

To Councillor: Councillor Dave Baigent Chair of Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Tim Bick Councillor Sam Davies Opposition Spokes (Planning Policy)	Comment to: Claire Tunncliffe Claire.tunncliffe@cambridge.gov.uk Tel: 01223 457135
Date: 08/10/21	



MEMBER CONSULTATION

This is a formal consultation letter seeking your views in the following circumstances:

- ✓ Councillors: your views are sought on a matter which officers are required to consult you prior to exercising delegated powers.

Please reply in writing by **12 noon on 14th October 2021** by completing and returning one copy of this consultation letter.

Subject : Creating a Vision for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc (Spatial Framework) Consultation Response

Background: This decision relates to specific delegations to the Executive Member for Planning Policy & Open Spaces endorsed by Planning & Transport Scrutiny Committee on 28th September 2021.

The recommendation relating to this item was as follows:

1. a) To agree a joint response with South Cambridgeshire District Council to the Government's Creating a Vision Oxford-Cambridge Arc Consultation as set out in Appendix 1.

The purpose of this decision is to approve the final response to the Government's Creating a Vision for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc (Spatial Framework) Consultation. The deadline for comments is 12th October.



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A copy of the report considered by the Planning and Transport Committee on 28th September and all associated documents can be viewed at the link below:

[Agenda for Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 28th September, 2021, 5.30 pm - Cambridge Council](#)

The response has now also been considered by South Cambridgeshire Cabinet, and the amended response is attached (Appendix 1).

This decision seeks to finalise the response for submission to government. The response has been considered by the scrutiny committee and no amendments or refinements were made.

However there were a number of questions originally omitted from the report which were identified at Planning and Transport Scrutiny and are now included and detailed with the proposed answer:

- **Homes in your area (Section 5.3 under Placemaking).**
 - **Question:** Ensuring the right types of housing are delivered in the right locations to meet the needs of both renters and buyers. For example, family houses, first-time buyers, specialist housing, student accommodation and opportunities for people to build their own homes. [Not important/ Less important/ Neutral/ Important/ Very Important] 4. Increasing the amount and availability of affordable homes within the Arc
 - **Answer:** Very Important
- **Question 8 in the Sustainability Appraisal**
 - **Question 1:** To what extent do you agree with the key strategic issues and opportunities in the



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proposed scope for the Sustainability Appraisal of the Spatial Framework?

- **Answer:** Strongly agree
- **Question 2:** Are there any other strategic issues and/or opportunities that need to be considered in the appraisal?
- **Answer:** Not enough detail at this stage to provide comment we would urge the Vision to align and consider all issues identified in our own SA which is detailed here. [Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Proposals \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](https://greatercambridgeplanning.org)
- **Question 3:** Are you aware of any additional strategic data that we should take into account as part of the sustainability appraisal?
- **Answer:** Not enough detail at this stage to provide comment we would urge the Vision to align and consider all issues identified in our own SA which is detailed here. [Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Proposals \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](https://greatercambridgeplanning.org)
- **Question 4:** Are you aware of any additional plans or programmes you think will be important to consider within the sustainability appraisal?
- **Answer:** Not enough detail at this stage to provide comment we would urge the Vision to align and consider all issues identified in our own SA which is detailed here. [Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Proposals \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](https://greatercambridgeplanning.org)
- **Question 5:** To what extent do you agree with our approach to the Sustainability Appraisal?
- **Answer:** Neutral



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Recommended Action: To approve the additional questions above to add to the proposed response to: Creating a Vision for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc (Spatial Framework) Consultation.

Member Response:

Please e-mail the Committee Manager referenced to advise if you support / do not support the action recommended above and any comments you wish to make.



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