

Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Examinations

MATTER CC5 – SERVICES AND LOCAL FACILITIES

On behalf of Grosvenor/Wrenbridge (ID. 4053)

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o5A.2 Policy 73: Community, sports and leisure facilities

- i. Has an appropriate location for a community stadium facility, as referred to in paragraphs 8.13 and 8.14 of the supporting text, been identified by both Councils?**
- iv. Is it the Council's view that the Open Space and Recreation Strategy (2011) sets out a robust and up-to date assessment of the needs of open space, sports and recreation facilities across the city in order to inform its policy making as required by paragraph 73 of the NPPF?**

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There is a significant and pressing need for sporting facilities in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire to meet the wider needs of the community.

Grosvenor / USS are preparing planning applications for the redevelopment of the Abbey Stadium, Newmarket Road with the intention of providing a community stadium facility linked with the provision of a sporting village on the edge of Cambridge, in Trumpington to provide new indoor and outdoor playing pitches and new cycling facilities.

The proposed development will increase community access to sporting facilities.

Is it the Council's view that the Open Space and Recreation Strategy (2011) sets out a robust and up-to-date assessment of the needs of open space, sports and recreation facilities across the city in order to inform its policy making as required by paragraph 73 of the NPPF?

The Open Space and Recreation Strategy (2011) was adopted prior to the publication of the NPPF and Sport England's A Sporting Habit for Life (2012 – 2017) strategy. It identified that the supply of sports pitches was significantly below that required. Although the strategy is useful in providing detail of the level of need at the time, it is now outdated.

It is understood that Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils are currently developing a joint Playing Pitch Strategy, however this is not been made available for public consultation. Grosvenor has an independent assessment of sporting need to support its planning application and looks forward to working with the Councils on this matter.

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