

## Appendix A – Analysis, responses and preferred approach to Vision and Strategic Objectives, plus summaries of representations received.

Setting a vision and strategic objectives for Cambridge involves considering what Cambridge could be like in 2031, outlining what needs to be achieved and how the Local Plan will help bring it to fruition. The vision and strategic objectives need to reflect the Council’s priorities and be specific to Cambridge, providing a spatial perspective that gives the Local Plan purpose and direction.

The strategic objectives elaborate upon the Vision and represent broad intentions of purpose that the more detailed policies and proposals within the Local Plan will strive to deliver. It is crucial that the strategic objectives relate to and are capable of addressing local, national and regional issues and drivers, so as to ensure that the Vision is deliverable. In line with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Local Plan’s strategic objectives are positively worded in order to promote the sustainable growth of the city.

If any gaps in policy coverage are recognised as a result of responses to the Issues and Options consultation, this will need to be addressed by the provision of further policy options and will also need to be appropriately reflected in the Vision and strategic objectives.

### ISSUE: VISION

(Page 16 of the Issues and Options Report)

<b>Total representations: 136</b>	
<b>Objections: 89</b>	<b>Support: 47</b>

OPTION NUMBER	KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION
<p>Option 1 – Cambridge 2031 Vision</p> <p>This option sets out the elements needed to form the vision for Cambridge towards 2031.</p> <p>(This section also incorporates responses to paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 and Question 2.1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considerable support for the Vision, even if only part (often most) of it;</li> <li>• Needs more mention of existing developments, not just new development;</li> <li>• Needs to remain a compact ‘small town like’ city;</li> <li>• Cambridge should become a beacon for urban design and sustainable development;</li> <li>• Vision should address socio-economic inequalities, particularly with reference to housing;</li> <li>• Vision should explicitly mention protection of Green Belt;</li> <li>• No mention of diverse natural environment or wildlife in Vision;</li> <li>• Vision should reflect having healthy lifestyles as a priority;</li> <li>• Needs to better reflect housing needs, anticipated workforce and job growth;</li> <li>• Needs to better reflect the problems faced in terms of</li> </ul>

	<p>energy supply, climate change, traffic congestion and food security;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More reference needs to be made to high quality sustainable transport infrastructure;</li> <li>• Needs to tie into Vision and plans for surrounding districts, particularly South Cambridgeshire;</li> <li>• More needs to be made of the exceptional heritage of the city and protecting historic buildings;</li> <li>• Jobs growth needs to be concentrated elsewhere and the vision for the city should be based on that approach;</li> <li>• The Local Plans and Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire should be fully integrated for consultation and decision-making;</li> <li>• Need for more provision for all modes of transport, including road and car parking infrastructure;</li> </ul>
<b>NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Vision for Cambridge's Quarter to Six Quadrant submitted by the parish councils of Barton, Coton and Madingley (Rep. 17053).</li> </ul>	

<b>SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT</b>
<b>Option Number 1</b>
<p>This Option should result in significant positive effects across the majority of sustainability topics. The Option's strong support for an environmentally sustainable and successful economy, which builds on the City's strengths in the fields of higher education and research and the knowledge based economy should help address the key economic issue to maintain and capitalise on Cambridge's position as one of the UK's most competitive cities. The Option's vision to become a low carbon city and recognition of the need to deliver a city where sustainable transport choices are the norm will also contribute significantly to improving the local environment and making Cambridge a destination of choice to live, work and visit.</p> <p>This Option should ensure the protection and enhancement of the historic environment and promote the character and distinctiveness of the conservation areas, which are two key landscape, townscape and cultural heritage sustainability issues. The option will thus contribute to maintaining the attractiveness of Cambridge as a tourist destination.</p> <p>The Option should help address identified sustainability issues relating to deprivation and inequality across the whole of the city. Its focus on socially mixed and inclusive communities also recognises the value that the City's ethnic diversity contributes to the City's vibrancy and cosmopolitan feel.</p> <p>The extent to which this Option fully addresses water scarcity in the region is unclear, particularly given the anticipated significant growth in housing and employment provision. Furthermore, the extent to which the Option recognises the threat posed by climate change and the need to both mitigate and adapt to its effects could be more clearly stated.</p>

**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.1 of Cambridge Local Plan 2006

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The Vision sets out high level aspirations for the city. The current vision in the Cambridge Local Plan 2006 has served us well, but it needs to be updated to reflect the changing needs and aspirations of the city. Whilst the level of support for parts of the Vision is noted, the Vision will need to reflect policies being taken forward. In relation to the wide-ranging representations made about the Vision, changes to the Vision will need to incorporate reference to the Cambridge Green Belt, the city's exceptional heritage and the protection of historic buildings, and high quality sustainable transport infrastructure.

**Housing Need and Jobs Growth**

In terms of reflecting housing need and jobs growth, the Council needs to address objectively assessed need for the growth of the city in respect of both issues. Chapters within the Local Plan will set out policies addressing both of these needs.

**Health and Wellbeing**

The wording of the Vision as currently drafted, does not exclude the need for residents to have a good standard of health and well being (penultimate bullet point of Option 1) and to address social inequalities, with particular reference to housing (5<sup>th</sup> and penultimate bullet points).

**Sustainability and Nature Conservation**

The Council is considering the introduction of a number of policies on sustainability and water efficiency, which could be at the forefront in planning policy nationally. In terms of problems faced such as energy supply, climate change, traffic congestion and food security, the Vision is positively worded and mentions the need to have a more environmentally sustainable and successful low carbon economy (2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point), an uncongested and clean city (9<sup>th</sup> bullet point) and a city where green spaces are protected and enhanced and new green spaces are established (7<sup>th</sup> bullet point). The term 'green spaces' within the Vision does not exclude the need to provide for a diverse natural environment or for wildlife. Furthermore, a range of policies are proposed to protect and enhance the natural environment, including specific policy protection of nature conservation sites.

**Existing Development**

In relation to making more references to existing development as well as new development, the Local Plan considers the relationship of new development with existing development. Planning policies seek to address planning applications affecting existing developments.

**Integration of the Local Transport Strategy and Local Plans**

With reference to concerns raised about the need to integrate the Local Plans and the Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, the Council has long history of successful joint working with South Cambridgeshire District Council and the County Council. The Localism Act introduced a duty to cooperate with South Cambridgeshire District Council, the County Council, other districts and public bodies as part of preparing the new Local Plan. This requirement requires the Council to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis on 'strategic matters' regarding sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas. The NPPF says that Councils should work collaboratively with other bodies to ensure that strategic priorities across local boundaries are properly coordinated and clearly reflected in individual Local Plans. The Councils have joint arrangements in place and have already worked together effectively over a number of years to deliver development on the edges of Cambridge and to produce a number of evidence base studies and Development Plan Documents such as the North West Cambridge Area Action Plan.

The Council will be expected to demonstrate evidence of having effectively cooperated to plan for cross boundary impacts when the Local Plan is submitted for examination, as will South Cambridgeshire District Council. The on-going approach to joint working is therefore now a specific legal requirement and it will be necessary to provide formal evidence of the cooperation as part of the plan making process. However, the NPPF is not prescriptive about how Councils work together or how evidence of co-operation should be presented.

Whilst Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are preparing separate plans, this does not prevent a comprehensive approach being developed and sound arrangements have been put in place in order to ensure this. Given the close functional relationship between Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, the Councils are working jointly to ensure that cross boundary issues and relevant wider matters are addressed in a consistent and joined up manner. The Councils have been working together throughout the preparation of the Issues and Options consultations on the Local Plans, and also the parallel consultation on issues for a new Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire.

Joint working arrangements have already been established. At a member level, previous joint working groups have been replaced this year by two new member groups: the Joint Strategic Planning and Transport Member Group and also this Joint Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Group specifically to address issues affecting Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. Work is on-going at an officer level, steered by regular meetings of senior officers: Chief Planning Officers for county-wide issues and from the three Councils for more Cambridge-focused issues.

In addition, the Council has constructively responded to South Cambridgeshire's Issues and Options consultation and consultation on the Transport Strategy. Both of the responses were agreed at Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 11 September 2012. The report can be accessed at:

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/democracy/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=184&MId=68>

[6&Ver=4](#)).

It is recognised that there is a close link between planning for growth and development and for transport and accessibility to ensure that growth can be accommodated in the most sustainable way and that people can access the services and facilities they need in an efficient and affordable way. A key part of developing and delivering a sustainable development strategy for this area involves the preparation of a long-term transport strategy which takes into account planned growth. An important aspect of identifying the preferred development strategy will be testing the transport implications by modelling using the Cambridgeshire Sub Regional Model to assess likely implications of development in terms of impact on network, journey time, commuting patterns and impacts on accessibility. This will also consider what measures and enhancements might be put in place to help mitigate impacts of development and enhance accessibility. This work will take place as part of the preparation of the Transport Strategy and will form part of the evidence base to the new Local Plans.

#### **Quarter to Six Quadrant submission**

The Joint Vision for Cambridge's Quarter to Six Quadrant submitted by the parish councils of Barton, Coton and Madingley only provides a vision for one part of the city and adjacent areas in South Cambridgeshire. The submission will be considered in drawing up policies affecting the south-west of the city and will be the subject of joint discussions with South Cambridgeshire District Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

The recommended approach is to pursue the approach taken in the proposed Option 1 – Cambridge 2031 Vision. The Vision and all comments received have been carefully assessed and the Vision is considered to remain appropriate at this stage. However, as part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that the Vision requires amendment. The Vision and all strategic objectives will need to reflect policies being taken forward.

#### **ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1**

(Page 17 of the Issues and Options Report)

**Total representations: 12**

**Objections: 5**

**Support: 7**

<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
Strategic objective 1 - To ensure that all new development contributes to the vision of Cambridge as an environmentally sustainable city,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use urban form and new development to reinforce existing demand for sustainable transport;</li><li>• New development should be zero carbon, where possible;</li><li>• Further growth of Cambridge should be limited;</li><li>• The term 'sustainable' should be more clearly defined;</li><li>• Retrofitting existing development should be a central element of planning for the future.</li></ul>

where it is easy for people to make the transition to a lifestyle that results in lower carbon dioxide emissions	
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<b>NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A new strategic objective 1 was put forward, incorporating objectives 1 and 18, which reads: “To promote a safe, healthy and stimulating environment, in which all development activity is objectively demonstrated to enhance the three strands of sustainable development together.” (Rep: 18279)</li></ul> |
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<b>SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT</b>
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The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.
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<b>KEY EVIDENCE</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not applicable</li></ul> |
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<b>CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.</li></ul> |
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<b>ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE</b>
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The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes the matters raised during consultation. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.
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<b>Urban Form Reinforcing Sustainable Transport Usage</b>
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The Council agrees that the use of urban form and new development to reinforce sustainable transport usage is vital. In order to support this, the Council has proposed a number of options, which would encourage this approach, including policies on sustainable transport, urban design and sustainable development.
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<b>Zero Carbon Development</b>
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New development should be zero carbon, where possible; The Council notes that from 2016 all new homes will be required to be zero carbon, with non-residential development needing to be zero carbon from 2019 onwards.
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<b>Limiting Future Growth</b>
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In terms of future growth of the city being limited, the Council needs to address objectively assessed need for the growth of the city, whilst addressing the challenges posed by climate change. New development also presents opportunities for greater
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deployment of renewable and low carbon energy, water efficiency and other sustainability measures to help the city make a transition to a low carbon future.

**Defining Sustainable Development**

In the Issues and Options consultation, the Council asked how people defined ‘sustainable development’ in Question 1.1. The Council will use the responses made to Question 1.1 to help define what this term means for Cambridge.

**Retrofitting Existing Development**

The Council recognises that retrofitting development to deal with climate change is a key area for development and is seeking to introduce policy on retrofitting existing homes as well as guidance on climate change and the historic environment. It should be noted, however, that the Local Plan’s remit in this area is limited to dealing with planning issues. Other departments within the Council also have a role to play, for example, in helping to implement the Green Deal.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 1 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 1 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2**

<b>Total representations: 11</b>	
<b>Objections: 4</b>	<b>Support: 7</b>

<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
Strategic objective 2 - To ensure that all new developments have a neutral impact on water, contribute to an overall flood risk reduction and help improve the quality of the River Cam and other water features in the city.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water neutrality for large developments would require unsustainable levels of energy usage;</li> <li>• Need for a holistic approach to development across the region to deal with flooding issues;</li> <li>• New development should only be permitted if the region’s water supplies are sufficient to meet the additional demand;</li> <li>• Local infrastructure cannot accommodate further growth.</li> </ul>

#### **NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 2 was put forward, incorporating objectives 6 and 7, which read “To create and maintain environmentally sustainable communities, especially through
  - ensuring that all new developments are carbon - neutral or better;
  - have a neutral or beneficial impact on water quality, and contribute to an overall flood risk reduction and help improve the quality of the River Cam and other water features in the city;
  - have a neutral or beneficial effect on air quality, e.g. by minimising vehicle movements;
  - embody innovative ways of reducing environmental impacts – e.g . CHP, shared waste disposal and composting, car-sharing schemes instead of car parking;
  - protecting and enhancing the landscape setting of the city, the green corridors penetrating the urban area, and the network of green spaces in the city.” (Rep 18285)

#### **SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

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#### **KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

#### **CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

#### **ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes the matters raised during consultation. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

##### **Water Usage**

Whilst it is recognised that there may be additional energy usage associated with technologies such as grey water recycling being used to deliver improved water management, it is considered that, given the considerable water stress experienced in this region, the Local Plan must be ambitious in addressing water usage.

##### **Flood Risk Management**

Although the need to consider flood risk management on a regional basis is recognised, the Local Plan can only address the management of flooding in Cambridge. The Council will continue to work with neighbouring authorities and the Environment Agency to address flood risk across a wider area.



**Water Efficiency**

The Council recognises that new development should only be permitted if water supplies are sufficient to meet the additional demand. As such, the Council is proposing the introduction of policies within the Local Plan to require high levels of water efficiency in new developments. Consideration is also given to retrofitting developments to improve water efficiency.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 2 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 2 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3**

<b>Total representations: 8</b>	
<b>Objections: 2</b>	<b>Support: 6</b>

<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
Strategic objective 3 - To ensure that all building development is of the highest quality standard, both in terms of its design and any impact upon its surroundings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to see higher standards and greater variation in design;</li> <li>• Needs to be implemented across Cambridge as a whole;</li> <li>• Need to be more explicit about the linkages with energy efficiency and environmental impact.</li> </ul>

**NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 3 was put forward, incorporating strategic objectives 4 and 5, which read "To promote and maintain the highest quality built environment, ensuring in particular that
  - new building development is of the highest quality standard, in terms of both its design and its impact upon its surroundings. The aim should be to go beyond the regulatory requirements reflected in building regulations;
  - all new development contributes to the positive management of change in the historic environment, protecting, enhancing and maintaining the unique qualities and character of the city;
  - the character and quality of the appearance of the Cambridge skyline are enhanced." (Rep: 18284).

