) and to	The <i>Greater Cambridge Landscape Character Assessment</i> (2021) has identified 33 different Landscape Character Areas with a distinct local identity and sense of place. The proposed replacement	GP/LC: Protection and enhancement of landscape character	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	protect and enhance valued landscapes (paragraph 174), which Policy NH/2 does.	policy in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan will reflect the purpose of the adopted policy.		
NH/3: Protecting Agricultural Land	The NPPF indicates that policies should recognise the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land (paragraph 174). The policy is consistent with this approach.	South Cambridgeshire has a significant resource of good quality agricultural land, and this is a valuable resource that needs to be protected. Land also plays a significant role in climate objectives, acting as both a source of greenhouse gas emissions and a carbon sink.	CC/CS: Supporting land-based carbon sequestration J/AL: Protecting the best agricultural land	The policy is consistent with national policy.
NH/4: Biodiversity	National policy requires plans to protect and enhance biodiversity, including priority habitats and species, and to pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity (paragraph 179). Policy NH/4 is	Under the Environment Act 2021, most development will be required to deliver a minimum biodiversity net gain of 10% from November 2023. At an Oxford-Cambridge Partnership level the authorities have agreed a set of Environmental Principles which include	BG/BG: Biodiversity and geodiversity	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	consistent with this requirement.	the aims of doubling the area of land managed primarily for nature, and also to deliver a minimum 20% biodiversity net gain on development sites. These ambitions, together with the relatively low level of designated sites and priority habitats in Greater Cambridge, highlight the need for development to bring further net gains beyond the 10% proposed nationally.		
NH/5: Sites of Biodiversity or Geological Importance	This policy is consistent with the NPPF’s requirement that policies should protect and enhance sites of biodiversity and geodiversity importance, with the level of protection being appropriate to its international, national	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan is proposed to continue protection of important sites. Designated biodiversity sites within and close to Greater Cambridge are being impacted by increasing numbers of visitors – an issue that needs to be addressed to protect these	BG/BG: Biodiversity and geodiversity	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	or local significance (paragraph 179).	vulnerable habitats and the species they support.		
NH/6: Green Infrastructure	The NPPF expects strategic policies to make provision for conservation and enhancement of the natural environment, including green infrastructure (paragraph 20d) and to enable and support healthy lifestyles, including through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure (paragraph 92c). Policy NH/6 is consistent with national policy.	The <i>Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping Baseline Report (2020)</i> identified the existing green infrastructure network and the opportunities and challenges the network faces. <i>The Greater Cambridge Opportunity Mapping Final Report (2021)</i> has identified a number of strategic green infrastructure initiatives which have the potential to enhance the existing network.	BG/GI: Green infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.
NH/7: Ancient Woodlands and Veteran Trees	The NPPF says that policies should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment	Locally, low tree and tree canopy cover is recognised as a weakness within the ecological network of Greater Cambridge. The	BG/TC: Improving tree canopy cover and the tree population	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>by recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other benefits of trees and woodland (paragraph 174b). By recognising the most significant woodlands and trees, the policy is consistent with the NPPF.</p>	<p>Cambridge City Council Citywide Tree Strategy 2016-26 Canopy Cover Project seeks to support Cambridge City Council’s aim of achieving 19% tree cover by the 2050s; South Cambridgeshire also has identified a priority of increasing tree canopy cover in its Doubling Nature Strategy.</p>		
<p>NH/8: Mitigating the Impact of Development in and adjoining the Green Belt</p>	<p>The NPPF provides detailed policy for assessing development proposals in the Green Belt (section 13). Policy NH/8 is fully consistent with this approach</p>	<p>New development in the Green Belt will only be approved in accordance with Green Belt policy in the NPPF.</p>	<p>GP/GB: Protection and enhancement of the Cambridge Green Belt.</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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NH/9: Redevelopment of Previously Developed Sites and Infilling in the Green Belt	As above.	As above.	GP/GB: Protection and enhancement of the Cambridge Green Belt.	The policy is consistent with national policy.
NH/10: Facilities for Recreation in the Green Belt	As above.	As above.	GP/GB: Protection and enhancement of the Cambridge Green Belt.	The policy is consistent with national policy.
NH/11: Protected Village Amenity Areas	The NPPF expects development to be sympathetic to local character and to provide a high standard of amenity (paragraph 130). Policy NH/11 is consistent with this.	Settlements contain a wide variety of open spaces that make significant contributions to the character of places, but also provide important local amenities. It is important that these are protected from development that could have an adverse impact on these qualities.	BG/PO: Protecting open spaces	The policy is consistent with national policy.
NH/12: Local Green Space	The NPPF indicates that the designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows	Local Green Space is a designation which applies a Green Belt style of protection. A number of these were identified in the adopted plan and will be	BG/PO: Protecting open spaces	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them (paragraph 101). This is the approach followed in Policy NH/12.	carried forward into the new plan. They are required to be demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance.		
NH/13: Important Countryside Frontage	This policy is consistent with the NPPF's objective that policies should recognise the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside (paragraph 174b).	In many South Cambridgeshire villages there are locations where a strong countryside character penetrates into the village, or separates two parts of a village. These Important Countryside Frontages, identified in the adopted Plan, are part of village character, and warrant continued protection.	GP/LC: Protection and enhancement of landscape character	The policy is consistent with national policy.
NH/14: Heritage Assets	The policy is consistent with the NPPF's provisions for conserving and enhancing the historic	Greater Cambridge's historic and natural environments define the character and setting of the City and rural areas,	GP/HA: Conservation and enhancement of heritage assets	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	environment (section 16).	contributing significantly to quality of life and forming a very significant part of the backdrop to a successful and growing area. These need continued protection and enhancement in accordance with legislation and national policy.		
NH/15: Heritage Assets and Adapting to Climate Change	This policy recognises a specific issue concerning the need to enable adaptation of historic buildings to address climate change, as long as there is adequate safeguarding of the heritage asset. As such, the policy accords with national policy.	The <i>Net Zero Carbon Study (2021)</i> shows that existing buildings account for one third of all greenhouse gas emissions. Policy is therefore needed in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan to support owners of heritage assets to undertake sensitive works to address the performance of their buildings, in line with best practice guidance for heritage assets.	GP/CC: Adapting heritage assets to climate change	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Delivering High Quality Homes

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<p>H/1: Allocations for Residential Development at Villages</p>	<p>The policy concerns allocation of development sites and, therefore, is consistent with the NPPF requirements that a plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic priorities of the area (paragraph 23); and that planning policies should identify a sufficient supply and mix of sites, taking into account their availability, suitability and likely economic viability (paragraph 68).</p>	<p>A number of the sites are now complete. Site by site information is available in the Authority Monitoring Report.</p> <p>In addition to sites allocated in the adopted plan, the Greater Cambridge Local Plan will consider if further allocations are needed to meet needs for the period to 2041.</p>	<p>S/RRA: Site allocations in rest of the rural area S/RSC: Other site allocations in the Rural Southern Cluster</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>
<p>H/2: Bayer CropScience Site, Hauxton</p>	<p>As above.</p>	<p>The residential element of the site has been built out. The site is proposed to be carried forward into the Greater Cambridge Local Plan with an</p>	<p>S/RRA: Site allocations in rest of the rural area</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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		amended boundary to include only the area for employment uses.		
H/3: Fulbourn and Ida Darwin Hospitals	As above.	The policy is proposed to be carried forward into the Greater Cambridge Local Plan for mixed-use development.	S/RRA: Site allocations in rest of the rural area	The policy is consistent with national policy.
H/4: Papworth Everard West Central	As above.	<p>A number of developments have taken place or are planned in the policy area. Further details can be found in the Authority Monitoring Report</p> <p>The policy area is proposed to be carried forward into the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. Rather than piecemeal development, there is an opportunity for considerable environmental improvement, and</p>	S/RRP: Policy areas in the rest of the rural area	

