# ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013

#### AMENDMENT SHEET FOR ITEM 12: CAMBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN -

#### TOWARDS 2031 – DRAFT LOCAL PLAN FOR CONSULTATION

## 1. Appendix A - Cambridge Local Plan 2014, Section Two – The Spatial Strategy, Table 2.3 Housing Provision to 2031, page 24

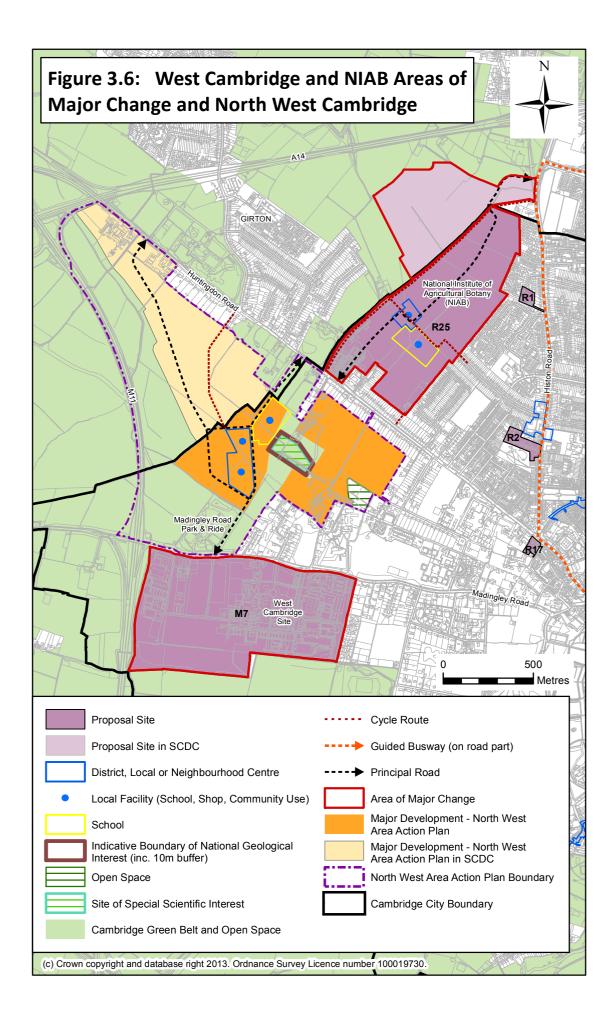
Within Table 2.3, the total number of housing units is shown as being 14,191. Whilst this total is accurate, there was an omission of 331 units for housing completions for the 2011 – 2012 monitoring year, which forms part of the total. The draft Local Plan will be amended to reflect this, as shown in Table 2.3 below.

#### Table 2.3: Housing Provision to 2031

Dwelling Provision 2011 to 2031	Number of Dwellings
Completions	
Completions 2011 - 2012	331
Existing Commitments	
Urban Extensions with planning permission	7,000
Urban Extensions without planning permission	408
Large allocations with planning permission	1,563
Allocated sites without planning permission	721
Deliverable sites with planning permission (not allocated)	414
Potential Supply	
Local Plan Review allocation sites	1,904
Windfall	1,850
Total	14,191
Surplus	191

# 2. Appendix A - Cambridge Local Plan 2014, Section Three – City Centre, Areas of Major Change, Opportunity Areas and Site Specific Proposals, Figure 3.6, page 68

Figure 3.6 (see Page 3 of this amendment sheet) has been updated to reflect amended parameter plans on land use and access for the NIAB 1 Area of Major Change (addressed in Policy 19). These parameter plans were approved at Joint Development Control Committee in August 2011. The amendments to Figure 3.6 align the indicative layout with that set out by the parameter plans for the positioning and size of the local centre and primary school and for the cycle routes through the site. The positioning and size of the primary school on the North West Cambridge site has also been amended to reflect the parameter plans for North West Cambridge.



# 3. Appendix A - Cambridge Local Plan 2014, Section Three - City Centre, Areas of Major Change, Opportunity Areas and Site Specific Proposals, Policy 20: Station Areas East and West Area of Major Change, page 71

In order to establish the precise quantum of floorspace in particular land uses to be agreed through the masterplanning process ahead of any planning applications coming in, it is considered appropriate to introduce a further criterion (r) to Policy 20 on Station Areas East and West Area of Major Change as follows:

"The masterplan for Station Area East will set out the principal land uses, precise quantum of development, approach to built form, circulation, access and movement. The masterplan and associated transport assessment work will need to be developed and agreed before any planning application is submitted. Station Area West 2 will also be subject to masterplanning and detailed transport assessment ahead of any new planning applications coming forward."