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

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**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to concerns raised by respondents regarding the need to be consistent in the development of high quality buildings across the city and a strong focus on energy efficiency, it is considered that these matters will be given detailed coverage in policies on the delivery of high quality places and sustainability and climate change. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes these matters. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 3 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 3 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4**

**Total representations: 11**

**Objections: 4**

**Support: 7**

OPTION NUMBER	KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION
Strategic objective 4 - To ensure that all new development contributes to the positive management of change in the historic environment, protecting,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally supported;</li> <li>• Needs strengthening, with particular reference to Conservation Areas and Buildings of Local Interest.</li> </ul>

enhancing and maintaining the unique qualities and character of the city for the future.	
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**NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 3 was put forward, incorporating strategic objectives 4 and 5, which read “To promote and maintain the highest quality built environment, ensuring in particular that
  - new building development is of the highest quality standard, in terms of both its design and its impact upon its surroundings. The aim should be to go beyond the regulatory requirements reflected in building regulations;
  - all new development contributes to the positive management of change in the historic environment, protecting, enhancing and maintaining the unique qualities and character of the city;
  - the character and quality of the appearance of the Cambridge skyline are enhanced.” (Rep: 18284).

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

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**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to concerns raised by respondents regarding the need to include reference to Conservation Areas and Buildings of Local Interest, it is considered that these matters will be given detailed coverage in policies on the historic environment. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes these matters. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 4 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 4 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

## ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 5

<b>Total representations: 10</b>	
<b>Objections: 4</b>	<b>Support: 6</b>

<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
Strategic objective 5 - - To protect and, where appropriate, enhance the character and quality of the appearance of the Cambridge skyline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generally supported;</li><li>• Some concerns expressed about existing tall buildings.</li></ul>

### **NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 3 was put forward, incorporating strategic objectives 4 and 5, which read “To promote and maintain the highest quality built environment, ensuring in particular that
  - new building development is of the highest quality standard, in terms of both its design and its impact upon its surroundings. The aim should be to go beyond the regulatory requirements reflected in building regulations;
  - all new development contributes to the positive management of change in the historic environment, protecting, enhancing and maintaining the unique qualities and character of the city;
  - the character and quality of the appearance of the Cambridge skyline are enhanced.” (Rep: 18284).

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The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

### **KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

### **CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

### **ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to concerns regarding tall buildings, it is considered that these matters will be given detailed coverage in a specific policy on building heights. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes this matter. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 5 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 5 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 6**

<b>Total representations: 12</b>	
<b>Objections: 1</b>	<b>Support: 11</b>

<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
Strategic objective 6 - To protect and enhance the landscape setting of the city and the green corridors penetrating the urban area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong support for this objective;</li> <li>• Need for new tree planting throughout the city;</li> <li>• Need for proactive plan to develop and augment the green corridors.</li> </ul>

**NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 2 was put forward, incorporating objectives 6 and 7 which read “To create and maintain environmentally sustainable communities, especially through
  - ensuring that all new developments are carbon - neutral or better;
  - have a neutral or beneficial impact on water quality, and contribute to an overall flood risk reduction and help improve the quality of the River Cam and other water features in the city;
  - have a neutral or beneficial effect on air quality, e.g. by minimising vehicle movements;
  - embody innovative ways of reducing environmental impacts – e.g . CHP, shared waste disposal and composting, car-sharing schemes instead of car parking;
  - protecting and enhancing the landscape setting of the city, the green corridors penetrating the urban area, and the network of green spaces in the city.” (Rep 18285)

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**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes the matters raised regarding tree planting and augmentation of green corridors. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 6 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 6 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 7**

**Total representations: 14**

**Objections: 6**

**Support: 8**

OPTION NUMBER	KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION
Strategic objective 7 - To protect and enhance the network of green spaces in the city.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for protection and enhancement of open spaces;</li> <li>• Need to make more reference to wildlife habitats;</li> <li>• More green spaces should be provided.</li> </ul>

#### **NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 2 was put forward, incorporating objectives 6 and 7 which read “To create and maintain environmentally sustainable communities, especially through
  - ensuring that all new developments are carbon - neutral or better;
  - have a neutral or beneficial impact on water quality, and contribute to an overall flood risk reduction and help improve the quality of the River Cam and other water features in the city;
  - have a neutral or beneficial effect on air quality, e.g. by minimising vehicle movements;
  - embody innovative ways of reducing environmental impacts – e.g . CHP, shared waste disposal and composting, car-sharing schemes instead of car parking;
  - protecting and enhancing the landscape setting of the city, the green corridors penetrating the urban area, and the network of green spaces in the city.” (Rep 18285)

#### **SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

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#### **KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

#### **CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

#### **ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to the need to include reference to wildlife habitat, it is considered that these matters will be given detailed coverage in policies on the protection, enhancement and delivery of open spaces. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes this matter. Furthermore, the Council will produce a detailed policy setting out its expectations for the provision of open space through new development. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

#### **RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 7 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 7 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

## ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 8

<b>Total representations: 18</b>	
<b>Objections: 13</b>	<b>Support: 5</b>

<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
Strategic objective 8 - To provide new housing to meet the needs of the city and contribute towards meeting the needs of the Cambridge Sub-region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need to define that housing should be for people working in Cambridge and the surrounding area, not for commuters;</li><li>• Definition needed for Cambridge Sub-Region;</li><li>• New housing at odds with the definition of the compact city.</li></ul>
<b>NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A new strategic objective 8 was put forward, merging objectives 8 and 9, which reads “To provide new housing that meets the needs of the city, enhancing the three strands of sustainable development, and contributes to meeting the needs of the Cambridge Sub-region; and to ensure an appropriate mix of housing types, sizes and tenures to meet existing and future needs.” (Rep: 18281)</li></ul>	

### **SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

### **KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

### **CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

### **ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to concerns raised by respondents regarding the delivery of new housing being contrary to the aim of having a compact city, it is considered that a balance needs to be struck between meeting recognised housing need in the city and allowing further development which may harm the essential characteristics of Cambridge. In relation to providing student housing and other forms of housing, it is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes these matters. The Council’s strategy aims to reduce commuting. The Council will continue to work with Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council to address the issues presented by commuting. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more



detailed policies.

#### **RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 8 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 8 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

#### **ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 9**

**Total representations: 9**

**Objections: 0**

**Support: 9**

<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
Strategic objective 9 - To provide an appropriate mix of housing types, sizes and tenures to meet existing and future needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strongly supported;</li><li>• Need for a balance between housing for students and permanent residents;</li><li>• Need to consider the housing cooperative model.</li></ul>
<b>NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A new strategic objective 8 was put forward, merging objectives 8 and 9, which reads "To provide new housing that meets the needs of the city, enhancing the three strands of sustainable development, and contributes to meeting the needs of the Cambridge Sub-region; and to ensure an appropriate mix of housing types, sizes and tenures to meet existing and future needs." (Rep: 18281)</li></ul>	

#### **SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

#### **KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to concerns raised by respondents regarding the need to balance the housing needs of students and permanent residents and address the possibility of housing cooperatives, it is considered that these matters will be given detailed coverage in policies on the delivery of housing. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes these matters. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 9 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 9 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 10**

**Total representations: 4**

**Objections: 1**

**Support: 3**

OPTION NUMBER	KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION
Strategic objective 10 - To assist the creation and maintenance of environmentally sustainable communities, where everyone feels included.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally supported;</li> <li>• Need to maintain distinct villages surrounding Cambridge.</li> </ul>
<b>NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not applicable</li> </ul>	

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

<b>KEY EVIDENCE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not applicable</li> </ul>

<b>CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.</li> </ul>

<b>ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE</b>
<p>The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. The need to maintain distinct villages outside Cambridge is recognised in the purposes of the Cambridge Green Belt. The development of the wider area, including a range of broad locations on the edge of Cambridge, is currently being assessed jointly with South Cambridgeshire District Council, with consideration given to the purposes of the Green Belt. All strategic objectives will need to reflect policies being taken forward.</p>

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH</b>
<p>Strategic objective 10 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 10 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.</p>

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 11**

<b>Total representations: 12</b>	
<b>Objections: 8</b>	<b>Support: 4</b>

<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
Strategic objective 11 - To promote and support economic growth in environmentally sustainable and accessible locations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to justify the need for further economic growth in Cambridge.</li> </ul>

<b>NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new strategic objective 11 was put forward, merging objectives 11 and 12, which reads: "To promote and support economic growth in accessible locations, facilitating innovation, supporting Cambridge's role as a world leader in higher education, research, and knowledge-based industries, and ensuring that economic growth enhances all three strands of sustainable development. This enhancement need not always be direct, provided that any adverse impact should be fully, demonstrably and quantifiably offset elsewhere." (Rep: 18282)</li> </ul>

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. The Council is required under the terms of the National Planning Policy Framework to objectively assess and meet the needs of business. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 11 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 11 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 12**

**Total representations: 7**

**Objections: 3**

**Support: 4**

OPTION NUMBER	KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION
Strategic objective 12 - To recognise innovation and enable Cambridge's role as a world leader in higher education, research, and knowledge-based industries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to define innovation;</li> <li>• Need to consider when industries have reached a size which can no longer be accommodated in Cambridge itself.</li> </ul>

**NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 11 was put forward, merging objectives 11 and 12, which reads: “To promote and support economic growth in accessible locations, facilitating innovation, supporting Cambridge's role as a world leader in higher education, research, and knowledge-based industries, and ensuring that economic growth enhances all three strands of sustainable development. This enhancement need not always be direct, provided that any adverse impact should be fully, demonstrably and quantifiably offset elsewhere.” (Rep: 18282)

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to the definition of innovation, it is considered that it is not appropriate to define this term within the strategic objective. In terms of industries outgrowing the Cambridge area, the Council supports the continued growth of such businesses, wherever possible, within Cambridge and within the wider area. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 12 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 12 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 13**

**Total representations: 5**

**Objections: 2**

**Support: 3**

OPTION NUMBER	KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION
Strategic objective 13 - To ensure that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community shops outside Mill Road and the City Centre should be supported.</li> </ul>

Cambridge is a vibrant and thriving city with a varied range of shopping facilities in accessible locations that meet the needs of people living, working and studying in, or visiting, the city.	
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**NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

A new strategic objective 13 was put forward, which reads: "To provide a varied range of shopping facilities in accessible locations that meet the needs of people living, working and studying in, or visiting, the city." (Rep: 18283)

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to the inclusion of references to the protection of community shops outside the City Centre and Mill Road, it is considered that these matters will be given detailed consideration in drafting policies on retail provision within the Local Plan. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes this matter as it supports a varied range of retail provision. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 13 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 13 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 14**

<b>Total representations: 6</b>	
<b>Objections: 3</b>	<b>Support: 3</b>

<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
<p>Strategic objective 14 - To maintain a high quality of life by maintaining and enhancing provision for open space, sports and recreation as well as ensuring that the city has a broad range of community facilities and leisure activities, including arts and cultural venues that serve Cambridge and the Sub-region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to include minimising noise and light pollution;</li> <li>• Health facilities should also be included.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new strategic objective 14 was put forward, incorporating objectives 14, 15, 16, which reads “To promote social cohesion and sustainability, where everyone feels included, including through             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- maintaining and enhancing provision for open space, sports and recreation as well as ensuring that the city has a broad range of community facilities and leisure activities, including arts and cultural venues that serve need Cambridge and the Sub region;</li> <li>- minimising the distance people to travel to work, and making it easy for everyone to move around the city to access jobs and essential services;</li> <li>- to ensure that all development positively favours travelling primarily by foot, bicycle or public transport, through traffic management measures in partnership with residents and the County Council and through a consistent requirement that all development should provide improved facilities for walkers and cyclists;</li> <li>- to provide for citizens audit of the achievement of all the strategic objectives.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(Rep: 18286)</p>	

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to the inclusion of references to health facilities and pollution issues, it is considered that these matters will be given detailed coverage in policies on the delivery of community facilities and pollution. It is not considered that the strategic objectives, as currently drafted, explicitly exclude these matters. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 14 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 14 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 15**

**Total representations: 17**

**Objections: 8**

**Support: 9**

OPTION NUMBER	KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION
Strategic objective 15 - To minimise the distance people need to travel, and to make walking and cycling the first choices of travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public transport needs to be included at the top of the hierarchy;</li> <li>• Walking and cycling cannot be the first choice for some people;</li> <li>• Stronger deterrents needed to prevent people from driving into Cambridge.</li> </ul>



#### **NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 14 was put forward, incorporating objectives 14, 15, 16, which reads “To promote social cohesion and sustainability, where everyone feels included, including through
  - maintaining and enhancing provision for open space, sports and recreation as well as ensuring that the city has a broad range of community facilities and leisure activities, including arts and cultural venues that serve need Cambridge and the Sub region;
  - minimising the distance people to travel to work, and making it easy for everyone to move around the city to access jobs and essential services;
  - to ensure that all development positively favours travelling primarily by foot, bicycle or public transport, through traffic management measures in partnership with residents and the County Council and through a consistent requirement that all development should provide improved facilities for walkers and cyclists;
  - to provide for citizens audit of the achievement of all the strategic objectives.”(Rep: 18286)

#### **SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

#### **KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

#### **CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

#### **ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to the need for public transport to be at the top of the hierarchy, walking and cycling is considered by national guidance to be situated at the top of the user hierarchy, with public transport as the next most sustainable transport mode. The Council recognises that some people may not be able to walk or cycle and therefore supports improvements to public and community transport schemes. The Council also supports reducing access to the city by car, by encouraging use of sustainable modes of transport. It is considered that these matters will be given detailed coverage in policies on transport within the Local Plan and/or Cambridgeshire County Council’s Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes these matters. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 15 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 15 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 16**

<b>Total representations: 4</b>
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<b>Objections: 2</b>
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<b>Support: 2</b>
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<b>OPTION NUMBER</b>	<b>KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION</b>
Strategic objective 16 - To make it easy for everyone to move around the city, and in particular to be able to access jobs and essential services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to consider faster internet access to reduce work travel;</li> <li>• Need to have shuttle buses and a one ticket transit system.</li> </ul>

**NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 14 was put forward, incorporating objectives 14, 15, 16, which reads “To promote social cohesion and sustainability, where everyone feels included, including through
  - maintaining and enhancing provision for open space, sports and recreation as well as ensuring that the city has a broad range of community facilities and leisure activities, including arts and cultural venues that serve need Cambridge and the Sub region;
  - minimising the distance people to travel to work, and making it easy for everyone to move around the city to access jobs and essential services;
  - to ensure that all development positively favours travelling primarily by foot, bicycle or public transport, through traffic management measures in partnership with residents and the County Council and through a consistent requirement that all development should provide improved facilities for walkers and cyclists;
  - to provide for citizens audit of the achievement of all the strategic objectives.” (Rep: 18286)

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to the need to include reference to shuttle buses and single ticketing systems, it is not considered that these matters can be given coverage in policies that support the delivery of high quality transport as they would not fall within the remit of the Local Plan to deliver. Whilst recognising the value of single ticketing systems, this would be a matter for Cambridgeshire County Council and the relevant transport operators, but is one that the Local Plan could encourage as part of a high quality public transport network. It is not considered that the strategic objectives, as currently drafted, explicitly exclude the matter of ultrafast broadband as this is a form of infrastructure provision. However, this will be dealt with in the detailed policies on infrastructure provision. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 16 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 16 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 17**

**Total representations: 4**

**Objections: 1**

**Support: 3**

OPTION NUMBER	KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION
Strategic objective 17 - To ensure adequate provision of environmentally sustainable forms of infrastructure to support the demands of the city.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for a new hospice to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century;</li> <li>• Need to consider ultrafast broadband.</li> </ul>

**NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- A new strategic objective 17 was put forward, which reads: “To reject any development which does not embody, or is not accompanied by, adequate provision of environmentally sustainable infrastructure to meet the demands of the city.” (Rep: 18287)

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT**

The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.