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		benefit to the functioning of the village, if a coordinated approach is taken to its development.		
<p>H/5: Fen Drayton Former Land Settlement Association Estate</p>	As above.	<p>Since adoption of the Fen Drayton former Land Settlement Association (LSA) estate Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) a number of dwellings have come forward in the area reflecting the terms of the policy.</p> <p>The policy area is proposed to be carried forward into the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. The Land Settlement Association (LSA) was created in the 1930s, the legacy of which is a network of smallholdings with dwellings along the</p>	S/RRP: Policy areas in the rest of the rural area	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		road frontages and large areas of unused land. A policy is needed to provide a context for use of this area.		
H/6: South of A1307, Linton	As above.	The policy area is proposed to be carried forward into the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, as it is considered that the case for restricting residential development in this area remains.	S/SCP: Policy areas in the rural southern cluster	The policy is consistent with national policy.
H/7: Residential Moorings	The policy concerns allocation of a site for residential boat mooring. It is, therefore, consistent with the NPPF's requirement that the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected	The allocation has yet to be developed. The accommodation needs assessment is being updated which will assess the needs of house boat dwellers. The adopted policy for considering proposals for new residential moorings in Cambridge is proposed to be carried forward to	S/LAC: Other site allocations in Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	in planning policies (paragraph 62).	apply to the whole of Greater Cambridge.		
H/8: Housing Density	National planning policy requires plans to support making efficient use of land. It also highlights that city and town centres and other locations that are well served by public transport provide opportunities for higher densities, promoting sustainable travel modes that limit future car use (section 11). By setting expected densities in urban and rural areas, Policy H/8 is consistent with this approach.	A design led approach, supported by site or area specific design codes provides the best opportunity to achieve the requirements of national planning policy.	H/HD: Housing density	The policy is consistent with national policy.
H/9: Housing Mix	National planning policy requires the size and type of homes needed for different groups in the community to be	A Housing Needs of Specific Groups study for Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk (2021) and Addendum for Greater	H/HM: Housing mix H/SS: Residential space standards and accessible homes	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>assessed and that the results of that assessment be reflected in planning policies (paragraph 62). By requiring a mix of size of homes in major developments, the policy meets the NPPF's requirement.</p>	<p>Cambridge (2021) will be used to inform the preparation of a new policy. Policies in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan will also need to set out how the Councils will secure a mix of sizes and types of homes on new developments to address the identified need and create balanced and mixed communities. This includes self and custom-build homes.</p>	<p>H/CB: Self and custom build homes H/BR: Build to rent homes</p>	
<p>H/10: Affordable Housing</p>	<p>The NPPF requires the tenure of homes needed for different groups in the community, including those requiring affordable homes, to be assessed and that the results of that</p>	<p><i>A Housing Needs of Specific Groups study for Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk (2021)</i> and <i>Addendum for Greater Cambridge (2021)</i> will be used to inform the preparation of a new policy.</p>	<p>H/AH: Affordable housing</p>	<p>The policy is generally consistent with national policy. However, whilst the policy is flexible regarding the affordable housing tenure mix, it does not specifically reflect the more recent requirement in national</p>

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	<p>assessment be reflected in planning policies (paragraphs 62 – 65). Policy H/10 is largely consistent with national policy in this regard. However, the current NPPF says that where major development involving the provision of housing is proposed, planning policies should expect at least 10% of the total number of homes to be available for affordable home ownership (as part of the overall affordable housing contribution from the site) unless certain exemptions apply (paragraph 65). Policy H/10 does not specifically reflect this more recent</p>	<p>A replacement plan policy will continue to set out how the Council will secure affordable homes on new developments to address the identified need, and respond to the latest national planning policy and guidance.</p>		<p>policy for at least 10% of the total number of homes on a major development to be available for affordable home ownership or the more recent Written Ministerial Statement and national planning guidance relating to First Homes.</p> <p>For consistency with national planning policy and as set out in a decision taken by planning committee in November 2018, the Council is already applying the national policy requirement set out in NPPF paragraph 64 and the definition of major development, of seeking affordable housing on sites of 10</p>

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	<p>requirement, although is flexible enough to accommodate it. A Written Ministerial Statement and national planning guidance have also introduced First Homes as a form of affordable housing and set out that First Homes should account for at least 25% of affordable homes delivered on a development that is expected to provide affordable homes. Policy H/10 requires that affordable housing is provided on sites of 11 dwellings or more, whereas the NPPF (paragraph 64) sets the threshold as major developments (10 dwellings or more). This difference between</p>			<p>or more dwellings, rather than the threshold of 11 or more dwellings set out in Policy H/10.</p>

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	national and local policy was identified soon after plan adoption, and a decision was taken by planning committee in November 2018 to apply the policy to 10 or more dwellings reflecting national planning policy.			
H/11: Rural Exception Site Affordable Housing	The NPPF states that local planning authorities should support opportunities to bring forward rural exception sites that will provide affordable housing to meet identified local needs, and consider whether allowing some market housing on these sites would help to facilitate this (paragraph 78). Policy H/11 seeks to do this and, therefore, is	Rural exception sites support local communities by prioritising people with a local connection to the village concerned. This policy approach will support the delivery of affordable housing, particularly in rural communities where current levels are low and new delivery is otherwise restricted by affordable housing only being required on sites	H/ES: Exception sites for affordable housing	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	consistent with national policy.	of more than 10 dwellings.		
H/12: Residential Space Standards	National planning policy states that planning policies should ensure that developments create places with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users. It allows local authorities to include planning policies that make use of the nationally described residential space standard and the optional technical standards for accessible and adaptable housing. (paragraph 130f), which Policy H/12 does.	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals suggests gross internal floor areas for all new homes should continue to be required to meet or exceed the nationally described residential space standards. It also proposes requiring all new homes to be Building Regulations M4(2) 'accessible and adaptable' dwellings which allows for dwellings to be adapted over time, including to accommodate a wheelchair user(s), or to take account of other disability or mobility issues. New self or custom build dwellings	H/SS: Residential space standards and accessible homes	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		<p>can also be designed specifically to meet the requirements of the occupant(s) and therefore take account of any disability or mobility issues.</p>		
<p>H/13: Extensions to Dwellings in the Countryside</p>	<p>Key objectives of the NPPF are the achievement of sustainable development (paragraph 8) and good design (section 12). This policy reflects these objectives with regard to extensions to dwellings outside</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire is a predominantly rural district with an attractive and much valued open environment. As a result, the area is prone to speculative proposals that could constitute unsustainable development. An updated policy is</p>	<p>H/DC: Dwellings in the countryside</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	village framework boundaries and, therefore, is consistent with the NPPF.	proposed which would replace a number of policies in the adopted plan dealing with this issue. The policy will use a range of criteria to control development in a way that supports rural communities, reduces unsustainable living patterns and minimises the carbon impacts of new housing.		
H/14: Replacement Dwellings in the Countryside	As above, but for replacement dwellings outside village framework boundaries.	As above.	H/DC: Dwellings in the countryside	The policy is consistent with national policy.
H/15: Countryside Dwellings of Exceptional Quality	The NPPF states that policies should avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside unless one or more criteria apply, including that the dwelling's design is of exceptional quality	As above.	H/DC: Dwellings in the countryside	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	(paragraph 80e). The Local Plan as a whole restricts development of new dwellings outside of development frameworks, except for in particular circumstances such as where they are to support rural businesses (Policy H/19) or as outlined in Policy H/15 where the proposed single new dwelling includes the same exceptional design requirements as the NPPF.			
H/16: Development of Residential Gardens	National policy indicates that plans should consider the case for setting out policies to resist inappropriate development of residential gardens, for	The emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan proposes to continue the approach of the adopted plan by resisting inappropriate development of residential gardens and	H/GL: Garden land and subdivision of existing plots	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	example where development would cause harm to the local area (paragraph 71). Policy H/16 is consistent with this approach.	the subdivision of existing plots. This will be done by reference to a range of factors, including potential harm to local character, adequacy of remaining amenity space, trees, heritage and biodiversity.		
H/17: Re-use of Buildings in the Countryside for Residential Use	By allowing re-use of buildings subject to a number of criteria, the policy is consistent with the NPPF's provisions to meet housing need and ensuring that new development does not harm local character (paragraph 80).	See Policy H/13.	H/DC: Dwellings in the countryside	The policy is consistent with national policy.
H/18: Working at Home	This policy is consistent with the NPPF's objectives to achieve sustainable development (paragraph 8) and to	The COVID-19 Pandemic has dramatically accelerated the shift towards homeworking. The post-pandemic future remains	J/RW: Enabling remote working	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>promote a strong, competitive economy (section 6).</p>	<p>uncertain; however, surveys suggest that many companies' workers will look to continue some level of home-working. A similar policy approach is proposed for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan alongside support for the creation of local employment hubs.</p>		
<p>H/19: Dwellings to Support a Rural-based Enterprise</p>	<p>The NPPF states that planning policies should avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside unless, amongst other criteria, there is an essential need for a rural worker, including those taking majority control of a farm business, to live permanently at or near their place of work in the countryside</p>	<p>See Policy H/13.</p>	<p>H/DC: Dwellings in the countryside</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	<p>(paragraph 80a). Policy H/19 includes more detailed requirements with regard to such dwellings, but overall is consistent with national policy.</p>			
<p>H/20: Provision for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople</p>	<p>The NPPF requires the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community, including travellers, to be assessed and reflected in planning policies (paragraph 62). More details are set out in the separate policy document, <i>Planning Policy for Traveller Sites</i>. Policy H/20 seeks to address this requirement, although no additional need for traveller pitches is</p>	<p>A new accommodation needs assessment has been commissioned. The needs assessment will seek to identify the needs of Gypsies and Travellers meeting different definitions, including those that no longer travel, as part of the requirement under the Housing Act to consider the needs of people living on sites on which caravans can be stationed. This potential need was one of the issues highlighted by the</p>	<p>H/GT: Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	identified. A need for additional plots for Travelling Showpeople’s needs is included in the policy.	Inspector examining the 2018 Local Plans to be addressed through this Local Plan review, and the plan will need to identify how this need will be addressed. A new policy in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan is proposed to address issues currently covered by several adopted policies.		
H/21: Gypsy and Traveller Provision at New Communities	As above. Policy H/21 recognises that if need is identified, major developments provide an opportunity to deliver pitches as part of mainstream development, ensuring they meet the needs of all sectors of the community, in sustainable locations close to services and	As above.	H/GT: Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites	To the extent that this policy seeks to provide accommodation in major developments, subject to need identified through the above policy, it is consistent with national policy.

