



New Museums Site Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document

Statement of Consultation

Background

The purpose of the New Museums Site Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is to guide the redevelopment of the New Museums Site allocation, which is allocated in the Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission document (as amended¹).

The SPD sets out the joint aspirations of the council and the University of Cambridge regarding future changes to the site. It will provide greater clarity and certainty, particularly in terms of:

- The needs for new and/or improved facilities;
- The clustering of associated University disciplines, in order to achieve academic benefits and administrative operating efficiencies;
- The provision of high quality, sustainable buildings and places;
- The delivery of optimum space efficiency.

On adoption, the SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications.

The SPD has been written to support the Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission. This SPD will be adopted at the same time as, or shortly after, the local plan is adopted. It will not be adopted before the local plan is adopted.

Document Production

The SPD has been prepared in collaboration with the University of Cambridge and Urban Design to ensure that any future development on the New Museums Site safeguards the architectural, historic, cultural and archaeological importance of the site while providing an opportunity for positive, qualitative change.

The draft SPD was approved for consultation at [Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 16 June 2015](#)

A Sustainability Appraisal (which included the New Museums Site allocation²) and Habitats

¹ Through the *Addendum to the Cambridge Local Plan 2014 Proposed Submission Document (July 2013): Schedule of Proposed Changes Following Proposed Submission Consultation (February 2014)*

² Cambridge City Council Part 2, 'Site Options within Cambridge' – Interim Sustainability Appraisal (2013)

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Regulations Assessment Screening Report was carried out and consulted upon for the [Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission](#). This consultation took place between 19 July and 30 September 2013. These documents, along with other supporting documents were made available to view during the consultation.

A Habitats Regulations Assessment is an assessment to ensure that a plan will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of either Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) or Special Protection Areas (SPA).

As part of the Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission document preparation process, a Habitats Regulations Assessment was undertaken to assess the likely impact the Cambridge Local Plan may have. The assessment concluded that the Cambridge Local Plan is not likely to have any significant effects on the Natura 2000 or Ramsar sites identified.

For the New Museums Site SPD, a Sustainability Appraisal Screening Report was completed. This document confirmed that the allocation of land at the New Museums Site took place as part of the process of developing the Cambridge Local Plan 2014, and as such has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal as part of the Local Plan process. The conclusion of this screening process is that as the New Museums Site SPD does not make any changes to this allocation, or the policy guidance contained within Policy 43 of the Plan, it will not give rise to significant environmental effects.

The New Museums Site SPD does not give rise to significant social and economic effects beyond those already identified as part of the appraisal of the parent policy and site allocation contained within the Cambridge Local Plan 2014. As such it is not considered necessary to undertake a separate Sustainability Appraisal for this SPD.

Consultees

The following organisations (below) were directly notified of the draft New Museums Site Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) via email or post where no email address was available (individuals are not listed).

SPECIFIC CONSULTATION BODIES³

- Historic England
- Environment Agency
- Highways England
- Marine Management Organisation
- Natural England
- Network Rail
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner
- Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service
- Cambridgeshire County Council (Highways)
- Cambridgeshire County Council (Strategic Planning)
- Comberton Parish Council
- Coton Parish Council
- Cottenham Parish Council
- Fen Ditton Parish Council
- Fulbourn Parish Council
- Girton Parish Council
- Grantchester Parish Council
- Great Shelford Parish Council
- Hauxton Parish Council
- Histon & Impington Parish Councils
- Horningsea Parish Council
- Madingley Parish

³ Specific consultation bodies and duty to cooperate bodies required under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended

- Council
- Milton Parish Council
- Orchard Park Community Council
- Teversham Parish Council
- National Grid
- UK Power networks
- Cambridgeshire Association to Commission Health
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group
- Cam Health
- Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundations Trust (Addenbrooke's)
- NHS Property Services
- CATCH
- East of England Strategic Health Authority
- British Gas
- EDF Energy
- E.On Energy
- Npower Renewables
- Scottish Power
- Scottish & Southern Electric
- BT Openreach
- BT Group Plc
- Cambridge Water Company
- Anglian Water
- Homes and Communities Agency
- Office of Rail Regulation
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership
- Sport England