**KEY EVIDENCE**

- Not applicable

**CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED**

- Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to concerns raised about the provision of a new hospice, it is considered that the provision of a new hospice would be considered to be a community facility, which would be addressed by policies within the Local Plan. Broadband infrastructure will be addressed through the detail infrastructure policies. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes the provision of a hospice or ultrafast broadband. The suggested alternative objective makes points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies. It should be noted, however, that the alternative objective is very strongly and negatively worded and may prevent development from coming forward. In line with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Local Plan's strategic objectives are positively worded in order to promote the sustainable growth of the city. All strategic objectives will need to reflect policies being taken forward.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH**

Strategic objective 17 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 17 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.

**ISSUE: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 18**

**Total representations: 4**

**Objections: 2**

**Support: 2**

OPTION NUMBER	KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION
Strategic objective 18 - To promote a safe and healthy environment,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to consider the social environment in addition to the built environment;</li> <li>• Need to consider noise and light pollution.</li> </ul>

minimising the impacts of development.	
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<b>NEW OPTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A new strategic objective 1 was put forward, incorporating objectives 1 and 18, which reads: “To promote a safe, healthy and stimulating environment, in which all development activity is objectively demonstrated to enhance the three strands of sustainable development together.” (Rep: 18279)</li></ul> |
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<b>SUMMARY OF INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT</b>
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The Local Plan seeks to guide development in Cambridge in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental issues and trying to maximise benefits where possible and minimise any adverse impacts. All strategic objectives were considered to contribute to the overall vision towards 2031, which was subject to sustainability appraisal as Option 1 of the Issues and Options Report.
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<b>KEY EVIDENCE</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not applicable</li></ul> |
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<b>CURRENT POLICY TO BE REPLACED</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paragraph 2.2 – 2.11 in Cambridge Local Plan 2006.</li></ul> |
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<b>ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES AND OFFICER RESPONSE</b>
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The strategic objective represents a high level objective for development within the city. In relation to concerns raised by respondents regarding the need to include reference to the social environment and pollution issues, it is considered that these matters will be given detailed coverage in policies on the delivery of high quality places and pollution. It is not considered that the strategic objective, as currently drafted, explicitly excludes these matters. The suggested alternative objective makes valid points that may be suited to inclusion within more detailed policies.
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<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR PREFERRED APPROACH</b>
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Strategic objective 18 and all comments received have all been carefully assessed and the objective is considered to be appropriate at this stage. However as a part of working through each topic and developing policies, it may be that future amendments need to be made to strategic objective 18 as a result. This is to ensure that the strategic objective will reflect the policies being taken forward.
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# REPRESENTATION SUMMARIES - CHAPTER 2: VISION

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## CHAPTER: 2 - Vision

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### 9891 Support

Summary: agree

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## CHAPTER: 2 - Vision

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### 9123 Object

Summary: Cambridge is a city that relies increasingly on using all educational facilities around the year as well as specialist english language schools, EFL, TeSOL as such this industry is a discrete and vital part of the local economy

### 14326 Object

Summary: The changes brought with the NPPF document require that the Local Plan is more rigorous than before. The Local Plan must provide clear policies that favour appropriate sustainable development. There is great economic benefit in preserving the heritage and aesthetic quality of Cambridge through a vigorous planning system. Conversely there is great potential for damage by an over relaxed planning control which favours commercial interest over the heritage needs of a unique city such as Cambridge.

**7259 Object**

Summary: Include:

\* A city that uses planned growth to address socio-economic inequalities

\* A City that does not encroach on its green belt unless an exceptionally strong case is made

**7405 Object**

Summary: Bullet point 1. i.e. develop within city rather than expand at its edges?  
Bullet point 2. needs much stronger wording and application to existing buildings

**8182 Object**

Summary: Although we broadly support this vision we do not believe (bullet point 4) that it is possible to accommodate the needs of all. We suggest that this statement should end at the word 'employment' thus

"A city where there is a diverse range of employment"

**9360 Object**

Summary: Most of us are concerned about certain underlying assumptions behind the Issues and Options document:

(i) The concept of continuing economic growth for Cambridge which does not take into account finite natural resources and individual wellbeing. Replace with an underlying principle of dynamic equilibrium i.e. balanced, sustainable change without overall growth and increase in size;

(ii) The potential destruction of the things that make Cambridge so special;

(iii) A tendency for circular arguments, especially in relation to housing and employment;

(iv) Emphasis on proposals for "new developments" and only limited consideration of proposals benefiting existing Cambridge residents.

**9695 Object**

Summary: There is absolutely no mention of the diverse natural environment and wildlife present within the city which goes way beyond "green spaces and trees", which suggest merely formal open spaces.

We therefore suggest that bullet point 7 is amended to read:

"A city where green spaces, trees, wildlife habitats and the River Cam are protected and enhanced and where new green spaces, wildlife habitats and trees are established for the benefit of residents and the natural environment."

**9819 Object**

Summary: Vision doesn't mention the protection of the historic setting as integral part of its heritage. Strongly support need to protect green spaces and trees. This should also refer to maintenance of green corridors. reference to a 'clean' city - this should refer to freedom from pollution, including light and noise pollution. Emphasis on 'sensitive' (as well as sustainable) growth in the 2006 plan was important. For the sake of those who cannot readily walk very far or cycle (considerable group?), public transport might need to be improved rather a lot if this norm is to be achieved without undue disadvantage.

**10069 Object**

Summary: Highlight preservation of what makes Cambridge special, e.g. vision doesn't mention protection of historic setting as integral part of its heritage.

Strongly support the need to protect green spaces and trees. This should also refer to maintenance of green corridors.

Reference to a 'clean' city: include freedom from pollution, including light and noise pollution.

The emphasis on 'sensitive' (as well as sustainable) growth in the 2006 plan was important.

For those who cannot readily walk very far or cycle (considerable group?), public transport might need to be improved a lot if this norm is to be achieved without undue disadvantage.

**10427 Object**

Summary: Bullet point 1. i.e. develop within city rather than expand at its edges? Bullet point 2. needs much stronger wording and application to existing buildings

**10527 Object**

Summary: Although I support most of this vision statement, it is decidedly over the top in places. There is no way that a place the size of Cambridge can provide for ALL employment needs or ALL community needs. This language could be used to justify overdevelopment if it provides a facility not presently available.

**10625 Object**

Summary: This is a very rosy, almost Utopian vision. It has a business as usual flavour which plays down the very real problems we face in energy supply, climate change, traffic congestion and food security. The vision is a sugar coating to disguise the bitter pill beneath.

It skillfully avoids reference to economic growth and to the present financial crisis. Although we are looking at a long timescale to 2031, the Prime Minister said recently that these problems will not be resolved before 2020. A vision needs to be based in reality, not simply a distant dream.

## 10839 Object

Summary: Support in principle, but object to bullet point 9.  
The city is large and public transport will always be subject to commercial pressures. For many people, for many reasons, the car will remain a key form of transport which needs to be properly accommodated within the plan.

## 11166 Object

Summary: Vision should reflect the priorities for healthy and active lifestyles as set out in the City Council's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and the Improving Health Partnership, and in particular the need

- \* tackle rising obesity; and
- \* to get more people participating sport or active recreation

We consider that the vision should reflect the key priorities for health and should explicitly refer to the need for a healthy city and to improve opportunity for participation in sport. We suggest a bullet is added as follows:

"A healthy city which provides opportunities for active and healthy lifestyles and for increased participation in sport;"

## 11274 Object

Summary: Should not wildlife be captured in here somewhere?

## 11604 Object

Summary: I object to the vision for Cambridge as being a "world class city that is compact...". This is because I disagree with the word 'compact'. Its meaning is compressed, squashed, packed in, dense, squeezed together etc. This does not sound good at all - we are already squashed together enough in Cambridge, with little enough green space as it is. If we were to be compacted any further it would have even more severe consequences for our quality of life and thus our mental health - we should not strive to be compact.

## 13086 Object

Summary: This should include a summary policy on the city's green belt. This should be along the following lines:

A city that preserves its green belt, only taking such land in very exceptional cases.

## 13544 Object

Summary: Object that "new development" is singled out as the basis for helping the City's transition to a more environmentally sustainable economy.

## 13742 Object

Summary: Suggesting clarifying "affordable housing"; adding world class telecoms infrastructure to the vision, and also adding a cohesive city, ie. without town/gown family/sharer divisions or even hatred.

## 14394 Object

Summary: "WORLD CLASS CITY" is a meaningless phrase. delete.

"Anglia Ruskin University" - should be deleted as it dilutes the importance of Cambridge University

"good social mix". There is no measure of "good" - delete

## 14658 Object

Summary: Support in principle, but suggest addition of the following:  
\* A city that values and preserves its Green Belt.  
\* A city that promotes the availability of high quality digital technology for business and personal use.  
\* A city that provides for efficient business, leisure and student travel to other parts of the UK and overseas.

## 15218 Object

Summary: Before these houses are built we want to see Dutch quality cycle infrastructure put in place. As more people move into the city more traffic will be created and it's important, if we wish to reduce any possible congestion, that we encourage people as much as possible to choose sustainable modes of transport such as the bicycle. Our definition of Dutch quality is outlined in our full response.

## 15304 Object

Summary: The Vision has not ventured beyond the commonplace view that our future success depends on "growth". We are now using up the resources of the planet at one-and-a-half times the rate the planet can sustain. If all are to have the basic human rights of easy access to nature, and at the same time to decent housing, the answer is not to despoil the Green Belt. To do so may be in the interests of a short-term "gold rush", but it is against the interests of imaginative thinking for more critical and longer-lasting benefits for all.

## 15799 Object

Summary: Good vision but could do with expansion to include: historic setting; green corridors (bringing wildlife into the Backs) as well as green spaces (including gardens and playing fields) and trees; low levels of air, noise and light pollution; sensitive development planning; world-class public transport to complement walking and cycling routes.

## 16122 Object

Summary: Cambridge is unique as a world leading academic city that is compact and dynamic. We agree with a vision that preserves and enhances green spaces, and that creates an uncongested and clean City where travelling by foot, bicycle and public transport is the norm. We believe that:  
1) The City should provide a range of employment focussed on the service sector;  
2) Much of the housing and employment should be created in 'centres' within the City and in surrounding villages, and that any City Plan should be linked to SCDC plans;  
3) The vision should promote efficient and sustainable commuting, beyond 'local centres' to nearby villages and science parks. 'Accessibility' should focus on public transport and cycleways, as congestion must be reduced inside the City while protecting surrounding villages from becoming 'rat runs'.



## 16182 Object

Summary: It sounds good but is it achievable. Query the need for more development over and above the 2006 Local Plan agreement.

## 16446 Object

Summary: No more housing development on Green Belt land (Option 1) until the space allocated for housing under the last Plan has been used up.

More housing development would take out more Green Belt and I am aware of the importance of the Green Belt for biodiversity and green space. Planned green spaces should include community gardens and fruit and nut orchards as these are far better habitats for wildlife than playing fields and other forms of monoculture, which are currently considered as green spaces.

## 16495 Object

Summary: The vision should be augmented by the following

- it should seek to meet the objectively assessed housing needs of the area (NPPF para. 17)
- it should better balance the size of the local (City and South Cambs.) workforce to the anticipated growth in jobs
- it should commit to the permanence of the current Green Belt boundaries.

Without these additional elements the vision will fail to provide adequate guidance and would be unsound.

## 17099 Object

Summary: I strongly believe that the local plan should speak about the Greening of the City not just Green Spaces.

## 17217 Object

Summary: Agree with most of these points, except

I don't want a "world class city that is dynamic..." if you actually mean "more dynamic". I am happy with it as it is.

"A city that builds on the city's reputation...". the reputation as a leader is fine as it is. Why do we have to build upon it? residents don't benefit from growth

"A city where there is enough good quality housing..." amend this to include " for the existing population and residents"

"A city that encourages innovation and requires design..." This is way outside the council's brief.

## 17638 Object

Summary: Firstly I agree with the sentiments in the Vision for Cambridge as set out in the 2006 Plan and the version of this Vision as set out in Option 1. However, I believe that it is misleading to view the City in isolation from the surrounding areas, since this distorts the options available to the Council to achieve the goals set out in Option 1. There are major developments taking place in S. Cambs which will have a major impact on the City and must be taken into account in the Local Plan.

## 17673 Object

Summary: I like the objectives - maintaining or enhancing biodiversity omitted but it is mentioned in the fourth bullet point under 2.3

## 18502 Object

Summary: We strongly support the concept of a compact city of limited size and that the Green Belt should be protected and there should be no major new housing or infrastructure developments in the inner Green Belt close to the city. It is vital that the already agreed housing developments in the Southern Fringe are successfully incorporated into the existing community. There needs to be continued work to improve the quality of the environment within and around the city.