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	facilities, where sites can be planned into the developments from the outset. As such, it is consistent with national policy			
<p>H/22: Proposals for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Sites on Unallocated Land Outside Development Frameworks</p>	<p>The NPPF says that decision-makers should seek to approve applications for sustainable development where possible (paragraph 38). This policy reflects the provisions of the NPPF and Policy S/7 by seeking to direct development to the most sustainable locations. While it places limitations on the type of development permissible outside defined development frameworks, this is part</p>	<p>As above.</p>	<p>H/GT: Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	of a holistic approach to promoting a district-wide sustainable development strategy.			
H/23: Design of Gypsy and Traveller Sites, and Travelling Showpeople Sites	The NPPF promotes good design in new development (section 12) and this policy is consistent with this in respect of traveller and travelling showpeople sites.	As above.	H/GT: Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Building a Strong and Competitive Economy

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
E/1: New Employment Provision near Cambridge – Cambridge Science Park	The policy concerns a strategic development site and, therefore, is consistent with the NPPF requirement that planning policies should set criteria, or identify strategic sites, for local and inward investment to match the strategy and to meet anticipated needs over the plan period (paragraph 82b).	The allocation covered by this policy is proposed to be incorporated within the North East Cambridge area, and therefore, is not proposed to be carried forward as a separate policy as it will be superseded by the new policy and the emerging Area Action Plan, although it will continue to support the employment role of Cambridge Science Park.	S/NEC: North East Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.
E/2: Cambridge Biomedical Campus Extension	As above.	The Cambridge Biomedical Campus is subject to continued development, and revisions to the masterplan are needed to improve the overall	S/CBC: Cambridge Biomedical Campus (including Addenbrooke's Hospital)	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		experience of the site for workers and visitors. Work is underway to inform a policy in the new local plan.		
E/3: Fulbourn Road East (Fulbourn) 6.9 hectares	As above.	Land is allocated for business uses at Fulbourn Road on the eastern edge of Cambridge in both adopted plans. This is partly under construction. The need for the allocations to be carried forward will be kept under review.	S/EOC: Other site allocations on the edge of Cambridge	The policy is consistent with national policy.
E/4: Allocations for Class B1 Employment Uses	As above, although B1 employment uses now fall within the broader Use Class E.	Relevant sites not started or completed are proposed to be carried forward into the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.	S/RRA: Site allocations in rest of the rural area S/RSC: Other site allocations in the Rural Southern Cluster	The policy is consistent with national policy, although B1 employment uses now fall within the broader Use Class E.
E/5: Allocations for Class B1, B2 and B8 Employment Uses	As above.	Relevant sites not started or completed are proposed to be carried	S/RRA: Site allocations in rest of the rural area	The policy is consistent with national policy, although B1 employment uses now