COUNCILLORS

- 42 x City Councillors
- All County Councillors

(City Wards)

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

- Age Concern Cambridgeshire
- Cambridge Citizens Advice Bureau
- Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum
- Cambridge Federation of Residents' Associations
- Cambridge Interfaith Group
- Cambridgeshire Older Peoples Enterprise (COPE)
- Cambridgeshire Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Consortium (CVSIC)
- Camsight
- Disability Cambridgeshire
- East of England Faiths Council
- Encompass Network
- The Church of England Ely Diocese
- The GET Group

DEVELOPERS

- Argyle Street Housing Cooperative
- Artek Design House
- Barratt Eastern Counties
- Barton Wilmore
- Beacon Planning Ltd
- Bellway Homes
- Berkeley Homes
- Bidwells
- Bovis Homes Ltd
- Brookgate
- Carter Jonas
- Chartered Institute of Architectural

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- Technologists
- Cheffins
- Countryside Properties
- Estate Management and Building Service, University of Cambridge
- Grosvenor USS
- Home Builders Federation
- Januarys
- Liberty Property Trust
- RPS
- Savills
- Skanska UK Plc
- Unex

BUSINESSES

- Marshalls Airport
- Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce
- Cambridge Network

EDUCATION

- Anglia Ruskin University
- All Colleges of the University of Cambridge
- The Bursars' Committee

OTHERS

- Cambridge Cycling Campaign
- Design Council/CABE
- Cambridgeshire Campaign for Better Transport

Other methods of notification included:

- A public notice in the Cambridge News;
- Through the council's webpages: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/new-museums-site>;
- Via facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/camcitco>;
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/camcitco> and;
- The council's local plan blog: <http://cambridgelocalplan.wordpress.com/>.

Consultation Methodology

A six-week consultation period for the draft New Museums Site SPD took place from:

9am on 13 July 2015 to 5pm on 7 September 2015

The draft New Museums Site SPD was also made available for inspection along with the other relevant documents at the following locations:

- Online on the council's website <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/new-museums-site-spd>;
- At the council's Customer Service Centre at Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY from 8am-5.15 pm Monday and 9am-5.15pm Tuesday to Friday.

The draft New Museums Site SPD was also available for purchase from the Customer Service Centre (phone 01223 457200).

Comments could be made using:

- The online consultation system <http://cambridge.jdi-consult.net/localplan/> or;
- The printed response form which was available from Customer Service Centre (details above) or could be downloaded and completed electronically from the council's website <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/new-museums-site-spd>

Completed forms could be returned to:

- Planning Policy, Cambridge City Council, PO Box 700, Cambridge, CB1 0JH
- Or emailed to policysurveys@cambridge.gov.uk

Respondents could also request to be notified of the adoption of the document.

Contact details for further information were also made available as follows:

- Tel: 01223 457200
- Email: policysurveys@cambridge.gov.uk

Key Issues Raised

During the consultation, 63 representations were received. Of these, 4 (6%) were supportive, 23 (37%) were comments and the remainder, 36 (57%), were objections. The majority of responses came from the academic community however responses also came from a variety of other sources including local residents, businesses, planning consultants, the James Clerk Maxwell Foundation along with a number of other Clerk Maxwell enthusiasts, and Historic England.

In summary, the key issues raised included:

- The treatment of the site's permeability (approximately 30% of all the representations received);
- Concern over the treatment of, and alterations to, the Old Cavendish Laboratory and Mond buildings;
- Clarification and strengthening of particular paragraphs of the draft SPD;
- Historic England requested that minor changes to the text be made to clarify points of reference;
- Neighbouring organisations requested early consultation on proposals that may affect operational access and parking capacity/access.

The emerging Local Plan is still at the examination stage. If changes to the Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission policies are made as part of the examination, the SPD will need to be updated to reflect these changes. For more information on the Local Plan examination, visit: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-plan-review-examination>.

The emerging Local Plan is still at the examination stage, which means that the council is unable to adopt the New Museums Site Development Framework as an SPD until the Local Plan has been found sound and adopted. In the interim period, prior to adoption of the SPD, the New Museums Site Development Framework provides context and guidance as material consideration in the planning process.