## 10836 Support

Summary: These are all laudable aims

## 10891 Support

Summary: The Vision for Cambridge should continue to support its role as world leader in higher education and research. It is important that policies are put in place in the local plan which support the growth of the universities and the economy, and ensure sufficient new homes, both market and affordable housing, are delivered to sustain the sub-region's economy.

## 11144 Support

Summary: support the Vision as set out in Local Plan 2006. This plan needs to build on that strategy and continue to support Cambridge as World Leader in research and technology and support economic recovery. Since the plan was adopted issues of tackling climate change, addressing affordability and the provision of affordable housing, and the need to secure economic recovery have become even more significant owing to the recession, the continued increase in house prices in the area, the lack of delivery of market and affordable housing, and the increased urgency of needing to tackle climate change.

## 13038 Support

Summary: I agree

## 13107 Support

Summary: We write on behalf of our client Threadneedle Investment Services in relation to the redevelopment of the Compass House site. We support the vision of Cambridge to 2031. Development of sites such as Compass House can help to contribute to the vision for Cambridge through high quality design, sustainable construction, energy efficiency/carbon reducing technology and which helps improve the local economy.

## **14561 Support**

Summary: Support these objectives.

The key thing is not to lose sight of the fact that what makes Cambridge such a successful economy, as well as the knowledge economy, is the fact that it is such a great place to live. The council's role should largely be to ensure that it continues to be a great place to live. A narrowly economic approach would be extremely damaging to the city in the long-term. I think these objectives get that.

## **15582 Support**

Summary: We support the Council's vision for Cambridge to become "a world city that is compact, dynamic and has a thriving City Centre" and in particular the Council's strategic objective 11 "To promote and support economic growth in environmentally sustainable and accessible locations".

## **17631 Support**

Summary: The Property Services Department at the City Council supports the Vision and Strategic Objectives contained in the Issues and Options report, which we consider represent a fair indication of where it is hoped the City will have got to by 2031 in respect of matters such as housing, economy, community and retail facilities, green infrastructure and transport infrastructure.

## **17662 Support**

Summary: We welcome the proposed elements of the Vision for Cambridge 2031, particularly:

- A place where new development helps to support the city's transition to a more environmentally sustainable and successful low carbon economy;
- A city where green spaces, trees, the River Cam and other water features are protected and enhanced and where new green spaces and trees are established for the benefit of residents and the environment;
- An uncongested and clean city, where travelling primarily by foot, bicycle or public transport is the norm.

**6863 Object**

Summary: In summary, you should stop trying to pretend that it is possible to simultaneously satisfy contradictory goals. More jobs in the city, low carbon emission, and continued "compactness" of Cambridge as a city are NOT compatible. My preference is to have more jobs elsewhere rather than in Cambridge.

**7037 Object**

Summary: It is difficult to argue with this vision for the city, but I would contend that it cannot be achieved without also having a clear vision for those parts of the surrounding district which come directly within the city's influence. The new Local Plan for South Cambridgeshire District should be compatible with and complimentary to the city plan. Better still the plan for the city and the South Cambs plan should be combined by invoking the statutory duty on local planning authorities to co-operate.

**7153 Object**

Summary: The policy on transport should be to maintain freedom of movement for all classes of traffic, not just of a minority interest, with proper engineering for 'flow'.

The evasion of the needs of a majority, enjoying the single most important democratic achievement of the twentieth century, which enables modern living is undemocratic, unsound (there will be unpolluting fuels), is not future proof (in a document which will run until 2031) and ignores: transport infrastructure is a concomitant of a Modern Economy'. It is a requirement of the Growth Equation'. The policy should be reversed.

**7251 Object**

Summary: Include using planned growth to address socio-economic inequalities.

**7406 Object**

Summary: An admirable 'wish list', but no mention of the major improvement in public transport or how to deal with commuter traffic - fundamental to continued success of the city. There is a separate county transport plan, but the city should set out its own vision on this issue. The uniqueness of the city's conservation areas, compactness, city core and green spaces should be stressed much more with emphasis on providing REAL protection and the retention of those elements that make them unique e.g. in Newtown the terraces and green spaces. MUST ensure that growth does not adversely affect this

**7422 Object**

Summary: The main priority is to keep Cambridge as an attractive smallish city but the shortage of affordable housing and provision in decent housing has to be dealt with much quicker than now.

**7767 Object**

Summary: The objectives are all good but by covering all aspects fall short of setting a direction in which to prioritise.

A concrete vision is required for how an enlarged city might look meeting these objectives.

**8287 Object**

Summary: This 'vision' is dominated by an unanalysed idea of 'economic growth'. Cambridge will anyway remain an exceptionally prosperous area for a long time to come; what is needed is a vision of how to make this prosperity compatible with protecting the quality of life and the natural and built environment. The present 'vision' quite wrongly favours forms of 'growth' which will be damaging to these more important values.

**8582 Object**

Summary: The Trumpington Residents' Association has specific comments on a number of the bullet points.

**8676 Object**

Summary: The Vision is so all-encompassing that it lacks clarity and sharpness - it's just a statement of motherhood and apple-pie. What gives Cambridge international status is its heritage and its great University. The Vision must give greater prominence to protecting Cambridge as a compact city, to protecting its heritage and culture, and to promoting the University of Cambridge as a world-class institution.

**9282 Object**

Summary: Small, compact city great - but how to do it with endless growth targets. Can't we move away from the 'unending growth' model?

**9362 Object**

Summary: The vision has many good points but the assumptions about economic development are in danger of damaging quality of life. The city's future should be based around research and a core of high-tech industries, preserving green space and the Green Belt, and it definitely should not base its hopes of prosperity on becoming a housing project for the 'M11 corridor' or a shopping hub.

**9426 Object**

Summary: The 'elements' do not clarify what is meant by compact. Suggest adding "A city which is approximately the same size as in 2012, in terms of the population of the city and that of the surrounding area.

The transport objectives ignore the valid needs of the motorist. Suggest it should read "An uncongested and clean city, where all modes of transport are supported and where sufficient road and parking infrastructure is provided for the city population (even if this means that growth has to be restricted)."

## 9820 Object

Summary: Should include preservation of what makes Cambridge special, e.g. vision doesn't mention protection of historic setting as an integral part of heritage.  
Strongly support need to protect green spaces and trees. This should also refer to maintenance of green corridors.  
Reference to a 'clean' city: should refer to freedom from pollution, including light pollution.  
Emphasis on 'sensitive' (as well as sustainable) growth in the 2006 plan was important.  
For the sake of those who cannot readily walk very far or cycle (considerable group?), public transport needs to be improved a lot if this norm is to be achieved without undue disadvantage.

## 9988 Object

Summary: Please let us only have developments that build UP the city's reputation.

## 10075 Object

Summary: Should highlight preservation of what makes Cambridge special, e.g. vision doesn't mention protection of historic setting as integral part of its heritage.  
Strongly support the need to protect green spaces and trees. This should also refer to maintenance of green corridors.  
Reference to a 'clean' city: include freedom from pollution, including light and noise pollution  
The emphasis on 'sensitive' (as well as sustainable) growth in the 2006 plan was important.  
For those who cannot readily walk very far or cycle (considerable group?), public transport might need to be improved a lot if this norm is to be achieved without undue disadvantage.

## 10139 Object

Summary: The vision should include a reference to the importance of vocational training (ie trades and technicians) not just higher education. This is important because they are needed for a vibrant, diverse local economy

Also the vision should mention the importance of making best use of local resources to satisfy local needs wherever appropriate - such as local sustainable food provision.

## 10185 Object

Summary: Retain the vision of the 2006 Local Plan.

## 10357 Object

Summary: The vision by limiting itself to 2031 does not look far enough ahead. We need to plan for our children's children etc. in such a historic and marvellous place as Cambridge.

## 10419 Object

Summary: In order for the city to continue to grow economically, housing must also be provided in neighbouring towns & villages, such as Northstowe, Royston, Waterbeach, etc. Therefore the plan must also include a goal of providing public transport and good cycling links to these other developments.

## 10429 Object

Summary: An admirable 'wish list', but no mention of the major improvement in public transport or how to deal with commuter traffic - fundamental to continued success of the city. There is a separate county transport plan, but the city should set out its own vision on this issue.

The uniqueness of the city's conservation areas, compactness, city core and green spaces should be stressed much more, with emphasis on providing REAL protection and the retention of those elements that make them unique e.g. in Newtown the terraces and green spaces. MUST ensure that growth does not adversely affect this

## 10510 Object

Summary: There is only so much growth that can be accommodated in Cambridge without destroying what makes it special. Caring passionately that Cambridge should not be destroyed is not Nimbyism, as is sometimes claimed.

## 10633 Object

Summary: Our world class city also has a world class footprint. Higher education and tourism attract international traffic so the city must take responsibility for the air miles it generates. This is just one example of our impact beyond the city boundary.

There can be no doubt that economic growth causes climate change. The New Economics Foundation has collated evidence that growth is not making us happier and promotes an alternative emphasis on well-being. This would include the idea of a 21 hour working week, greater leisure and more time for community. A vision of Cambridge - City of Well-being.

## 10972 Object

Summary: There is no explicit statement to maintain a Green Belt.

## 11043 Object

Summary: The city does not need to PROVIDE the housing, it needs to provide ACCESS to housing which could be in feeder areas such as Northstowe, Bar Hill, Cambourne and new developments outside the city.

## 11063 Object

Summary: The Vision as currently drafted does not adequately address the NPPF guidance on economic growth. The development needs of business should be referred to within any Vision.

## 11384 Object

Summary: Option 1 is a good first draft at describing the vision for Cambridge. It is important that we recognise that Cambridge is based on a 'knowledge' economy. My view on affordability of housing is to reintroduce rent caps to drive the price of housing down. Increasing supply will only ever be a temporary solution until demand overtakes again. Tackling the root cause is a much better long term solution.

## 11565 Object

Summary: Needs to say "A city with a strong commitment to providing plentiful social rented housing as a way to provide housing for the many people who work in the city thereby cutting the need to commute from outside the city as a way to reduce the city's carbon footprint"

## 11689 Object

Summary: The draft Vision includes 'A city that builds on the city's reputation as a leader in higher education and research, recognising the importance of the University of Cambridge, the Colleges and Anglia Ruskin University.' That part of the Vision is weaker than the equivalent part of the 2006 Local Plan version, for Cambridge to 'continue to develop as a centre of excellence and world leader in the fields of higher education and research, and it will foster dynamism, prosperity and further expansion of the knowledge-based economy.' The 2006 version better reflects the University's aspirations, and should be retained.

## 12023 Object

Summary: The vision is adequate but the 5th bullet point should be amended to read as follows:

\* "A city where there is a range of good quality housing of different types and sizes that is affordable to people on average incomes, with balanced and integrated communities of all household types;"

## 12911 Object

Summary: Ensure that the city continues to enjoy an enviable quality of life and prevent the creeping urbanisation and progressive density of development as in the station area.

## 13117 Object

Summary: We agree with the Council's housing vision for 'A City where there is enough good quality housing of different types and sizes including affordable housing, with balanced and integrated communities of all household types.' Additional wording emphasising that current housing needs should be met and future housing needs should be planned for, should be added to strengthen this part of the Council's vision.

## 13464 Object

Summary: It is right to have these aspirations but always with a view to those who cannot access the prosperity. It is lovely to walk through the Grand Arcade but where are those smaller shops which give a city character (eg Norwich lanes)? Sort out the transport issues especially for cars.  
Demand better bus services, not more frequent - just more reliable and to serve the wider community better.  
Make more attractive affordable housing.  
Support sports facilities.

## 13578 Object

Summary: "Support/Object" does not apply here. I welcome several aspects of the Vision, such as the aim to protect green spaces and to enhance quality of life. As noted in another section, I question the implication in the Vision that this should necessarily be linked to "new development".

## 14411 Object

Summary: Although these aims are worthy there must be a clear vision to enhance what makes Cambridge special - for example its heritage, cultural and innovative activities and varying communities. To improve our quality of life the city must be well connected with transport and other links and it must have culture at its heart. Good design of public spaces and buildings is vital and must be required in the Local Plan. Key cultural buildings such as arts and archives centres and others could provide an opportunity to showcase innovation in design. A long term vision is needed.

## 14515 Object

Summary: Cambridge risks losing its amenities and quality of life from the overcrowding currently in train. It is saturated by cars, so that people--including businesses--cannot move. This plan presupposes expansion which is deleterious and it skews the discussion by beginning from a harmful premise. Everything that follows in this plan is prejudiced by the expectation that there ought to be something that there ought not to be.

## 14818 Object

Summary: Please add something about encouraging electric vehicles/hybrids/smaller low-emission vehicles.

## 15199 Object

Summary: Though this is a listing of all the measures which an enlightened city would wish to promote, it reads as a statement of where we are at present, and satisfied. It needs to be more visionary, emphasising the need to become more sustainable in all fields, and especially that of transport. Cambridge may have levels of cycling which are high by UK standards, but it could and must do better, taking Dutch practice as its model. A city is not made "thriving" by having high levels of traffic, but by being enjoyed by many people.

## 15410 Object

Summary: Paragraph 2.2 implies a restricted definition of sustainable development rather than that set out in the NPPF. The historic environment should be a central part of the vision. It is important that the vision is closely related to Cambridge and is not simply generic. In this respect, bullet 8 seems hardly adequate for an ancient university city with nationally and internationally significant built heritage. We suggest the following changes:  
-Bullet 1 'A world class city that is compact, dynamic and where the architectural riches of the University and cultural vitality enhance the city centre.'  
- Bullet 6 'A city that encourages innovation and requires design excellence, embracing design that contributes positively to Cambridge's distinctive identity and acknowledges the scale and massing of the city townscape'.  
- Bullet 8 'A city defined by the exceptional heritage at its core, which positively conserves and enhances all heritage assets, including their settings, and the character of the wider townscape'

## 15695 Object

Summary: Public Health responsibilities are moving into local government and the City Council has many levers and ways to improve the health and wellbeing of residents, and can work with the County Council on this as well - please can this be reflected more clearly in the Vision and throughout the Council's work.