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		forward into the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.		fall within the broader Use Class E.
E/6: Papworth Hospital	The NPPF says that strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality of places, and make sufficient provision for community facilities, such as healthcare (paragraph 20c). The policy identifies that healthcare is the preferred use for the site following the relocation of Papworth Hospital and, therefore, the policy is consistent with national policy.	Papworth Hospital has relocated to a new building on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus at Addenbrooke's, and therefore the former hospital site in Papworth Everard is now vacant. A continuation of the existing policy approach is proposed in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan to ensure appropriate future use.	S/RRP: Policy areas in the rest of the rural area	The policy is consistent with national policy.
E/7: Imperial War Museum at Duxford	The NPPF does not directly address how policies should address major visitor attractions outside town centres.	The museum is of national importance. A continuation of the approach of Policy E/7 is proposed in the Greater	S/RRP: Policy areas in the rest of the rural area	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		Cambridge Local Plan which will provide an appropriate policy framework to enable its continued evolution.		
E/8: Mixed-use development in Histon & Impington Station Area	See Policy E/1 above.	It is proposed that the policy area designation will be maintained in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. It is necessary to encourage sensitive redevelopment of this area and stimulate commercial activity and local employment. This approach was supported in the Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan.	S/RRP: Policy areas in the rest of the rural area	The policy is consistent with national policy.
E/9: Promotion of Clusters	This policy is consistent with national policy's requirement that planning policies should recognise and address the specific locational	The <i>Employment Land and Economic Development Evidence Study (2020)</i> explores the presence of clusters in the area, including	S/DS: Development Strategy J/NE: New employment and development proposals	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	requirements of different sectors, including making provision for clusters or networks of knowledge and data-driven, creative or high technology industries (paragraph 83).	their needs and opportunities, involving consultation with key stakeholders. The proposed Greater Cambridge Local Plan will continue to support the needs of clusters, updated as necessary to reflect the findings of the above Study.		
E/10: Shared Social Spaces in Employment Areas	This policy is consistent with the NPPF's expectation that planning policies should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt (paragraph 81).	The success of many of the campuses and business parks are supported by a mix of other services and facilities which make it possible for workers to meet and share ideas. With the implementation of the Planning Use Class E, which provides greater flexibility between uses, such a policy is less necessary, but making	J/EP: Supporting a range of facilities in employment parks	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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		employment parks high quality environments for workers and visitors is an important issue and a similar policy is proposed for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.		
E/11: Large Scale Warehousing and Distribution Centres	The NPPF says that planning policies should recognise and address the specific locational requirements of different sectors, including for storage and distribution operations at a variety of scales and in suitably accessible locations (paragraph 83). Policy E/11 restricts large scale warehousing and distribution, but specifically because of the importance of other high-tech sectors within Greater Cambridge,	A need for additional space for warehousing and distribution was identified in the <i>Greater Cambridge Employment Land and Economic Development Evidence Study (2020)</i> . The Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals put forward allocations, and proposed policy which continued to focused on meeting local needs.	J/NE: New employment and development proposals	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	and the need for careful management and protection of employment land. Therefore, local justification is provided.			
E/12: New Employment Development in Villages	By enabling business development and expansion within village development frameworks, this policy is consistent with the NPPF’s expectation that policies should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt (paragraph 81).	Sensitive small-scale employment development can help sustain rural economies, and provide a wider range of employment opportunities for local residents. A similar policy is proposed to be included in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.	J/NE: New employment and development proposals	The policy is consistent with national policy.
E/13: New Employment Development on the Edges of Villages	As above, but with regard to development on the edges of villages.	As above.	J/NE: New employment and development proposals	The policy is consistent with national policy.
E/14: Loss of Employment Land to Non Employment Uses	As above, but with regard to resisting the	Less local employment opportunities can reduce the vibrancy of	J/PB: Protecting existing business space	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	loss of employment uses.	communities, and mean people have to travel further for work, or to access local services. It would be unreasonable to protect employment sites in perpetuity, but policies can seek to ensure that alternative employment opportunities have been explored before sites are lost.		
E/15: Established Employment Areas	By enabling business development and expansion within these established areas, this policy is consistent with the NPPF’s expectation that policies should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt (paragraph 81).	A range of key employment locations have been identified to support the Cambridge economy, and the approach is proposed to be continued in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.	J/NE: New employment and development proposals	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
E/16: Expansion of Existing Businesses in the Countryside	As above, but with regard to existing businesses in the countryside, with appropriate controls included in the policy.	Whilst in general new development in the countryside is restricted, there are circumstances (outside the Green Belt) where the expansion of firms would be acceptable.	J/NE: New employment and development proposals	The policy is consistent with national policy.
E/17: Conversion or Replacement of Rural Buildings for Employment	The NPPF states that policies should enable the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings. Outside settlements, it will be important to ensure that development is sensitive to its surroundings, does not have an unacceptable impact on local roads and exploits any	It is important that policies restrict the scale of development in the countryside where large scale development would be unsustainable. Rural buildings, such as farm buildings no longer needed for agriculture, provide opportunities for conversion for employment uses in the district, thereby supporting the rural economy. A similar policy approach is proposed to be included	J/RE: Supporting the rural economy	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	opportunities to make a location more sustainable (paragraphs 84 and 85). Policy E/17 is consistent with national policy in this regard.	in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.		
E/18: Farm Diversification	This policy is consistent with the requirement in national policy that plan policies should enable the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses (paragraph 84b).	Policies need to support land-based businesses and farms to continue to thrive, including through diversifying into other business areas. A similar policy approach is proposed to be included in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.	J/RE: Supporting the rural economy	The policy is consistent with national policy.
E/19: Tourist Facilities and Visitor Attractions	This policy concerns facilities and attractions in the countryside and includes a number of criteria to ensure that appropriate and sustainable development occurs.	None.	J/VA: Visitor accommodation, attractions and facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	As such, the policy is consistent with national policy, which expects policies to enable sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments which respect the character of the countryside (paragraph 84c).			
E/20: Tourist Accommodation	The NPPF indicates that tourism development is a main town centre use and that policies should enable sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments which respect the character of the countryside (glossary and paragraph 84c). The policy permits tourist accommodation within and outside development	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will consider how visitor accommodation should be addressed.	GP/PH: Protection of public houses J/VA: Visitor accommodation, attractions and facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	frameworks, subject to appropriate controls and, therefore, is consistent with national policy.			
E/21: Retail Hierarchy	The NPPF says that plan policies should define a network and hierarchy of town centres and promote their long-term vitality and viability (paragraph 86a). Policy E/21 defines the hierarchy for the district and, therefore, is consistent with national policy.	The <i>Greater Cambridge Retail and Leisure Study (2023)</i> will review and assess the retail hierarchy across the whole of Greater Cambridge. This will be reflected in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.	J/RC: Retail and centres	The policy is consistent with national policy.
E/22: Applications for New Retail Development	The NPPF indicates that when assessing applications for retail and leisure development outside town centres, which are not in accordance with an up-to-date plan, local planning	To sustain the vibrancy and vitality of centres, new retail should be directed towards new and existing centres. This means out of town development proposals - development outside a new or planned centre –	J/RC: Retail and centres	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>authorities should require an impact assessment if the development is over a proportionate, locally set floorspace threshold (paragraph 90). Policy E/22 includes locally set thresholds, reflecting the rural nature of the district and the scale of development that would be appropriate. As such, the policy is consistent with national policy.</p>	<p>will need to consider their impact on these centres, to ensure they do not undermine their ability to serve their local community.</p>		
<p>E/23: Retailing in the Countryside</p>	<p>The NPPF requires the achievement of sustainable development and the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities,</p>	<p>The <i>Greater Cambridge Retail and Leisure study</i> (2021) demonstrated the important role of smaller local convenience stores throughout the network of village settlements. It is therefore important that these village/ rural/</p>	<p>J/RC: Retail and centres</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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	<p>such as local shops (paragraph 84d). Policy E/23 responds to these provisions as it seeks to control sporadic development for retail uses in the countryside, which could result in unsustainable patterns of development and could harm the vitality and viability of village centres.</p>	<p>local centres provide people with continued access to a range of shops and services which help them to meet their day-to-day needs, while avoiding unsustainable development in the countryside outside settlements.</p>		

Promoting Successful Communities

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
SC/1: Allocation for Open Space	By allocating new and extended areas of public open space, this policy is consistent with national policy, which states that to provide the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and community facilities, including open space (paragraph 93a).	Open spaces not only help support the health, social and cultural well-being of local communities but also help support strategies to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change. The varied nature of the area means that tailored solutions will be required for provision of open space in new development.	BG/EO: Providing and enhancing open spaces	The policy is consistent with national policy.
SC/2: Health Impact Assessment	A key element of the social objective of sustainable development, as outlined in the NPPF, is to support strong, vibrant and healthy	Place and space have a significant impact on health and wellbeing. The ability of individuals to lead healthy lifestyles is deeply influenced by the environment in which	WS/HD: Creating healthy new developments	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	<p>communities (paragraph 8b). While national policy does not refer specifically to Heath Impact Assessments (HIAs), the requirement in Policy SC/2 to submit them for relevant development supports the achievement of sustainable development.</p>	<p>they live. The adopted Local Plan includes a requirement for HIAs to be submitted with planning applications subject to the size of the development. It is proposed to extend this policy across Greater Cambridge at a level of detail appropriate to the scale and nature of an application.</p>		
<p>SC/3: Protection of Village Services and Facilities</p>	<p>This policy directly addresses the NPPF’s expectation that policies should enable the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities in rural areas (paragraph 84d).</p>	<p>Community, cultural, education, sports and leisure services and facilities play an important role in making places vibrant, healthy and sustainable. These are important in both new and established settlements. Policies are needed to ensure these facilities and services are delivered to</p>	<p>WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities GP/PH: Protection of public houses</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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		support new development. Appropriate care is also needed to ensure new facilities do not undermine existing facilities. It is also equally important to ensure these are protected from loss to alternative uses, to support established settlements.		
SC/4: Meeting Community Needs	This policy is consistent with the NPPF's requirement that policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of	As above.	WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities MS/MU: Meanwhile uses during long term redevelopments GP/PH: Protection of public houses	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments (paragraph 93a).			
SC/5: Community Healthcare Provision	National policy says that plan policies should address the provision of community facilities, including for health (paragraphs 20c and 28). By supporting the provision of such facilities within sustainable locations Policy SC/5 is consistent with the NPPF.	As above.	WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.
SC/6: Indoor Community Facilities	This policy is consistent with the NPPF's requirement that policies should plan positively for the provision and use of	As above.	WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
	shared spaces and community facilities (paragraph 93a).			
SC/7: Outdoor Play Space, Informal Open Space and New Developments	This policy is consistent with the NPPF’s requirement that policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and community facilities, including open space (paragraph 93a); and should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision (paragraph 98).	<p>Open spaces not only help support the health, social and cultural well-being of local communities but also help support strategies to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change. The varied nature of the area means that tailored solutions will be required for provision of open space in new development.</p> <p>Updated evidence regarding the need for sports and openspace will be prepared to inform the local plan review.</p>	<p>BG/EO: Providing and enhancing open spaces</p> <p>WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities</p>	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
SC/8: Protection of Existing Recreation Areas, Allotments and Community Orchards	The NPPF requires that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless a number of criteria are met (paragraph 99). Policy SC/8 reflects the provisions of national policy in this regard.	Settlements contain a wide variety of open spaces that make significant contributions to the character of places, but also provide important local amenities. It is important that these are protected from development that could have an adverse impact on these qualities.	BG/PO: Protecting open spaces	The policy is consistent with national policy.
SC/9: Lighting Proposals	The NPPF requires that policies ensure that new development is appropriate for its location taking into account the likely effects, including limiting the impact of light pollution from artificial light (paragraph 185c). Policy SC/9 seeks to control any harmful	Plan policies should respond to the requirement in national policy in a local context.	WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	effects of external lighting and, therefore, is consistent with national policy.			
SC/10: Noise Pollution	As above, but with regard to the effects of noise from development.	As above.	WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety	The policy is consistent with national policy.
SC/11: Contaminated Land	This policy responds to the requirement in the NPPF that policies should ensure that a site is suitable for its proposed use taking account of ground conditions and any risks arising from land instability and contamination (paragraph 183a).	As above.	WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety	The policy is consistent with national policy.
SC/12: Air Quality	Policy SC/12 reflects the requirement in the NPPF that policies should sustain and contribute towards compliance with	An ongoing issue is to ensure there is no adverse effect on air quality in air quality management areas (AQMA), which are	WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	relevant limit values or national objectives for pollutants, taking into account the presence of Air Quality Management Areas and Clean Air Zones, and the cumulative impacts from individual sites in local areas (paragraph 186).	currently in effect in the city centre		
SC/13: Hazardous Installations	This policy reflects the broad provisions in national policy concerning hazardous installations and substances (paragraph 45).	Plan policies should respond to the requirement in national policy in a local context.	WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety	The policy is consistent with national policy.
SC/14: Odour and Other Fugitive Emissions to Air	As for Policies SC/9 and SC/10, but with regard to the effects of odour from development.	As above.	WS/HS: Pollution, health and safety	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Promoting and Delivering Sustainable Transport and Infrastructure