# Appendix A – Cambridge Local Plan 2014, Section Three - City Centre, Areas of Major Change, Opportunity Areas and Site Specific Proposals, Paragraphs 3.109 – 3.110, page 91

In order to provide additional supporting text for Policy 26: Site Specific Development Opportunities, it is considered appropriate to replace paragraphs 3.109 and 3.110 with the following three paragraphs as new paragraphs 3.109 – 3.111:

"Working with other local authorities through the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Memorandum of Co-operation approach, the council has identified its development needs. Once needs are identified there is a responsibility to positively seek opportunities to meet the city's objectively assessed development needs, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change, unless the adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework. It is the requirement to meet these objectively assessed needs and the spatial options for doing so within the council's administrative area that gives rise to the exceptional circumstances which warrant a number of small Green Belt releases as a part of this Local Plan.

In developing the Local Plan, the council has assessed all available land within the city's boundary in order to meet the housing and employment needs set out in Section Two: The Spatial Strategy. This assessment has recognised the context of a high level of need and house prices in the city, the national importance of supporting the Cambridge economy, the lack of available previously developed land, the current unavailability of the majority of Cambridge East and the importance of green spaces within the city and

Green Belt forming the setting of the city. The majority of the city's objectively assessed need for these uses is to be met through existing, but unimplemented, allocations within the urban area of the city, including a number of sites at the city's Southern Fringe, North West Cambridge and NIAB, which were previously released from the Cambridge Green Belt. While the focus for new sites for development has been on previously developed land, it has not been possible to meet the city's objectively assessed need in full from these sites alone.

In order to meet the objectively assessed need for housing and employment, the council has also assessed all Green Belt land within the city for its scope for future development. This assessment used robust criteria and realistic assumptions about densities. By assessing this land, it has been established that a significant proportion of it remains vitally important to the particular purposes of the Cambridge Green Belt. This work did, however, identify that there was very limited scope for a small amount of land to be released from the Cambridge Green Belt on the city's south-eastern edge, without having a significant impact on the purposes of the Green Belt. Development of these four small sites will need to include considerable landscape enhancement in order to ensure a strong and defensible Green Belt boundary is created as set out in Policy 26."

5. Appendix A – Cambridge Local Plan 2014, Appendix B – Proposals Schedule, page 230 Within the Proposals Schedule, Site U1 Old Press/Mill Lane is shown as having a capacity for 150 dwellings and 2 hectares other uses. This does not reflect the uses listed in the Old Press/Mill Lane Supplementary Planning Document. The schedule should be amended to read "Up to 150 dwellings, up to 6,000m<sup>2</sup> commercial use, up to 75 bedroom hotel and up to 1,000m<sup>2</sup> other uses."

## 6. Appendix D – Habitats Regulations Assessment – Screening Report for the Draft Cambridge Local Plan 2014 (May 2013), page 63 onwards

There are a number of sites outside the boundaries of Cambridge that have been considered as part of the Habitats Regulations Assessment because of their proximity to the district and/or the nature of their conservation interest. Maps of these sites have been produced for inclusion in the Assessment as follows:

- Map 2 Eversden and Wimpole Woods SAC
- Map 3 Devil's Dyke SAC
- Map 4 Fenland SAC and Wicken Fen RAMSAR site;
- Map 5 Fenland SAC and Chippenham Fen RAMSAR site
- Map 6 Fenland SAC and Woodwalton Fen RAMSAR site
- Map 7 Ouse Washes RAMSAR, SAC and SPA (part of site)
- Map 8 Ouse Washes RAMSAR, SAC and SPA (part of site)

- Map 9 Portholme SAC
- Map 10 Breckland SAC and SPA
- Map 11 Special Areas of Conservation and proximity to Cambridge City Council Boundary
- Map 12 Special Protection Areas and proximity to Cambridge City Council Boundary
- Map 13 RAMSAR sites and proximity to Cambridge City Council Boundary

These maps are shown on the following pages of this amendment sheet.