## 15953 Object

Summary: One can but dream, anyway, and here's what I dream of Cambridge becoming.  
A more forgiving, less frantic place.  
A calmer, less traffic-clogged environment in which the car is no longer king.  
A city that has greatly improved public transport and many more cycle routes.  
A more socially integrated conurbation that values community spirit more highly than it seems to at the moment, and that offers both better facilities for local communities as well as voluntary and residents' groups and much better public provision for sports.  
A city that has delivered a much higher percentage of affordable housing for the families who need it.  
A city that has belatedly recognised that bigger does not always mean better.  
A city that has much more of a sense of itself.  
Above all, a city that concentrates a great deal more on ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of its current residents rather than always seeking to pursue yet further over-ambitious and often illconsidered expansion.

## 16093 Object

Summary: Regarding the longer-term goals of the Local Plan, the Council no doubt has to decide on a balance between commercial development in the city, and the unique status that it has as a university city attracting visitors from many countries. Its architectural beauty and distinctiveness draws visitors to an extent shared by only a handful of other cities. This latter quality of uniqueness of the city as the visible embodiment of an ancient university - which is currently ranked, in terms of its achievements, as one of the top two universities of the entire world - has to be safeguarded.

## 16181 Object

Summary: The vision is incompatible with the proposed growth agenda.

## 16183 Object

Summary: It sounds good but is it achievable. Query the need for more development over and above the 2006 Local Plan agreement.

## 16741 Object

Summary: Pressures for development are just not discussed in the "Issues and Options Report". Continued growth is assumed to be inevitable. There is an inherent assumption in the "Issues and Options Report" that growth can be directed only by the planning authorities. We beg to differ. Development in South Cambridgeshire is outside the scope of a City Council report - and the possibility of cooperation with South Cambridgeshire has recently been repudiated by Councillor Tim Ward. But we feel, like the group "Cambridge Past, Present and Future", that we need a strategy for the whole sub region. If all three councils do not work together, we may be defeated in detail.

## 16879 Object

Summary: We consider that the Local Plan must be taken as an opportunity to continue to foster and support the city's position as an historic, world class university city, with a local economy, tourist industry and knowledge based industry of national and international significance. As such, the vision for Cambridge must reflect this. The vision should also specifically recognise the importance of Cambridge University and its Colleges. The Collegiate University of Cambridge is a key, if not, the single most important driver of the Cambridge economy.

## 16995 Object

Summary: The Local Plan needs to promote a pro- growth strategy for the Cambridge area that is based upon exploiting its key economic strengths and opportunities. This strategy should be supported by an economic vision and objectives /KPI's which seek to meet the needs of existing and future businesses and communities. The Cambridge area and its continued growth are critical to Cambridge and also to the wider UK economy. Currently, the Cambridge area has an economic value approaching £7.5bn while GVA per job is about £40k compared to the UK average of £37k. According to the 2010 UK Competitiveness Index, Cambridge is one of the most competitive cities in the UK.

## 17053 Object

Summary: We have submitted "A Joint vision for Cambridge's Quarter to Six Quadrant" (QTSQ) document to South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Council.

This sets out in detail what sustainable development means for the QTSQ part of Cambridgein line with the present development plans of South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge

We ask that it be considered as a material planning consideration in context of local development frameworks for the period 2016-31

The vision has been developed in line with Localism Act

If necessary, we will put the vision through the referendum process to have it adopted as neighbourhood plan but the preference would be to have vision fully reflected in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire local plans

## 17251 Object

Summary: We object to the lack of planning integration for the Cambridge Sub-region, as effective planning requires an additional 'Joint Major Sites Plan', to ensure:

- (a) fully integrated consultation processes and strategies by the three councils;
- (b) publication of quality joint evidence base of core projections for housing, employment and wider needs for the area to 2025 and 2031;
- (c) transparent and publicly scrutinized elements including proposed major sites and assumptions appearing in plans and strategies;
- (d) decisions on all major sites made after the drafting of a sub-region strategy and a single and objective set of major site assessment criteria;
- (e) decisions and assessment of all the possible fringe Cambridge major sites made simultaneously with decisions made by South Cambridgeshire plans on its major sites on the fringe and at other locations;
- (f) integrated major decisions on spatial and transport planning.

We are particularly concerned that the current process could result in inadequate and unsound documents; inadequate housing supply; failure to meet the NPPF requirement of a 5 year housing buffer plus 20% through the plan period, and failure to meet duty to co-operate requirements.

We are particularly concerned that the county transport strategy must catch up with the Local Plan timetable by Autumn, and ensure integrated transport proposals and assessments for all proposed new housing and jobs locations, particularly for public transport.

## 17377 Object

Summary: The elements proposed for inclusion at the heart of the 2031 Vision for Cambridge are agreed to be generally appropriate. This should additionally refer to the protection of the Green Belt and specifically the retention of the existing boundary. This is consistent with the references to a compact city (Bullet 1) and the protection of green infrastructure (Bullet 7) but should be an important statement of the Vision in its own right. Direct reference should also be made to the importance of rail as a key element of public transport in the city.

## 17422 Object

Summary: The vision is too ambitious, it does not take into account the finite water resources available.

## 17578 Object

Summary: Most people would support the vision.  
We would like to see a requirement for more sensitive development outlined in the vision to be transformed into action. Some new developments are not up to standard.  
We support the desire to encourage people to cycle and walk, but this is not enforceable, car spaces need to be incorporated into new developments.  
there needs to be a traffic management policy.  
Need to see new developments completed before starting new ones, in order to assess the impact on infrastructure.  
Need to balance growth with preserving the character of cambridge and protect green belt.

## 17588 Object

Summary: I welcome all 12 "bullet points" describing the Cambridge 2031 Vision. However, I question whether the spirit of this vision is matched in the subsequent report. I cannot see that sufficient creativity has been applied in the overall and detailed proposals. If it were, then the "Transport Strategy" would not have been the last chapter. A clever, laterally thought through approach would have started with a "Transport Strategy" and worked out from this. The proposed vision does not grip this with anything like the boldness that is essential for Cambridge to rise to its current challenges let alone those in 20 years time.

## 18005 Object

Summary: The overriding concern expressed by CAA members is the lack of a clear policy vision and a coherent spatial plan in the Issues and Options Report. The report appears re-active rather than pro-active in stance, holding back from adopting clear strategic visions for any of the key areas of the city. We hope that further engagement with the CAA and various local academic, commercial and voluntary groups working in these areas will impact positively on the shape, content and vision of future planning policy documentation.

## 18277 Object

Summary: The ideas in Chapter 2 on vision need to be sharpened up to reflect the implications of sustainable development. The suggested vision covered in 2.1 and includes a lot of material which is not really visionary. A vision statement needs to be brief, bold, translatable into specific objectives, and to reflect stretching but realistic ambition. Councillors and officials need to be able to rally to it. Given the central importance of sustainable development, Cambridge's already strong foundations in each of the three development strands and its worldwide reputation, something on the following lines looks right;  
Cambridge aims to be an international beacon for sustainable development for the benefit of its present and future citizens, with an approach to planning which rejects unsustainable approaches, and implementation arrangements which use all the available levers to ensure effective delivery.

## 18504 Object

Summary: We have specific comments on a number of the bullet points (see full text).

## 6883 Support

Summary: Balanced housing is important, if this includes 2-5 bedroom houses with modest gardens for families besides flats and studios, which are increasingly dominant. Good social mix must mean not only 'social' housing but also stock that average and wealthier people can afford. Improving public transport is vital - however, it is necessary to remember that there will be an ongoing need for car usage too, including by residents. If you have poor health, limited mobility, hordes of children, bulky or heavy shopping etc. being able to park in town on occasion will remain crucial.

## 7275 Support

Summary: Excellent overall statement. Some of the objectives may conflict with one another, but that is in the nature of the issues at stake. Best to spell them all out, even if very ambitious.

## 7321 Support

Summary: This vision encompasses the aspects of Cambridge that I appreciate. The implication is one of low to steady growth in housing and employment and protection of open spaces.

## 7514 Support

Summary: however, although the aim of travel by foot/bicycle/public transport is a laudable one, there must be better roads. Most cars in Cambridge are squeezed into limited, inadequate, winding narrow and congested streets, so that even those passing through, skirting or trying to get out contribute massively and unnecessarily to the constant congestion. Cambridge needs a proper ring road, easy and good roads out of town and effective and sustainable infrastructure that makes the alternative to the car viable. None of this exists at the moment.

## 7610 Support

Summary: An inclusive, innovative, and green city captures my vision for the city.

## 8144 Support

Summary: Key words are Compact, Green spaces and trees and water features are protected, and public transport is the norm.

## 8362 Support

Summary: The vision is fine but how can it be executed?

## 8794 Support

Summary: The vision contains the key elements to ensure a healthy and thriving community. From a Public Health perspective it is important to emphasise the importance of creating an environment which provides opportunities for all and that strives to narrow health inequalities.

## 9895 Support

Summary: A good though very demanding vision statement. Some minor suggestions

1. point 3 suggest global leader
2. point 7 new open green spaces must also be accessible (we don't want to encourage gated communities)

some phrases need to be more sharply defined

eg what does 'an enviable quality of life' mean in point 10

If we just have undefined generalisations we won't ever know what we are aiming for or whether we have achieved it

## 10322 Support

Summary: In agreement with all the points, but missing any reference to food. For a fully sustainable city, we need to be thinking of protecting local farming and food production, encouraging people and communities to grow their own food, and supporting local food enterprises.

## 10425 Support

Summary: We note no explicit commitment to grow Cambridge PHYSICALLY anywhere in this chapter. We welcome this absence of commitment to physical growth. Yet elsewhere in this Doc there does seem to be some implied commitment to physical growth?

## 10690 Support

Summary: Basically sound

## 10893 Support

Summary: The Vision for Cambridge should continue to support its role as world leader in higher education and research. It is important that policies are put in place in the local plan which support the growth of the universities and the economy, and ensure sufficient new homes, both market and affordable housing, are delivered to sustain the sub-region's economy.

## 11138 Support

Summary: We support the Vision for Cambridge as set out in the Cambridge Local Plan 2006. Since the local plan was adopted the issues of tackling climate change, addressing affordability and the provision of affordable housing, and the need to secure economic recovery have become even more significant as a result of the recession, the continued increase in house prices in the area, the lack of delivery of market and affordable housing, and the increased urgency of needing to tackle climate change.

## 11469 Support

Summary: Absolutely agree!

Key points:

Good quality housing of varied types and sizes- all recent new-builds seem to have been flats- please do not continue to build Cambridge up- as this is not sensitive to its history.

Uncongested city with most people travelling on foot, by bike or public transport- the current transport systems need a radical overhaul to achieve this and to maintain that very high quality of life that we have here.



## 11832 Support

Summary: Cambridge is unique as a world leading academic city that is compact and dynamic. We agree with a vision that preserves and enhances green spaces and that creates an uncongested and clean city where travelling by foot, bicycle and public transport is the norm. We believe that:  
The city should provide a range of employment focussed on the service sector  
Much of the housing and employment should be created in centres within the city and surrounding villages and should link to the SCDC Plan.  
The vision should promote efficient and sustainable commuting beyond local centres to nearby villages and science parks.

## 11900 Support

Summary: Will anyone say no to this vision? The devil is in the detail and I wish to make the following comments.

- (a) We need not only to protect and enhance our green spaces but to enable people to use them in the course of their daily lives for walking and (in some cases) cycling journeys.
- (b) Sustainable transport should be the norm for people entering the city from outside (whether daily commuters, people on shopping trips, tourists or whatever) as well as local residents.
- (c) The City Centre no longer seems to have shops that provide for my needs.

## 12068 Support

Summary: More emphasis on current buildings and their retrofit to help the city's transition to a successful low carbon economy. 80% of present housing stock will still be with us in 2050, so most of the carbon reduction associated with housing will have to come from retrofitting older buildings

Add: "protecting biodiversity" - to protect the natural environment and people's enjoyment and connection with it.

Add: "food sustainability" - to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, encourage local employment, enable residents to feel confident in the provenance of their food and to build resilience in relation to food.

## 12432 Support

Summary: Who could disagree, BUT such a vision is not compatible with much development beyond that already approved.

## 13306 Support

Summary: I'd like to stress the importance of good design, in all its shape and forms - architecture, urban design, green spaces. Good design is sustainable, inclusive, innovative and provides value for money.

## 13807 Support

Summary: I support the vision generally especially the preference for foot and bike public transport but would also like to emphasise the need for green spaces to be available to all residents (including children) within walking distance

## 13982 Support

Summary: support

## 14261 Support

Summary: The vision is too small.  
We need to address the greater issues of population growth and climate change with more imagination, as well as preserving our compact city.  
High rise development is essential.  
Cambridge should become a beacon for urban design that can lead the world in the search for solutions to our looming problems

## 14358 Support

Summary: Support compact city and transport strategy not based on private car use, wish to see public transport further emphasised. Concern that 'enough' housing is too vague a term -- not possible for all housing to be provided within city and still remain compact. Ditto local centres; final point ambiguous.

## 14412 Support

Summary: In general terms, the Cambridge 2031 Vision is supported subject to a number of caveats which are detailed in our full written justification.

## 14569 Support

Summary: Broadly acceptable

## 14890 Support

Summary: We are delighted to see 'the River Cam' included in the overall Vision.

## 15334 Support

Summary: Cambridge is unique as a world leading academic city that is compact and dynamic. We agree with a vision that preserves and enhances green spaces, and that creates an uncongested and clean City where travelling by foot, bicycle and public transport is the norm. We believe that:  
1) The City should provide a range of employment focussed on the service sector;  
2) Much of the housing and employment should be created in 'centres' within the City and in surrounding villages, and that any City Plan should be linked to SCDC plans;  
3) The vision should promote efficient and sustainable commuting, beyond 'local centres' to nearby villages and science parks. 'Accessibility' should focus on public transport and cycleways, as congestion must be reduced inside the City while protecting surrounding villages from becoming 'rat runs'.

## 15459 Support

Summary: The vision of Cambridge in the 2006 Plan as a compact dynamic city with a thriving historic core surrounded by attractive and accessible green spaces should be retained. The City must continue to develop as a centre of excellence and world leader in the fields of higher education and research. The Green Belt surrounding the City must now be fully protected for the city to remain compact with a clearly defined boundary.

## 15628 Support

Summary: The elements identified in Option 1 are generally supported. We concur with the need to retain the vision of Cambridge as a compact city. We would emphasise that the seventh bullet point.