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
TI/1: Chesterton Rail Station and Interchange	This policy is consistent with the NPPF, with regard to policies identifying and protecting, where there is robust evidence, sites and routes which could be critical in developing infrastructure to widen transport choice (paragraph 106c).	Policy in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan will continue to safeguard important infrastructure from any adverse effects of new development. Cambridge North station has now been completed and is operational.	I/FD: Freight and delivery consolidation I/SI: Safeguarding important infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.
TI/2: Planning for Sustainable Travel	The NPPF expects plan policies to promote sustainable transport (section 9); Policy TI/2 is consistent with this approach.	An update of the adopted policy will reflect the aims of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport Plan and national policy, whilst addressing the specific challenges and local opportunities within Greater Cambridge.	I/ST: Sustainable transport and connectivity I/FD: Freight and delivery consolidation	The policy is consistent with national policy.
TI/3: Parking Provision	This policy sets local parking standards for	The adopted policy includes indicative	I/EV: Parking and electric vehicles	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	<p>new development and in doing so reflects the principles set out in national policy (paragraph 107).</p>	<p>parking standards that respond to the rural nature of the area.</p> <p>A replacement policy is proposed that moves to a more design-led approach, supported by indicative standards tailored to reflect different circumstances. This would allow flexibility to adapt to changing patterns of car ownership and use through the plan period.</p>	<p>I/FD: Freight and delivery consolidation</p>	
<p>TI/4: Rail Freight and Interchanges</p>	<p>This policy takes a positive approach to proposals for rail freight interchanges and seeks to protect existing infrastructure. As such, it is consistent with the NPPF provisions referred to with regard to Policy TI/1.</p>	<p>A replacement policy proposal is to explore how local delivery hubs might be supported. These could provide opportunities for deliveries to be consolidated to reduce the number of trips, or transferred to other</p>	<p>I/FD: Freight and delivery consolidation I/SI: Safeguarding important infrastructure</p>	<p>The policy is consistent with national policy.</p>

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		delivery modes such as electric bikes.		
TI/5: Aviation-Related Development Proposals	The NPPF takes a broad approach to this issue, indicating that plans should recognise the importance of maintaining a national network of general aviation airfields and have regard to the Government’s General Aviation Strategy (paragraph 106f). Policy TI/5 is more focused on the effects of aviation-related development, but is not otherwise inconsistent with national policy.	In addition to Cambridge Airport there are a number of established aerodromes and smaller airfields in Greater Cambridge, including Imperial War Museum Duxford. Policies are needed to ensure aviation development does not negatively impact environment and human health, and that impacts of proposals are fully considered.	I/AD: Aviation development	The policy is consistent with national policy.
TI/6: Cambridge Airport Public Safety Zone	As above.	As above.	I/AD: Aviation development	The policy is consistent with national policy.
TI/7: Lord’s Bridge Radio Telescope	This policy reflects the broad principles of the NPPF with regard to safeguarding important	Policy in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan will continue to safeguard important	I/SI: Safeguarding important infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.

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	strategic and local infrastructure.	infrastructure from any adverse effects of new development.		
TI/8: Infrastructure and New Developments	This policy is consistent with the objective in national policy that development should be supported by sufficient infrastructure and that this can be secured through developer contributions (paragraphs 20b and c, and 34).	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will be supported by work to assess electricity infrastructure capacity at a strategic level. A new policy seeks to ensure that this approach is integrated at a very early stage, via the development of energy masterplans for strategic developments. An Infrastructure Delivery Plan is being prepared to accompany the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. This will identify the infrastructure that is needed, when it is needed, and how much it costs.	I/EI: Energy infrastructure masterplanning I/ID: Infrastructure and delivery	The policy is consistent with national policy.

Policy	Consistency with National Policy	Evidence/change in local circumstances	Linked policy in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP)	Conclusion/RAG
TI/9: Education Facilities	As above, but specifically with regard to education facilities.	The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will accompany the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, which will identify what facilities are needed and how they will be funded. This will include provision for schools and health, and be prepared in consultation with service providers.	WS/CF: Community, sports and leisure facilities	The policy is consistent with national policy.
TI/10: Broadband	This policy is consistent with the NPPF's expectation that plan policies should support the expansion of electronic communications networks, including full fibre broadband connections (paragraph 114).	The Greater Cambridge economy is driven by businesses in knowledge-based sectors with businesses that rely on the use of cutting-edge digital technology. An updated policy is required to ensure that adequate and appropriate digital infrastructure is provided in new development.	I/DI: Digital infrastructure	The policy is consistent with national policy.



Response to the Huntingdonshire District Council Issues Engagement Paper (Regulation 18) Consultation

To:

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Wards affected:

All

Not a Key Decision

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks agreement of a proposed response to the Huntingdonshire Local Plan Issues Engagement Paper (Regulation 18) Consultation.
- 1.2 The initial Issues Engagement stage is the first stage of reviewing Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2036 (adopted 15 May 2019). The Consultation paper identifies key issues but doesn't propose specific responses to them at this stage, instead it is seeking feedback from local residents, communities, businesses and organisations on what the priorities for improving the district of Huntingdonshire should be. Responses to this document will inform Huntingdonshire District Council's Local Plan Review. Given the proximity of Huntingdonshire to South Cambridgeshire, the contents of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan could in principle impact on the emerging joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan, and a joint response from Greater Cambridge is recommended.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Please see Appendix 1: Huntingdonshire District Council Issues Engagement Paper– proposed consultation response (Appendix 1 at the end of the report).
- 2.2 The Executive Councillor is recommended to:
- i. Agree the proposed joint response to the Huntingdonshire District Council Issues Engagement Paper (Regulation 18) Consultation.
 - ii. Agree that any subsequent material amendments be made by the Executive Member for Planning and Transport, in consultation with Chair and Spokes
 - iii. 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 Executive Member for Planning and Transport, in consultation with Chair and Spokes

3. Background

- 3.1 Huntingdonshire District Council is reviewing their Local Plan to 2036 (adopted 15 May 2019) and are undertaking early engagement on key issues relevant to the plan between 24th April – 5th July 2023. The consultation documents explore issues but don't currently include options for responding to these. The Councils therefore have an opportunity to identify key cross-boundary matters they consider that require active exploration by Huntingdonshire in the preparation of their Local Plan.
- 3.2 The paragraph below identifies the points raised in the proposed response to consultation which is included at appendix 1 to this report. The proposed response focuses comments on aspects that impact on Greater Cambridge rather than providing a general commentary on all elements of the forthcoming plan, which is a matter for Huntingdonshire District Council with their community and ultimately their inspector. Notwithstanding, given both Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council's ambitious policy approaches regarding climate and biodiversity as set out in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals, together with the cross-

boundary (and indeed global) nature of both opportunities and impacts in relation to these topics, officers recommend that the consultation response should note the approach to these topics taken in the First Proposals, and encourage Huntingdonshire District Council to adopt similarly ambitious policy approaches in their plan.

