

3rd January 2013

Dear Consultee

Consultation on Cambridge Local Plan – Towards 2031: Issues & Options 2

The Local Plan is used to guide decisions on matters ranging from the development of housing to the design requirements of new buildings. Policies in the Local Plan are used when decisions on planning applications are made. The current Local Plan for Cambridge was adopted in 2006 and we are now in the process of reviewing it. The Issues and Options 2 consultation follows on from the Issues and Options Consultation held in June/July 2012.

The consultation is split into two parts:

 Part 1 – Joint consultation on development strategy and site options on the edge of Cambridge
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• Part 2 – Site options within Cambridge

This document includes site options within Cambridge for a range of uses, car and cycle parking standards, residential space standards, and site designations. The site allocations focus on strategic sites that are considered central to the achievement of the development strategy for Cambridge. The designations include areas of protection, such as Protected Open Space, and land-use designations such as District and Local Centres.

The six-week consultation period on the Issues and Options 2 documents and their associated Interim Sustainability Appraisals is from:

9am on 7th January 2013 until 5pm on 18th February 2013

A copy of the Local Plan Review timetable is attached to this letter. More information can be found by visiting our webpage <u>http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/options2</u> or our blog <u>http://cambridgelocalplan.wordpress.com/</u>.



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Please send us any comments using our online consultation system <u>http://cambridge.jdi-consult.net/ldf/</u>. This is the Council's preferred method for receiving representations, but if you prefer to fill in a response form please return it electronically wherever possible. If you do not have access to a computer, a paper form can be completed and sent to the Council. The response form can be downloaded from the Council's website (details above) or obtained from the Policy Team (<u>policysurveys@cambridge.gov.uk</u>) or the Customer Service Centre in Mandela House. All the consultation documents are available for inspection at the Council's Customer Service Centre and public libraries in the City.

Once the consultation period has finished, we will analyse and consider all your responses, using them to refine the policies that will be included in the Local Plan. We will then draft the actual Local Plan, which will be subject to a further round of public consultation prior to being submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. To find out when this will happen, visit the Local Plan review page or visit our blog: cambridgelocalplan.wordpress.com.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the planning policy team.

Yours sincerely

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