## 15938 Support

Summary: Agree with the vision. With reference to Petersfield particularly regarding:  
"..good quality housing.." - Presently Petersfield is in danger of becoming bedsit land/buy-to-let/student accommodation - there is a danger of losing any sense of community if this is not actioned.  
"..where green spaces, trees..." There is a great opportunity in Petersfield to take a step towards fulfilling this aim with the reclamation of land currently occupied by the Howard Mallett Club and returning it to a green public open space for the local residents.  
"...where residents feel a part of a community..." As a resident of Petersfield for over 20 years I feel increasingly that we have no voice at all. It is dispiriting to witness the power of the developer and powerlessness of the local people.

## 16031 Support

Summary: In order to adopt and continue applying the components of the Vision successfully, there must be a clear understanding that Cambridge must remain a compact city in a pleasant green setting. Too much expansion is unnecessary and unwelcome. Pressure from politicians and developers to exploit the geographical position of the city must be resisted at all costs.

## 16121 Support

Summary: Cambridge is unique as a world leading academic city that is compact and dynamic. We agree with a vision that preserves and enhances green spaces, and that creates an uncongested and clean City where travelling by foot, bicycle and public transport is the norm. We believe that:  
1) The City should provide a range of employment focussed on the service sector;  
2) Much of the housing and employment should be created in 'centres' within the City and in surrounding villages, and that any City Plan should be linked to SCDC plans;  
3) The vision should promote efficient and sustainable commuting, beyond 'local centres' to nearby villages and science parks. 'Accessibility' should focus on public transport and cycleways, as congestion must be reduced inside the City while protecting surrounding villages from becoming 'rat runs'.

## 16164 Support

Summary: We are supportive of the proposed vision for Cambridge City to 2031. The vision combines environmental sustainability with the desire and intention to continue the economic, social and physical growth of the city.

## 16691 Support

Summary: I have lived in Cambridge on and off all my life and have become increasingly dismayed by what is happening to our lovely City. We live in a beautiful city, if unimaginative building is allowed and old terraces and houses are destroyed then it will not be anymore.

## 18341 Support

Summary: The Cambridge area already has a world class reputation as a leader in education, research, and innovation, all of which are fundamental to maintaining the momentum of economic growth so significant for Cambridge itself and the UK economy as a whole.

The Local Plan should aim to support the competitive edge that Cambridge currently enjoys as this is vital in attracting further inward investment in strategic infrastructure and in supporting projects/proposals which enhance the quality of life in our communities, and particularly for those who require additional support.

## 18344 Support

Summary: Support the aim to move to a more environmentally sustainable economy (2nd bullet) and provide enough housing (4th bullet) with a view to securing sustainable development.

**8183 Object**

Summary: We agree with most of these but wish to raise objections to points 8 and 11.

**9794 Object**

Summary: There should be a mention of ensuring that the Rights of Way network receives good funding levels to ensure it is well maintained and where possible expanded. It is important to promote access on foot and by cycle. The network itself should be enhanced.  
Links should be enhanced.

The Plan should be far-sighted and designed to enhance opportunities for the public to access riversides, brooks and lakes in the City .

It should also formally recognise the importance of enhancing links by foot and cycle between the City and open spaces for recreation in neighbouring districts.

**10180 Object**

Summary: Strategic objectives. We fear that developers may pick and choose from this list, selecting those that would appear to be met by their proposals while ignoring those that are not. Should the new Local Plan state that developers must, for every proposal, show the extent to which what they propose meets or fails to meet each and every one of the 18 strategic objectives?

**13590 Object**

Summary: As elsewhere noted, there appears to be a presumption that the Vision for Cambridge must be based on "new development". This is particularly noticeable in the Strategic Objectives, which focus much more heavily on such development than the Vision does. As such, there is a mis-match between the two.

**16497 Object**

Summary: It is a matter of concern that whilst eighteen objectives are set out, none relate to the Green Belt which is a critically important long term determinant of the spatial structure of the City and protecting the unique setting of the City. There should be an additional objective which commits the City Council to the long term maintenance of the Green Belt boundaries around Cambridge, and clearly undertakes that no amendments will be proposed to the current Green Belt boundaries in this Local Plan, thus ensuring their permanence as set out in paragraph 83 of the NPPF.

**16998 Object**

Summary: The economic vision and objectives in the Local Plan should support the economic importance of the Cambridge Area and support and sustain the broad functions for Cambridge including:

- The distinct competitive advantage and international recognition provided by its research and development businesses and institutions
- Its wider research communities including the continued global strength of its universities and colleges
- Its importance in terms of its technology based business community
- Sustaining the existing manufacturing base
- The sub regional function of Cambridge as a city centre economy including its retail and leisure offer
- The sub regional function as a location for public and health services
- Its tourism and visitor economy and particularly its role as an international visitor destination.

**18278 Object**

Summary: Turning to strategic objectives, and the request for views in chapter 2.3, there are probably too many of these proposed in the document, and taken together they may have little operational effect. The strategic objectives need to provide clear guidance on the high level actions that will be needed to achieve the vision. They need to be specific enough to provide criteria against which individual proposals and decisions can be measured. This will provide a clear line of sight from vision to implementation.

**11146 Support**

Summary: We support the strategic objectives. We consider it is critical that to achieve a sustainable future for the city and sub-region that its economic vitality is supported, substantially more new market and affordable homes are delivered than have been built over the last 10 year, that development is of a high quality and new community facilities, including for sport and recreation are delivered to provide for healthy lifestyles.

**13366 Support**

Summary: The Consortium supports the proposed strategic objectives for the City of Cambridge towards 2031. The objectives must result in a positive outcome. The basis for many of the objectives is sustainability which will deliver economic, social and environmental enhancements. The Consortium agrees with 'Strategic Objective 8' which states that new housing for Cambridge should also serve the needs of the sub-region. The Consortium agrees with this approach on the basis that development in, and on the edge of Cambridge represents the most sustainable option for future growth required in both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire DC.

**13717 Support**

Summary: We support the proposed strategic objectives for the place Cambridge should be in 2031. In essence, the objectives must result in a positive outcome. We agree that the basis for many of the objectives should be sustainability with the Plan seeking to deliver Economic, Social and Environmental enhancements. For example, we agree with strategic objective 8 that new housing for Cambridge should also serve the needs of the sub-region as development in and on the edge of Cambridge represents the most sustainable solution for a proportion of the housing for SCDC.

(See separate planning submission)

## **17228 Support**

Summary: Agree with most, but 3 of the points seem to suggest needs of future residents more important than current ones, and that future needs should influence what Cambridge becomes - this should not be the case.

Also, why do we need economic growth at all?

## **17663 Support**

Summary: Natural England welcomes the proposed Strategic Objectives including to ensure that all new development contributes to the vision of Cambridge as an environmentally sustainable city, where it is easy for people to make the transition to a lifestyle that results in lower carbon dioxide emissions, water quality and flood risk, high quality design, protection and enhancement of landscape and green infrastructure and promotion of sustainable transport. We would suggest that an additional strategic objective should be to ensure that development positively contributes to climate change mitigation and adaptation, addressed through Chapter 6 and Strategic Priority Option 41, and Option 42, for example.

## **17822 Support**

Summary: FCHH endorses the following strategic objectives listed in Issues & Options Report (chapter 2):

- 2.
- 6.
- 7.
- 14.

**9432 Object**

Summary: It is growth which will be the principal cause of increased carbon dioxide emissions ( and consumption of the region's and the planet's finite resources). Cambridge is large enough already - further growth should be limited.

**10431 Object**

Summary: How is sustainable being defined by the city? Too ambiguous to leave it without clearer definition locally? It should unambiguously assert sustainable development is for PUBLIC benefit and not for DEVELOPER benefit, and give this a clear priority.

NPPF on pp2-3 says: "The presumption in favour of sustainable development 11. Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise." A clear statement in the city plan should specify exactly what the limits of these 'material circumstances' will be.

**10635 Object**

Summary: Not just new developments. The existing stock of buildings waste enormous amounts of energy so that the Cambridge Retrofit project should be a central element of planning.

**16682 Object**

Summary: Objective 1. I am opposed to the need to produce lower carbon dioxide emissions as a strategic objective of planning. I believe that many of the fundamentals upon which this is based are questionable.

**18279 Object**

Summary: The proposed strategic objectives cover most of the ground, but need to be more focused, particularly so as to embrace effective implementation. We suggest the following. For the most part this is a reorganisation of the existing text, with changes of emphasis to make the objectives tighter and more operational.

"1. To promote a safe, healthy and stimulating environment, in which all development activity is objectively demonstrated to enhance the three strands of sustainable development together."

**7612 Support**

Summary: We have the potential to use urban form and new growth to reinforce our existing demand for biking and public transit. Sensitive new development can reinforce this.

**7728 Support**

Summary: Absolutely agree but should specify new built environment to be zero carbon where possible, utilising renewable energy wherever possible.

**9896 Support**

Summary: Agree the need for a policy/objective.

**10522 Support**

Summary: Being sustainable is not just about providing facilities for householders to recycle. It also should refer to the city's infrastructure - in particular roads, water and drainage.

**11569 Support**

Summary: The link to reducing carbon footprint and other environmental degradation needs to be made explicit: eg by saying "the highest quality energy efficiency standard with the lowest possible carbon footprint and environmental impact"

**13005 Support**

Summary: Its essential we keep and enhance the sustainability of Cambridge and work together in the transition to a different type of economic and energy climate nationally as oil gets rarer/less affordable.

**14570 Support**

Summary: Sustainable means being able to do the day to day things locally, increasingly difficult in Cambridge

**11744 Object**

Summary: Cambridgeshire is one of the driest parts of Britain. It hasn't the water to cover the new development. At the same time the water run off from new development to the south of Cambridge all has to flow through the heart of the city - increasing the risk of flooding quite considerably - it is the planned flooding of Cambridge

**13759 Object**

Summary: "To ensure that all new developments have a neutral impact on water" sounds like nonsense to me. I suggest spinning out a separate objective that the region's water supplies need to be sufficient to provide for the needs of new developments. New developments should not be permitted if the extent of their demands would be expected to result in demand for water in the region to exceed supply. I agree with the elements of the current objective on water quality and flood risk.

**14516 Object**

Summary: Once again the presupposition is that there will be expansion. The infrastructure cannot cope: destruction of green belt, of flood plains--as if it were never going to flood again--, of wildlife-encouraging coverts and fields. Once gone, none of these green spaces can be recovered.

**18285 Object**

Summary: 7. To create and maintain environmentally sustainable communities, especially through

- ensuring that all new developments
- are carbon - neutral or better;
- have a neutral or beneficial impact on water quality, and contribute to an overall flood risk reduction and help improve the quality of the River Cam and other water features in the city;
- have a neutral or beneficial effect on air quality, eg by minimising vehicle movements
- embody innovative ways of reducing environmental impacts - eg CHP, shared waste disposal and composting, car-sharing schemes instead of car parking...
- protecting and enhancing the landscape setting of the city, the green corridors penetrating the urban area, and the network of green spaces in the city.

**7038 Support**

Summary: Whilst it is vital to conserve water supplies water neutrality for large scale developments can surely only be achieved by using large amounts of energy, e.g. on pumping, which could be regarded as environmentally unsustainable

**9528 Support**

Summary: Very strongly support the objective "all new developments contribute to an overall flood risk reduction". The remaining parts of this Local Plan do not have such strong policies for new developments and so the policies statements should be strengthened to match this phrasing. Furthermore, there should be a holistic approach to development in the region. Flooding does not respect council boundaries. Without strong and enforced policies, developers will take low-cost options as they do not incur the risk to property. Even when damage can be avoided, there will be a problem with securing property insurance.

**9897 Support**

Summary: agree

**10536 Support**

Summary: Planners are not currently trained in providing and disposing of water sustainably (an area that needs attention nationally).

How exactly can new developments 'contribute to flood risk reduction'? The water company should be required to improve its existing drainage provision, which is currently aging inadequate, before there is any thought of the impact of new developments on flood risk.

**11676 Support**

Summary: Very important given that this region is exceedingly prone to both drought and flooding! Not building on floodplains, taking into account increased risk of flooding due to global warming and making sure local water table can support projecting new housing should all be a matter of course. Also maybe subsidies/encouragement for water recycling (baths, grey water reuse, efficient taps/toilets/showers etc) being built into new build?

**12174 Support**

Summary: (This questionnaire does not seem to permit proper comment.) How can any development have a neutral impact on water? More people, more usage. That is not 'neutral'; it gives Anglia Water more to cope with.

**13008 Support**

Summary: Flooding control and water supply will be key areas to emphasise as climate change causes increasingly extreme weather events.

### **14517 Object**

Summary: It goes without saying that quality is important. But it must be said that there should not be massive building development now.

### **18284 Object**

Summary: 6. To promote and maintain the highest quality built environment, ensuring in particular that

- new building development is of the highest quality standard, in terms of both its design and its impact upon its surroundings. The aim should be to go beyond the regulatory requirements reflected in building regulations;
- all new development contributes to the positive management of change in the historic environment, protecting, enhancing and maintaining the unique qualities and character of the city;
- the character and quality of the appearance of the Cambridge skyline are enhanced.

### **7613 Support**

Summary: I would really love to see higher standards (and more variation in) design. The Brookland Ave housing shows what can be done with good design, but much of what we see built seems cheap and nasty. I'd also like to see a requirement for more tree planting to accompany all new growth.

### **9124 Support**

Summary: This means for all parts of Cambridge whether it is Newmarket Road, Mill Road, Perne Avenue or Kings Parade

### **9898 Support**

Summary: agree

### **13501 Support**

Summary: There has been too much poor quality development and standards need to be tightened.

### **14078 Support**

Summary: And that all building development is maintained at the highest quality standard.

### **15939 Support**

Summary: An objective I would like to see put into practice in Petersfield!

**10081 Object**

Summary: support because this is what makes Cambridge special - but if order of numbers = priority, then should have higher priority

**10434 Object**

Summary: Too woolly! 'Contribute' is not strong enough! Add specific references to Conservation Areas and Buildings of Local Interest. Suggest: To ensure that all new development protects, enhances and maintains the unique qualities and character of the city, its conservation areas and Buildings of Local Interest for the future;

**14518 Object**

Summary: New development in Cambridge means more cars. Can Cambridge cope with the 4500 cars in the new site near Addenbrooke's Hospital or with the hundreds of cars implied by Trumpington Meadows? It cannot. 'Positive' management also entails accepting that there is a limit and that the city has reached it.

**15801 Object**

Summary: Give high priority to this as essential to character of the city but replace 'protecting' with 'preserving' and insert 'where appropriate' before 'enhancing'

**8147 Support**

Summary: With less emphasis on "change" more on "maintaining" the historic environment.