3.3 The proposed response identifies the following response points requiring future substantive engagement:

- strongly suggest that Huntingdonshire District Council explore in full water supply issues, and stress the importance of ambitious water efficiency policies, particularly as part of Huntingdon district is served by Cambridge Water as is Greater Cambridge.
- note merits of discussing potential cross-boundary green infrastructure opportunities.
- note travel to work, housing market and economic connections, and encourage further engagement regarding these topics as well as on proposed strategic infrastructure projects including the A428 upgrade and East West Rail project.
- encourage Huntingdonshire District Council to adopt ambitious climate and biodiversity policy approaches in their new plan.

3.4 As a proposed joint response with South Cambridgeshire District Council, a mirror report is also being taken to South Cambridgeshire's District Council's Cabinet on 27th June 2023.

4. Implications

a) Financial Implications

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None

b) Staffing Implications

None

c) Equality and Poverty Implications

None

d) Net Zero Carbon, Climate Change and Environmental Implications

Development plans provide an opportunity to address the aspects of the environment that can be influenced by the planning system. The proposed

response encourages Huntingdonshire District Council to adopt ambitious climate and biodiversity policy approaches in their new plan, noting the approach taken within the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. The proposed response specifically suggests that Huntingdonshire District Council explore in full water supply issues in the preparation of a new Huntingdonshire Local Plan, noting the severity of the issue in Greater Cambridge and at a regional level, and in particular as part of Huntingdonshire lies within the area served by Cambridge Water as is Greater Cambridge.

e) Procurement Implications

None

f) Community Safety Implications

None

5. Consultation and communication considerations

- 5.1 As a response to another organisation's consultation, and given the nature of issues raised, officers don't consider that there are substantive additional consultation and communication issues requiring consideration.

6. Background papers

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

Emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan

- [Greater Cambridge Local Plan - First Proposals | Greater Cambridge Shared Planning \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](#)

Huntingdonshire Local Plan Issues Engagement consultation documents:

- [The Issues Engagement Paper](#) (<https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/event/37422>) - an in-depth look at the issues including detailed questions to encourage comprehensive responses
- [The Issues Summary Paper](#) (<https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/event/37424>) -a

quick look at the headline issues, with one or two open questions to get opinions

- **[The Issues Easy Read Version](https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/event/37419)** (<https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/event/37419>) - a simplified document with tick box questions

7. Appendices

Appendix 1: Huntingdonshire District Council Issues Engagement Paper– proposed consultation response

8. Inspection of papers

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Appendix 1: Huntingdonshire District Council Issues Engagement Paper– proposed joint consultation response

This response to the Huntingdonshire District Council Issues Engagement Paper (Regulation 18) consultation is made by Greater Cambridge Shared Planning on behalf of Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The main issue we wish to raise is that we would strongly suggest that Huntingdonshire District Council explore in full water supply issues in the preparation of a new Huntingdonshire Local Plan, noting the severity of the issue in Greater Cambridge and at a regional level, and in particular as part of Huntingdonshire lies within the area served by Cambridge Water as is Greater Cambridge. This is the same issue we raised in our response to your Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. The Issues Engagement Paper correctly refers to the draft Regional Water Resources Plan for Eastern England which recognised the whole of Eastern England as being ‘seriously water stressed’ and with the prospect of severe water shortages unless new demand and supply measures are taken forward. The new Local Plan must carefully consider the water supply available from both Anglian Water’s and Cambridge Water’s emerging Water Resources Management Plans, taking into account when new sources of supply such as the Fens Reservoir are due to become operational. We understand that you have engaged consultants to produce an Integrated Water Management Study to consider the above issues as well as wider water cycle issues. Noting that rivers and catchment areas cross administrative areas, we consider it important that Huntingdonshire engage with Greater Cambridge on this critical piece of evidence.

Noting the water supply challenge, we would stress the importance of ambitious water efficiency policies which set out levels of water use for both housing and non-housing development, following at a minimum the optional Part G Building Regulations level of 110 litres/person/day, but considering whether a lower level may be justified due to the level of water stress. The Greater Cambridge First Proposals Local Plan included [water efficiency standards](#) of 80 litres/person/day in all new housing development, that go beyond what Local Authorities are currently able to require (as set out in the Deregulation Act 2015). For Greater Cambridge the case for greater water efficiency is so strong that there is a case for seeking this approach, and this may also be the case in Huntingdonshire.

Aside from the water issue, we note the potential [Strategic Green Infrastructure initiatives](#) identified in our Local Plan evidence that could cross the administrative boundary between Huntingdonshire and Greater Cambridge, including the Great Ouse Fenland Arc and Western Gateway multifunctional GI corridor. We would welcome continued dialogue on this topic as our plans progress.

We also note that Huntingdonshire and Greater Cambridge have travel to work, housing market and economic connections, and that strategic infrastructure projects including the A428 upgrade and East West Rail are planned to travel through both of our areas. The Councils value previous joint working with Huntingdonshire on these issues and will look to continue this as our respective plans and key infrastructure projects progress.

Beyond the above, in common with Huntingdonshire District Council, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council have both declared climate emergencies. The Councils acknowledge the challenges faced by Huntingdonshire District Council in addressing the Climate Emergency. Given the cross-boundary (and indeed global) nature of both opportunities and impacts in relation to the climate and biodiversity emergencies, we encourage Huntingdonshire District Council to adopt ambitious climate and biodiversity policy approaches in their new plan, noting the approach taken within the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

The Councils are already engaging with Huntingdonshire District Council under the Duty to Cooperate in relation to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. We would welcome further dialogue with Huntingdonshire as our respective plans progress, including but not limited to the cross-boundary matters identified above.

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Cambridge City Council

Record of Executive Decision

Response to Consultation on Anglian Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan

Decision of Councillor Katie Thornburrow, Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

Reference: 23/URGENCY/P&T/06

Date of decision: 23/03/23

Date Published on website: 31/03/23

Decision Type: Non-Key

Matter for Decision: To agree the response to Anglian Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The purpose of this decision is to agree the response to Anglian Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP), set out at Appendix 1 to this decision. This is proposed to be a joint response with South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Appendix 1 can be viewed at the link below:

[Document Meeting 27.06.23: ROD: Response to Consultation on Anglian Waters Draft Water Resources Management Plan - Cambridge Council](#)

Anglian Water are carrying out consultation on their draft WRMP between 22nd December 2022 and 29th March 2023. All water companies produce a WRMP every five years, and this sets out how they will ensure resilient water supplies to their customers over the next 25 years.

The Greater Cambridge area is covered by the Cambridge Water supply area, and a response to that plan which was recently published in being prepared.

However, given the Anglian water supply area adjoins Greater Cambridge, and it references measures being applied by Cambridge Water in particular the Fens Reservoir and the earlier bulk water transfer it is considered a response is merited.

Anglian Water's WRMP sets out the challenges faced in the plan period including the impacts of climate change, population growth associated with development in the area, planning for drought resilience and the requirement to leave more water in the environment. In order to balance water supply and demand, and it sets out the measures Anglian Water propose to offset this deficit, which are in line with Water Resources East's Regional Water Resources Plan. A three-tiered approach is proposed:

- Demand management, including reducing leakage, universal metering and use of smart meters
- Two new raw water storage reservoirs – Fens Reservoir to be developed in partnership with Cambridge Water and South Lincolnshire Reservoir
- Utilising other sources of water, such as water reuse, desalination and transfers

The proposed joint response to the consultation in Appendix 1 is based upon the response the Councils previously made to the Regional Water Resources Plan.

The comments request that Anglian Water continues to work cooperatively with Cambridge Water, given the constrained nature of the Cambridge Water supply area. Anglian Water's final WRMP will need to take into account issues arising from the consultation on Cambridge Water's draft Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP) and their resulting final WRMP and vice versa

They are also supportive of the measures proposed to provide additional supply of water to Cambridge Water including a proposed time limited transfer from Anglian Water to Cambridge Water and the joint development of the Fens Reservoir. These proposals are essential to reduce reliance on the abstraction of water from the chalk aquifer in Greater Cambridge which is having a detrimental environmental impact to the chalk streams, and which will also support future housing and economic development. The proposed comments are additionally

supportive of demand management measures to make better use of the water available through water efficiency, leakage control, smart metering and re-use of water.

Alternative options

The alternative options available are: The alternative options are:

- Agree to submit the response in Appendix 1, with possible minor amendments
- Agree an alternative response
- Agree not to respond to the consultation

To not submit a consultation response, would miss an opportunity to put forward the Council's views to Anglian Water in support of measures which will increase supply to Cambridge Water enabling reductions in abstraction causing harm to the environment and to enable housing and economic development.

The Executive Councillor's decision: To confirm that the consultation response set out in Appendix 1 (attached) of this decision should be made to Anglian Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP).

Delegated authority is given to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to agree any minor amendments to the response in order to finalise the joint response.

Reasons for the decision: To provide the views of Cambridge City Council on the draft WRMP because future water resources which will be a key issue for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan

Scrutiny consideration: The Chair and Spokespersons of Planning & Transport Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report: Appendix 1 – Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council response to the Anglian Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan

Conflict of interest: None

Comments:

Councillor S Smith endorsed the proposed response to the consultation. In addition to labelling the water consumption of white goods, would add a request for AW to lobby Government to require water usage controls on electric power and rain showers.

In response the Principal Planning Policy Officer advised that the Government's proposals also include labelling water using products such as taps, showers, toilets in addition to white goods such as dishwashers and washing machines. The comment about water usage controls on electric power and rain showers has been included within the response to Anglian Water.

Councillor Porrer raised the following points regarding the importance of grey water reuse and rain water harvesting, not only for residential development but also for commercial sites, particularly as we know that we are seeing more lab-based uses coming forward, as well as office space. Would hope that this is clear in our response and that the government and water strategies are encouraged to push for more greywater reuse and rain harvesting on all larger and commercial sites to mitigate against increase water use, particularly as there may be higher water needs for some lab-based usages.

In response the Principal Planning Policy Officer advised the Anglian Water plans includes a section where we are being supportive of demand management measures set out in the draft WRMP, including water efficiency and reuse which would cover rainwater harvesting and greywater recycling. We have not distinguished between household and non-household specifically but are supportive of measures for both types of uses, which would include commercial uses. An amendment has been made to the response to make it clearer that the response is in relation to both residential and non-residential developments.

This response is for the Anglian Water area, which is the adjoining area. Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire are supplied by Cambridge Water. We are going to be putting together a response to the Cambridge Water draft Water Resources Management Plan (which has a deadline of 19th May). We will make sure we highlight your points in this response about commercial sites including lab-based usage, which is particularly pertinent in Greater Cambridge.

Councillor Bennett advised that a separate response had been submitted by Green Party to the consultation.

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Cambridge City Council

Record of Executive Decision

Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply

Decision of: Councillor Katie Thornburrow, Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

Reference: 23/URGENCY/P&T/09

Date of decision: 02/05/23

Date Published on website: 10/05/23.

Decision Type: Non-Key

Matter for Decision: To agree the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report Appendix 1) to be published on the Councils' shared planning service website. The Greater Cambridge housing trajectory and five-year housing land supply calculations have been prepared jointly with South Cambridgeshire District Council, consistent with the adopted Local Plans.

To delegate any further minor editing changes to the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development where they are technical matters.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The Greater Cambridge housing trajectory is used by the Councils to calculate their five-year housing land supply and to demonstrate that anticipated housing delivery will meet or exceed the housing requirements set out in their Local Plans. The housing trajectory and five-year supply calculations are required to be updated annually. The new five-year period started on 1 April 2023, and therefore calculations for this period (2023-2028) need to be agreed and published.

Alternative options: An alternative option would be to not publish the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report. However, national planning policy and guidance requires that a local planning authority should identify and annually update their five-year supply of specific deliverable housing sites. A new housing trajectory is required to establish the Greater Cambridge five-year housing land supply for the purposes of making planning decisions.

Executive Councillor's decision: The Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report (Appendix 1) to be published on the Councils' shared planning service website.

To delegate any further minor editing changes to the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development where they are technical matters

Reasons for the decision: The Greater Cambridge housing trajectory is used by the Councils to calculate their five-year housing land supply and to demonstrate that anticipated housing delivery will meet or exceed the housing requirements set out in their Local Plans. The housing trajectory and five-year supply calculations are required to be updated annually.

The new five-year period started on 1 April 2023, and therefore calculations for this period (2023-2028) need to be agreed and published.

Scrutiny consideration: The Chair and Spokespersons of Planning & Transport Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report: Appendix 1, The Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report.

Click on link below to view Appendix 1

[Appendix 1](#)

Conflict of interest: None know

Comments: No comments were received on this out of cycle decision.

Cambridge City Council

Record of Executive Decision

Response to Consultation on Cambridge Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan

Decision of: Councillor Thornburrow, Executive Councillor, Planning Policy and Infrastructure

Reference: 23/URGENCY/P&T/10

Date of decision: 10/05/23

Date Published on website: 30/05/23

Decision Type: Non-Key

Matter for Decision: To agree the response to Cambridge Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan

Why the Decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The purpose of this decision is to agree the response to Cambridge Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan (dWRMP), set out at Appendix 1 which can be viewed at the link below. This is proposed to be a joint response with South Cambridgeshire District Council.

[Document Meeting 27.06.23: ROD: Response to Consultation on Anglian Waters Draft Water Resources Management Plan - Cambridge Council](#)

Cambridge Water are carrying out consultation on their dWRMP. WRMPs identify how water supply will be managed, are produced every 5 years, and cover a 25 year period

Cambridge Water's dWRMP sets out the challenges faced in the plan period including the impacts of climate change, population growth associated with development in the area, planning for drought resilience and the requirement to leave more water in the environment by reducing abstraction from the underground aquifer which feeds the chalk streams.

The dWRMP sets out the measures Cambridge Water propose to balance supply and demand for water and is closely aligned with Water Resources East's draft Regional Water Resources Plan. The approach proposed is:

- Demand management, including reducing leakage, a commitment to reduce both household and non-household water consumption and universal smart metering
- New sources of supply including optimising sustainable licences from a gravel source, a time limited bulk water transfer from Anglian Water (a pipeline from

Grafham Water), re-use and storage from water recycling works and the development of the Fens Reservoir in partnership with Anglian Water

In the short term, until the new sources of supply become operational there is still a deficit in supply and Cambridge Water intend to:

- Apply drought measurement measures more frequently in dry years
- Accelerate the bulk transfer from Anglian Water from 2027 to 2031 – although this wasn't included in a draft decision by OFWAT in April 2023

The proposed joint response to the consultation in Appendix 1 is based upon the response the Councils previously made to the draft Regional Water Resources Plan. [Document Meeting 27.06.23: ROD: Response to Consultation on Anglian Waters Draft Water Resources Management Plan - Cambridge Council](#)

The proposed response is supportive of the overall aim of the draft WRMP in that it seeks to address the identified development needs whilst also achieving the abstraction reductions required by the Environment Agency. However, this is with the proviso that the Councils are not the responsible authorities in water resources planning and would look to the expertise of the Environment Agency to assess whether the measures proposed in the WRMP will be effective in providing a sustainable water supply

The Councils urge Cambridge Water along with the Environment Agency, DEFRA, DLUHC and OFWAT to work effectively together and in a timely manner to resolve the final WRMP and to bring forward the necessary supply and demand measures as rapidly as possible.

Officers carried out a briefing about the proposed response on 9th May 2023, to which all Councillors in Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council were invited

The alternative options are:

- Agree to submit the response in Appendix 1, with possible minor amendments
- Agree an alternative response
- Agree not to respond to the consultation

To not submit a consultation response, would miss an opportunity to put forward the Council's views to Cambridge Water in support of measures which will reduce demand for water and increase supply, enabling reductions in abstraction causing harm to the environment and to enable housing and economic development.

The Executive Councillor's decision: Agreed that the consultation response set out in Appendix 1 of this decision should be made to Cambridge Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP). Agreed that delegated authority is given to

the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to agree any minor amendments to the response in order to finalise the joint response.

[Document Meeting 27.06.23: ROD: Response to Consultation on Anglian Waters Draft Water Resources Management Plan - Cambridge Council](#)

Reason for the decision: To provide the views of Cambridge City Council on the draft WRMP because future water resources will be a key issue for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan

Scrutiny Consideration: The Chair and Spokesperson of the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report: Officer to reference any reports or associated papers. Appendix 1 (attached) Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council proposed joint response to Cambridge Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) 2024

Conflict of interest: None.

Comments: Comments were received from Councillors T Bick and Cllr S Davies which were addressed by the Principal Planning Policy Officer and Appendix 1 updated accordingly.