**8294 Support**

Summary: This should be the first priority. But 'positive management' of change does not entail encouraging new building and accelerated population growth. To enhance and maintain the unique qualities of the city requires a much more cautious policy which does begin with a presumption in favour of 'growth'.

**8678 Support**

Summary: This is the key objective: should be positioned first and given priority

**9822 Support**

Summary: because this is what makes Cambridge special. if order of numbers = priority, this should have higher priority

**9899 Support**

Summary: agree

**10524 Support**

Summary: Cambridge would just be Basingstoke if it were not for its historic centre, so this should be defended at all costs.

**15415 Support**

Summary: We welcome strategic objectives 4, 5 and 6.



**10085 Object**

Summary: this is under threat and is part of what makes Cambridge special. So this should have higher priority, if numbering gives order of importance

**12073 Object**

Summary: I agree that the skyline and character of Cambridge should be protected but I do not have much confidence in this happening if the planning department can approve carbuncles on the cityscape such as Botanic House

**14519 Object**

Summary: Another skewed assertion: tall buildings on fens? Let us by all means protect the quality and appearance of the Cambridge skyline: that means leaving it alone.

**15802 Object**

Summary: High priority; iconic feature of the city; but any 'enhancement' should not only be positive in itself but should not overshadow, detract or distract from, existing historic skyline features

**8304 Support**

Summary: This is very important, but tall modern buildings detract from the skyline of Cambridge: they do not 'enhance' it. This goal is particularly important when considering the appearance of Cambridge from the South and West, where its historic skyline is most precious and most easily viewed (and very easily damaged).

**9823 Support**

Summary: because this is under threat and is part of what makes Cambridge special

**9900 Support**

Summary: agree

**12183 Support**

Summary: To be achieved by demolishing certain tall buildings? I hope so. You are a bit late with this one.

**15416 Support**

Summary: We welcome strategic objectives 4, 5 and 6.

**16683 Support**

Summary: Objective 5: I am very much in favour of the strategic objective of protecting the Cambridge skyline.

**10087 Object**

Summary: Because it is part of what makes Cambridge special, as a compact University town, this should have higher priority, if numbering gives order of importance.

**7614 Support**

Summary: I'd love to see a wave of new tree planting in the city -- not just in existing green spaces, but along our urban streets. The tree planting they did in the Chesterton High Street 10 years ago seemed very successful and changed the street for the better. I'd like to see Histon Road and Cherry Hinton Road (between Hills Road and Cherry Hinton Hall) get a similar treatment.

**7729 Support**

Summary: Green corridors are crucial but need more emphasis on trees in the urban landscape too.

**7769 Support**

Summary: To do this while meeting the other objectives in particular for housing requires a proactive plan for how the setting and the green corridors should be developed and augmented.

**8145 Support**

Summary: Cambridge must remain a defined compact city surrounded by open green areas, where the unique skyline of the historic buildings are viewed in a beautiful setting.

**8679 Support**

Summary: Keeping Cambridge compact and protecting the setting of the historic city is a top priority

**9824 Support**

Summary: Because it is part of what makes Cambridge special, as a compact University town

**9825 Support**

Summary: because this is an important part of Cambridge's contribution to the quality of life of its inhabitants = should have even higher priority

Because it is part of what makes Cambridge special, as a compact University town

**9902 Support**

Summary: agree

**10641 Support**

Summary: Essential to the character of the place.

**14090 Support**

Summary: Essential for Cambridge to maintain enhance its identity. The green corridors are used by so many so enhancing them is very important.

**15418 Support**

Summary: We welcome strategic objectives 4, 5 and 6.

**15803 Support**

Summary: Very high priority as such a special - integral - feature of Cambridge; vital for its rich wildlife; suggest replace 'protect' with 'preserve' and add 'where appropriate' before 'enhance'

**9125 Object**

Summary: Green space and open space must be freely accessible to all at all times.

**9722 Object**

Summary: "Green spaces" suggests only formal playing fields. Amend objective to read,

"To protect and enhance the network of green spaces and wildlife habitats in the city"

**9826 Object**

Summary: These are essential for people's quality of life. The pattern of playing fields on the West, from the backs to the Coton footpath, are also part of the historic fabric of the city and what makes it special.

**10088 Object**

Summary: because these are an important part of Cambridge's contribution to the quality of life of its inhabitants = should have even higher priority.

These are essential for people's quality of life. The pattern of playing fields on the West, from the backs to the Coton footpath, also are part of the historic fabric of the city and what makes it special - therefore give higher priority

**14520 Object**

Summary: Same objection to 6 and 7. You say 'enhance', which skews the discussion. Enhancing green spaces and green belt means protecting, not building or pretending that those spaces can be moved or changed.

**15746 Object**

Summary: This doesn't go far enough. We need to manage expansion of green spaces. The principle of green corridors is not working as well as it should. Farmland is not very \*useful\* green space when it comes to benefiting residents. Nor are expanses of fens and grassy fields. More consideration should go to reserving a large space of land for a park. This can contain many of the features commonly found in parks in cities, including lakes networks of paths, and wooded areas. Milton Country Park is good but too far away for most city residents.

**8308 Support**

Summary: Protecting the existing green spaces in the city is vital. They do not need to be 'enhanced' by means of more leisure facilities being installed on them; leaving them as far as possible in their natural state is the right goal.

**9286 Support**

Summary: Support

**9903 Support**

Summary: agree

**10525 Support**

Summary: At all costs the green spaces should be protected.

**10647 Support**

Summary: Places such as Christ's Pieces and the Alexandra Gardens are vital in maintaining a civilised environment.

**11677 Support**

Summary: Green spaces are a fundamental part of what makes Cambridge the place it is, and maintaining that is essential to preserving the character of the city.

**15804 Support**

Summary: Very high priority; the green spaces add to quality of life and historic city character; suggest adding 'where appropriate' before 'enhance'

**15940 Support**

Summary: The land on which the Howard Mallet Club stands was originally given to the local community as public open space. With the demise of the Howard Mallet Club the land on which it stands, and its environs, should be protected and returned to the community as much needed green open space.

**7039 Object**

Summary: I suggest that this sub-para be amended to read (inter alia) "...to meet the needs of those people who live and/or work in the city and its immediate environs."

**7593 Object**

Summary: A definition is needed of the Cambridge sub-region. Reference is made in the I&O document to co-operation with S.Cambs. I would like to know that there is similar co-operation with East Cambs and perhaps Huntingdonshire. There is scope for only very limited growth within the city boundary and it is necessary to look at the wider Cambridge area when considering the needs of both housing and employment.

**7766 Object**

Summary: The need for housing should be to support those who work within Cambridge and the surrounding villages and not to encourage wide commuting.

**8184 Object**

Summary: Point 8 We believe a definition is needed of 'Cambridge Sub-region'. We note that there is close co-operation with South Cambs over the development of Local Plans but would like to know that there is similar co-operation with East Cambs, parts of which we would suggest belong in the 'sub-region'. We believe that there is a need to look at the sub-region as a whole when considering the needs of both housing and employment, as the City has such a limited scope for further expansion.

**8310 Object**

Summary: The character of Cambridge will be fatally damaged by more building. We have to accept that housing cannot be provided in and around Cambridge for all the people who may at present want to live here. An intelligent regional policy would direct expansion elsewhere, where it is needed.

**9288 Object**

Summary: After the massive development at Trumpington and with pressure on city services and amenities from other developments outside the city, I think it's time to stop building houses. At some point, we need to assess the benefit of providing more homes versus the detriment to the quality of life. It seems insane that Cambridge should just endlessly grow. Clearly other regions of the country need to have development and growth, and that should be incentivized. Our aim in Cambridge should be enhanced quality of life, better conservation, not more, more, more.

**9904 Object**

Summary: Yes to the latter part of the statement but object to the first half. What are the city's needs. Cannot be taken in isolation from South Cambs. Between us we must meet the needs but the balance between within and without the city needs more consideration. So keep the last part of the sentence only..

**10435 Object**

Summary: Unclear what this means? Why only new housing? What is the Cambridge Sub-region - does it include London - define and justify.

**10692 Object**

Summary: New housing is at odds with the ambition for a compact city. While the Accordia development gives an example of dense design it has no mixed use and its streets are very narrow canyons. It seems the requirement for 30% affordable housing is too low to satisfy the demand.

This issue is at the heart of the Cambridge dilemma - how to cope with success. I don't know what the answer is, but the local plan must offer credible solutions.

**11047 Object**

Summary: Again, provide ACCESS to housing, it need not be IN the city.

**14521 Object**

Summary: There are multiple problems about housing in Cambridge. That is not in doubt. But there is nowhere now to put new housing which does not encroach on green spaces OR destroy the environment by adding new cars. There cannot be new housing unless it is rental housing, because it immediately is sold on at a profit, making the lack of housing worse. Sometimes we have to recognize that a global vision of East Anglia includes encouraging 'growth' elsewhere than Cambridge itself.

**15807 Object**

Summary: Could be putting the cart before the horse, depending on the definition of 'needs' - needs of city and region for housing are not independent of scope for development elsewhere, e.g. regional policy might aim to reduce overheating in the south-east.

**18281 Object**

Summary: The proposed strategic objectives cover most of the ground, but need to be more focused, particularly so as to embrace effective implementation.

We suggest the following. For the most part this is a reorganisation of the existing text, with changes of emphasis to make the objectives tighter and more operational.

3. To provide new housing that meets the needs of the city, enhancing the three strands of sustainable development, and contributes to meeting the needs of the Cambridge Sub-region; and to ensure an appropriate mix of housing types, sizes and tenures to meet existing and future needs.

## 10897 Support

Summary: Providing more market and affordable homes at Cambridge is critical to supporting the city's continued role as a World Leader in education and its knowledge-based economy. The objective is supported, although what is critical will be how that objective is translated into policies and levels of growth in this plan and that of South Cambridgeshire.

## 12451 Support

Summary: Yes, but that means more houses with green children-friendly space for close by, unlike the NIAB development or the dense development near the station.

## 14396 Support

Summary: Most important to ensure that housing is built outside the city to ensure that city housing is not taken up by London and other commuters who do not work in the sub-region. Most important to ensure the sub-region is not filled up with commuters

## 14562 Support

Summary: Support this aim. The social consequences of not building more housing would be very severe and socially regressive.

## 15581 Support

Summary: What is key here is that such housing needs are specific to Cambridge and its sub-region and not to London commuters. Such commuters do much to impact house prices and render the housing market unbalanced, and may therefore undermine the draft vision in the Plan. One obvious way to ensure that new houses are targeted appropriately would be to locate them in areas which are not in the immediate vicinity of the station.

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## 7726 Support

Summary: New development should not focus on the 4&5 bedroom detached homes that seem to predominate along with 1 and 2 bedroom flats. More mixed housing with greater numbers of more modest 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses (not flats).

## 9905 Support

Summary: agree

## 10437 Support

Summary: Add the need to ensure a balance between the transient student populations (university, foreign language, crammers etc) and the permanent residents for city as a whole and within each area of city.

## 10847 Support

Summary: Support in principle. Policy should also incorporate residential requirements for the elderly.

## 11678 Support

Summary: Urgent: Cambridge is sadly lacking in affordable housing for low-paid workers. The council housing list is so over-subscribed it's rather frightening, and the Council's determination to close group homes for adults who need supported living is only increasing the problem. Need to ensure that the current overwhelming focus on student and commuter living space is balanced out, and think much more carefully about the effect that decommissioning care homes is having on the people who've lived in them for decades and who have nowhere else to go.

## 13517 Support

Summary: Think particularly about green areas and parking areas around new developments. They should be larger than the current projects.e.g. off Milton Road new developments have fully paved areas between with little green space, meagre car parking allocation, tiny allocation for cycle parking in very small designated bike sheds. The whole gives the impression of penny pinching (or developer greed). Consequently every one has to compromise.

## 13765 Support

Summary: I think this is important; and is one of the key ways the planning policy can ensure homes people can afford are available. I think recent developments have lacked diversity in terms of property values and sizes at various points on the spectrum.

## 14114 Support

Summary: A better mix of housing types is much needed. For too long the emphasis has been on providing 1 or 2 bedroom apartments at the expense of families who require houses 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses. Additionally, housing for the elderly with suitable accessibility should be given more consideration.

## 14563 Support

Summary: I would like the council to investigate housing co-operatives as a model. These cut landlords out of the picture, reducing rents for young people who cannot afford mortgages. This is the predominant housing model in some European countries. It also gives people a stake in their living environment, which rented housing does not. Obviously there are difficulties in terms of the financing, but I would like the council to seriously explore this option.

**10439 Object**

Summary: how does an environmentally sustainable community make everyone feel included? Delete or clarify this rider? Too loose at moment! Does this refer to community facilities? If so say so.

**8148 Support**

Summary: Including the maintenance of distinct villages surrounding Cambridge with public transport to the City centre.

**9906 Support**

Summary: yes, definitely. We have not, to date, really addressed this important issue.

**13525 Support**

Summary: People with learning disabilities are especially vulnerable and need to live in communities that are welcoming, stable and safe, with good local facilities and public transport.

**7594 Object**

Summary: It is necessary to justify the need for economic growth before stating that such growth should be promoted and supported. There must be a limit to growth and there needs to be a conscious effort to assess just how near to that limit we are already.

**8185 Object**

Summary: Point 11 We believe it is necessary here to justify the need for economic growth before stating that such growth should be promoted and supported. There is a limit to growth in a closed system, and it may be sensible to stop growing before the limit is imposed by intolerable stresses.

**8314 Object**

Summary: Although this goal may be neutrally phrased here, in practice it always turns out to be an endorsement of 'growth', expansion, and more building. Cambridge does not need such 'growth'.

**10539 Object**

Summary: The UK as a whole may need growth, but Cambridge does not, and should not be expected to bear the burden of the country as a whole. Far better to offer incentives to business to establish themselves in depressed areas that need growth, rather than here.

**10707 Object**

Summary: It is the obsession with economic growth that drives climate change. A Local Plan can not legislate against growth, but it could promote Well-being as an alternative.

The following quotation gives some intellectual foundation to the concept.

"The day is not far off when the economic problem will take the back seat where it belongs, and the arena of the heart and the head will be occupied or reoccupied, by our real problems — the problems of life and of human relations, of creation and behaviour and religion."