To view Appendix 1, click on the link below:

[Document Meeting 27.06.23: ROD: Response to Consultation on Anglian Waters Draft Water Resources Management Plan - Cambridge Council](#)

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Cambridge City Council

Record of Executive Decision

Response to Technical Consultation on the Infrastructure Levy (department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities)

Decision of: Councillor Thornburrow, Executive Councillor, Planning Policy and Infrastructure

Reference: 23/URGENCY/P&T/11

Date of decision: 30/05/ 23 Date Published on website: 09 June 2023

Decision Type: Non-Key

Matter for Decision: To agree the response to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) Technical Consultation on the Infrastructure Levy

[Appendix 1 Response to Technical Consultation on the Infrastructure Levy - Cambridge Council](#)

Why the Decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The purpose of this decision is to agree the joint response from both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire councils to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities' Technical consultation on the proposed introduction of an Infrastructure Levy that seeks to replace the current regime of developer obligations (Section 106 Agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy).

The consultation is on technical aspects of the design of the Levy with responses informing the preparation and contents of regulations as part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

The Government is seeking to amend the current system of developer obligations from new development by introducing a new Infrastructure Levy, which it intends to replace the Community Infrastructure Levy and hopes it will replace the use of Section 106 Agreements for the vast majority of new development proposals. Currently neither South

Cambridgeshire District Council nor Cambridge City Council have a Community Infrastructure Levy but continue to mitigate the impacts of development through the use of Section 106 contributions from major developments.

The proposed response raises significant concerns about the proposals regarding the practical and financial implications that they could have for the Councils. The response highlights concern regarding the timing of receipt of funding and the impact this could have on Councils having to bear the cost of borrowing to fund early infrastructure provision, and questions the realism of the approach proposed for strategic spending plans (referred to as Infrastructure Delivery Strategies).

Beyond this, the proposed response highlights the need for the levy to secure appropriate provision of affordable housing alongside addressing infrastructure needs effectively so it is delivered when it is needed. The response also seeks local discretion on many issues, so that the levy reflects local circumstances.

The proposed consultation response highlights:-

- the need for a mutually beneficial approach which enables developers to deliver new housing which is viable and maximises gross development value, and enables councils to mitigate the impact of development through the creation of sustainable new infrastructure at the appropriate time, which helps communities to thrive.
- That the details of the scheme need to be consistent with the stated purposes of introducing a new Infrastructure Levy – That is that the Levy must achieve the same or greater affordable housing provision; must ensure sufficient funding can be secured to provide the necessary infrastructure required to support sustainable growth; and that it retains the ability for councils to seek satisfactory mitigation of site specific impacts.(Questions 1, 2, 5 of the Technical Consultation)
- Being clear about the infrastructure that a developer should provide as part of their development and that which is to be funded from the Levy.(Questions 1 & 2 of the Technical Consultation)
- The need to recognise that land values and land uses will vary across an authority area, and therefore applicable rates and the setting of thresholds for particular forms of development are best

determined using local discretion.(Question 20 of the Technical Consultation)

- That the system must assist the delivery of infrastructure when it is needed, including the ability of local authorities to seek earlier payment of the Levy to facilitate this. (Question 18 –19 of the Technical Consultation)
- Whether it is reasonable to assume that local authorities would be willing to borrow against future Levy receipts to forward fund infrastructure, the risks with this approach, especially where district councils are not the delivery body (i.e. for highways, schools, healthcare etc). (Questions 21-22 of the Technical Consultation)
- Concerns that the system is overly complicated and would be difficult for laypersons to understand, potentially undermining public confidence in the transparency of the system. (Questions 3 ,8 12,13 & 14 of the Technical Consultation)
- Whether the system would be open to potential abuse or manipulation to reduce liabilities on developers. (Questions 3,6, 7, & 14 of the Technical Consultation)
- Whether the Levy could be adapted to help address other concerns, such as land value engineering and development delivery rates .(Questions 16 & 17 of the Technical Consultation)
- Drawing attention to other potential pitfalls of the proposed Levy system and, where appropriate, offering up solutions that mutually beneficial for all parties. (Questions 21 of the Technical Consultation)
- That councils are best placed to determine potential exemptions to the Levy, or reduced rates, and what priority is to be afforded to which infrastructure. (Questions 39,42 of the Technical Consultation)
- The need to engage with county and other relevant infrastructure providers, as well as the wider community, to ensure all affected parties have a say what's required and where to meet local needs. (Question 28 of the Technical Consultation)

- The need for ongoing engagement with the councils to ensure the implementation of the Levy does not undermine existing planned development and growth. (Questions 44 & 45 of the Technical Consultation)
- The need to adequately resource councils to meet the significant administrative burdens likely to arise in setting an Infrastructure Levy, operating it, and monitoring its effectiveness. (Question 37 of the Technical Consultation)

The alternative options are:

- Agree to submit the response in Appendix 1, with possible minor amendments
- Agree an alternative response
- Agree not to respond to the consultation

To not submit a consultation response, would miss an opportunity to put forward the Council's views to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities about the councils concerns in relation to the Government's proposed Infrastructure levy.

The Executive Councillor's decision: To confirm that the consultation response set out in Appendix 1 of this decision should be made to Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC).

[Appendix 1 Response to Technical Consultation on the Infrastructure Levy - Cambridge Council](#)

Delegated authority is given to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to agree any minor amendments to the response in order to finalise the joint response.

Reason for the decision: To provide the views of Cambridge City Council to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) Technical Consultation on the Infrastructure Levy

Scrutiny Consideration: The Chair and Spokesperson of the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report: Appendix 1 – Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council proposed joint response to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

[Appendix 1 Response to Technical Consultation on the Infrastructure Levy - Cambridge Council](#)

Comments: Councillor Porrer made the following comments which were addressed by the Planning Policy Manager.

- Q13 (p9/10) It would be good to mention the risk of a developer going bankrupt and local councils having to pick up the tab, as well as for delays in payments as mentioned. This is alluded to in the answer to Q21 but could be more explicit. We have already had experience in Greater Cambridge of developers going out of business without completing the infrastructure I believe.
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Cambridge City Council

Record of Executive Decision

Adoption of Street Naming and Numbering Policy to cover all three councils

Decision of: Councillor Katie Thornburrow, Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Infrastructure

Reference: 23/URGENCY/P&T/08

Date of decision: 10 May 2023

Decision Type: Non-Key

Matter for Decision: To agree to the adoption of the Street Naming and Numbering Policy which has been revised to align all three separate Councils policies into one Policy.

Why the Decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

3C Building Control is now responsible for Street Naming and Numbering for all 3 Councils - Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Huntingdonshire District Council. We would like to align all three separate policies into one for us to use going forward and to publish on our website.

The amendments to the Policy are minor and in effect align the three policies into one more concise Policy. We have contacted our Councillors at each Council and have received their approval to the Policy. Legal have been consulted and also given their approval.

We have already contacted Huntingdonshire District Council and are currently awaiting final approval. South Cambridge District Council have added this to the forward Plan which is going to council on 15th May.

As the Cambridge City Committee are now not sitting till June, due to the upcoming elections, we would like this to be looked at out of cycle in order to expedite the process. To date it has taken over a year trying to get the revised Policy in place and getting the relevant approvals and due to timelines, we would appreciate your approval to the revised Policy.

The Executive Councillor's decision: Agreed to the adoption of the Street Naming and Numbering Policy which has been revised to align all three separate Councils policies into one Policy

Reason for the decision: The Council has a statutory obligation for the naming and numbering of streets and buildings within its designated administrative boundary. The purpose is to ensure that any new or amended street and building names and/or numbers are allocated logically and in a consistent manner to facilitate effective service delivery from both public and private sector bodies and in particular to ensure that emergency services are able to locate any address to which they may be summoned.

The Street Naming and Numbering Policy has not been reviewed since 2011. 3C Building Control has now taken on responsibility for Street Naming and Numbering for all three partner Councils and there has aligned all three separate policies into one unified policy.

Following a review of policies of all three partner Councils in 2022, it is proposed to align these into a single unified policy document. There are no major amendments, only minor changes.

It is proposed the new charges will take effect from 1 June 2023.

Although no formal consultation has been undertaken, service users will be advised following adoption that the annual subscription will be increasing

Scrutiny Consideration: The Chair and Spokesperson of the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report: Appendix A 3C Building Control Address Management Policy.

Click on link to view Appendix A : [Appendix A](#)

Conflict of interest: None

Comments: No comments were received on this out of cycle decision.