John Maynard Keynes

First Annual Report of the Arts Council (1945-1946)

**12448 Object**

Summary: The presumption here is that economic growth is the good to be sought, but what is meant by 'economic' here? University research facilities. more coffee bars and shops for tourists, small R&D units?

**15810 Object**

Summary: Only if such growth is sustainable for the city as a whole, not undermining its unique character or overloading its historic streets, not putting too great a stress on water resources, and so on. It is not necessarily best for the country as a whole, for the region or for the city for Cambridge to 'go for growth' - its international magnetism may partly result from its compact character and market town ambience.

**18282 Object**

Summary: The proposed strategic objectives cover most of the ground, but need to be more focused, particularly so as to embrace effective implementation. We suggest the following. For the most part this is a reorganisation of the existing text, with changes of emphasis to make the objectives tighter and more operational.

4. To promote and support economic growth in accessible locations, facilitating innovation, supporting Cambridge's role as a world leader in higher education, research, and knowledge-based industries, and ensuring that economic growth enhances all three strands of sustainable development. This enhancement need not always be direct, provided that any adverse impact should be fully, demonstrably and quantifiably offset elsewhere.

**9907 Support**

Summary: this really ought to be much higher up the list - vital for our continued prosperity.

**10899 Support**

Summary: We support the need to foster the knowledge-based economy and support its growth.

**15586 Support**

Summary: We support the Council's vision for Cambridge to become "a world city that is compact, dynamic and has a thriving City Centre" and in particular the Council's strategic objective 11 "To promote and support economic growth in environmentally sustainable and accessible locations".

**18389 Support**

Summary: Support this objective.

**8319 Object**

Summary: 'To recognise innovation' is a meaningless phrase, used as a cover for encouraging the development of hi-tech industries. Cambridge's world-wide reputation derives from the intellectual standing of the university; this is something that the council can do little to affect, other than ensuring that Cambridge remains an attractive city, and the council can not and should not attempt to expand 'research industries' on the back of this reputation.

**9909 Object**

Summary: this is clumsily expressed. Suggest

To stimulate innovation and its translation into practical outcomes thus enhancing Cambridge's role ....'

let us be proactive not passive, and we must do more than have bright ideas, they need translating into practical outcomes - lots of examples of this eg ARM, Addenbrookes and medical science

**10526 Object**

Summary: Yes - Cambridge is a great place for new ideas to be incubated. It does not however need to be the place where the market growth that turns them into world class products takes place. For example, if ARM has now grown sufficiently that it needs bigger premises, it would be better for it to move to another town than be allowed to erode the Green Belt.

**10903 Support**

Summary: We support the need to foster the knowledge-based economy and the local plan should facilitate its continued growth.

**11275 Support**

Summary: But also to expand upon this knowledge-based industry too?

**11680 Support**

Summary: Important both for city and for country; innovation and intellectual development are to my mind things the nation as a whole should be focussing on to try and pick up the state of the economy.

**18390 Support**

Summary: Support this objective.

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**10712 Object**

Summary: I am very uneasy that the Local Plan should support consumerism as a policy. A visit to the recycling centre will show that products quickly turn into waste, bringing pleasure to no-one.

**18283 Object**

Summary: The proposed strategic objectives cover most of the ground, but need to be more focused, particularly so as to embrace effective implementation. We suggest the following. For the most part this is a reorganisation of the existing text, with changes of emphasis to make the objectives tighter and more operational.

5. To provide a varied range of shopping facilities in accessible locations that meet the needs of people living, working and studying in, or visiting, the city.

**7615 Support**

Summary: I'd like to see the community shops outside of Mill Road and the City Centre supported!

**9910 Support**

Summary: agree

**15845 Support**

Summary: Support CCC's aspiration to ensure that Cambridge has a varied range of shopping facilities in accessible locations that meet identified needs.



**9828 Object**

Summary: mention also minimising noise and light pollution which can so much reduce the quality of life.

**10090 Object**

Summary: mention also minimising noise and light pollution which can so much reduce the quality of life.

**18286 Object**

Summary: Alternative strategic Objective:

8. To promote social cohesion and sustainability, where everyone feels included, including through

- maintaining and enhancing provision for open space, sports and recreation as well as ensuring that the city has a broad range of community facilities and leisure activities, including arts and cultural venues that serve need Cambridge and the Sub region;

- minimising the distance people to travel to work, and making it easy for everyone to move around the city to access jobs and essential services;

- to ensure that all development positively favours travelling primarily by foot, bicycle or public transport, through traffic management measures in partnership with residents and the County Council and through a consistent requirement that all development should provide improved facilities for walkers and cyclists;

- to provide for citizen audit of the achievement of all the strategic objectives.

**9911 Support**

Summary: agree

**10402 Support**

Summary: Objective 14 - Health facilities should also be included in this description.

**11148 Support**

Summary: We support the strategic objectives. We consider it is critical that to achieve a sustainable future for the city and sub-region that its economic vitality is supported, substantially more new market and affordable homes are delivered than have been built over the last 10 year, that development is of a high quality and new community facilities, including for sport and recreation are delivered to provide for healthy lifestyles.

**8146 Object**

Summary: The key is to provide public transport from surrounding villages and Cambridge itself to the areas where employment is found, whether it is on the various science parks or the colleges or the hospital.

**9435 Object**

Summary: The city is already too large to make walking and cycling the first choices of travel for many people.

There should be an additional objective about minimising the need for travel through use of new communications technology. In a city with such a significant knowledge economy, the internet is already having a significant impact on the need for physical travel.

**9912 Object**

Summary: don't really agree here. Should it be a strategic objective if, for example we agree Northstowe and Waterbeach are to be 2 significant new towns. Are we talking about travel to work, to shop for leisure ??

Cycling and walking are only objectives for the fit and able. We must also include public transport. Why not revert to the accepted hierarchy of walk, cycle, public transport, private transport

**10091 Object**

Summary: this objective, while rightly discouraging unnecessary vehicle use, might need to recognise that walking and cycling by themselves cannot be the first choices for some

**10441 Object**

Summary: Want to minimize REQUIREMENT for people to travel for work - as well as DISTANCE

**10861 Object**

Summary: Don't know what this means. You can't legislate for people's movements. Whilst accepting that cycling is becoming an ever more popular means of transport, policy also needs to consider how to accommodate greater peace of mind for pedestrians - e.g. by more segregation of walkers from cyclists and/or by better education of cyclists.

**11051 Object**

Summary: This policy is discriminatory against aged, infirm, disabled persons who have difficulty walking or cycling. Provision of reliable and effective public transport should be included here.

**15806 Object**

Summary: In favour of the broad aim but object to making walking and cycling first choices for everyone: this overlooks the considerable number of residents who cannot ride a bike or cannot walk very far (not just some of the elderly: includes younger, otherwise able, residents with particular conditions such as labyrinthitis or mild arthritis); need to include ensuring really good vehicular provision, whether public or private, for these groups.

**7616 Support**

Summary: We already have the cycling culture. We can make Cambridge an exciting national model of making the bike work. Together with cycling and public transit -- this makes our city work in a unique way.

**7727 Support**

Summary: Agree should make walking and cycling as easy as possible for all.

**8149 Support**

Summary: Including bus and train transport.

**10515 Support**

Summary: Better provision of cycling and public transport is vital. Private cars should be discouraged, as they just cannot be accommodated in the quantities that there now are. This should also apply to people living in the centre. At the moment, residents can obtain multiple residents parking permits. If you live in the centre, one car should be more than enough.

**11514 Support**

Summary: We need much stronger deterrents for people to drive into Cambridge- it is far too easy for people currently, especially at weekends. Cost of park and ride should be per car, not per person to really tip the balance and make this a much better option than parking in the city. If we could encourage people to use the buses to get in from the fringes this could drastically reduce the congestion on the main arteries into Cambridge.

**11679 Support**

Summary: Making the city as cycle-friendly as possible is a very good idea. More cycle racks would be a good start. Maybe encourage bike-shops to give out map of city cycle paths with each new bike sold so people are easily able to identify and use safe routes that encourage them to cycle seriously?

**13009 Support**

Summary: We have a great cycling culture already - we need to continue to improve cycleways and cycle parking.

**15188 Support**

Summary: Walking and cycling can only be made the natural and obvious choices for local journeys if new developments, small and large, are designed to make them so for the people who use and visit them. Thus not only to create spacious walking and cycling routes which are more direct than motor vehicle routes, and which provide segregation of pedestrians and cyclists where volumes will be high, but to make it easier for people to get their cycle out and moving than their car, at home, shops, places of entertainment and workplaces.

## 15745 Support

Summary: Minimising distance is an important point: at present some cycle routes are shoved out of the way and made more circuitous so that the direct routes can be focussed on motor traffic. This culture of road design and cycle provision needs to change. At the same time we shouldn't ignore the needs of those too infirm to travel (for whom improved public transport should be the next best solution), or for the need to ferry goods around town. Also, integrated transport, such as allowing a limited number of cyclists on buses, space permitting, without needing to have fold-up bikes.

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## 10443 Object

Summary: No specific provision for network of fast internet access to reduce work travel etc

## 11611 Object

Summary: Subsection 7 is good in that it stipulates protection and enhancement green space around the City. But we should go a step further and add 'access to green space' to subsection 16 as well - we need people to be able to get around the City and access green areas, for their own health, well being and quality of life.

## 9913 Support

Summary: agree

## 11054 Support

Summary: Agreed, city shuttle buses, one ticket transport system, etc

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## 18287 Object

Summary: Reword:  
9. To reject any development which does not embody, or is not accompanied by, adequate provision of environmentally sustainable infrastructure to meet the demands of the city.

## 9790 Support

Summary: However it is very important that this infrastructure includes the provision of a new hospice which is fit for the 21st century. The current hospice, whilst offering excellent care, is inadequate in terms of facilities, location and energy efficiency. A new hospice is essential

## 9914 Support

Summary: agree

## 14564 Support

Summary: Martin Johnson (Rep No. 10443) makes a good point in relation to the previous priority (Priority 16). Infrastructure refers to more than transport infrastructure. Ultrafast broadband is also a form of sustainable infrastructure. What else?

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## 15809 Object

Summary: Support, but add specifically, including noise and light pollution

## 18280 Object

Summary: The proposed strategic objectives cover most of the ground, but need to be more focused, particularly so as to embrace effective implementation.  
We suggest the following. For the most part this is a reorganisation of the existing text, with changes of emphasis to make the objectives tighter and more operational.

2. To ensure robust implementation, including
  - the use of all available leverage to ensure that developers deliver their commitments;
  - rejection of departures from the vision, standards, detail and phasing of agreed plans unless these can be shown to enhance their delivery of sustainable development objectives;
  - innovative mechanisms to promote partnerships between Council, developers and residents and measure fulfilment;
  - the development of measures of performance for all the strategic objectives.

## 8804 Support

Summary: An important element of providing a safe and healthy environment (objective 18) is to give attention to the social environment as well as the built environment in new developments. This can be overlooked but it is just as vital to provide 'people' resources or social infrastructure to ensure the wellbeing of new communities. See Chapter on Social Environment in JSNA New Communities 2010.

## 9915 Support

Summary: agree

**10445 Object**

Summary: locally set priorities are much better than orders from on high from central government, if truly set locally within communities. BUT no priorities within a long list of priorities, which seems to give loopholes for developers and too much discretion to council officials.

**14522 Object**

Summary: Another presupposition: all the way through this report you use 'enhance'. 'Enhance' is a euphemism for more building, more cars, without provision of public transport, schools and other public services.

**17003 Object**

Summary: Specifically, the vision and objectives should support the following actions:

- Make it here: Better connecting the success in generating ideas and innovations in our area into manufacturing activities and jobs. Provision should be made specifically for manufacturing space in the Cambridge area. It is therefore important that there is a clear understanding between the offer of Cambridge employment sites and those key employment sites in and around Cambridge including the new Enterprise Zone at Alconbury.
- Innovation adoption: Capturing local business benefits from innovation for regional, national and international advantage.
- Promoting our world-leading capabilities and track record: Campaigning on the importance of our innovation strengths and specialisms to HM Government and internationally.
- Using our international reputation to capture quality foreign direct investment: Better promoting and marketing the science and innovation base in terms of the assets, businesses and institutions for general and tailored promotion and to attract quality investment.

**13524 Support**

Summary: An additional priority should be for the closer working of town and gown. In particular: 1 - use of Cambridge for pilot-scale studies of low-carbon energy and energy efficient buildings. 2. potential new concert hall. 3. What to do with the partners of the graduates and postdocs that come with the expansion of Cambridge U. These people have so much to give. They are generally young, highly qualified, competent and motivated individuals. They will come from diverse backgrounds. Surely an opportunity that Cambridge and the UK should not waste.

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**7040 Object**

Summary: I reiterate the need for the Local Plan for the city to be integrated with that for South Cambridgeshire District. A Spatial Strategy for the city without regard for its environs cannot make sense.

**11057 Object**

Summary: "what type of development" could read "what type of development, if any"

**13778 Object**

Summary: The Council has not addressed how the Local Plan will meet housing need, including affordable homes for local people.  
Based upon technical work the housing requirement should be in excess of Option 5.  
The local housing market demonstrates homes are successfully being delivered on the Cambridge fringe. This strategy should continue. These represent the most sustainable growth areas.  
Effective masterplanning will ensure quality and provide social, economic and environmental gains. This is required by the NPPF.  
The Council is urged to re-examine its evidence base and make it sound prior to the submission draft stage.

**16500 Object**

Summary: It has long been recognised that the spatial strategies of the City Council and South Cambs. are inextricably linked and it is necessary to take a sub regional perspective which can disregard local authority boundaries. The 'Duty to Co-operate' in the Localism Act enshrines in statute what should be good practice and common sense. It is considered that the two Councils should follow this requirement to its logical conclusions and to jointly produce a single Local Plan for the sub region.

**16878 Object**

Summary: Growth of Cambridge must be supported to maintain its position as an historic, world class university city. However, this growth must occur within environmental and infrastructure constraints and that suitable mitigation is in place to address unacceptable impacts where these occur.

**8329 Support**

Summary: 20 years, however, is not 'the long-term view'. A properly long-term view would recognize that the university and colleges and the compact size of Cambridge are overwhelmingly its most important and distinctive characteristics and would do everything to protect these. Cambridge with another 30 or 40,000 new homes built around it will no longer be a 'special place'.

**9990 Support**

Summary: Yes. Cambridge is a special place. It would be easy to damage it by allowing too much undesirable growth. Predictions for growth are based on nothing more than speculated extensions of the recent past.