



## **South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014**

**Application of the PAS Self Assessment Toolkit, comprising  
Soundness and Legal Compliance Tests**

**RD/Sub/SC/160**



# Soundness Self-Assessment Checklist (January 2013)

*This note was prepared by AMEC on behalf of the Planning Advisory Service. It aims to help local authorities prepare their plans in advance of an examination, taking into account the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework. A separate checklist looks at legal compliance.*

**In summary – the key requirements of plan preparation are:**

- Has the plan been positively prepared i.e. based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed requirements?
- Is the plan justified?
- Is it based on robust and credible evidence?
- Is it the most appropriate strategy when considered against the alternatives?
- Is the document effective?
- Is it deliverable?
- Is it flexible?
- Will it be able to be monitored?
- Is it consistent with national policy?

## **The Tests of Soundness at Examination**

The starting point for the examination is the assumption that the Council has submitted what it considers to be a sound plan. Those seeking changes should demonstrate why the plan is unsound by reference to one or more of the soundness criteria.

The tests of soundness are set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (para 182): “The Local Plan will be examined by an independent inspector whose role is to assess whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements, and whether it is sound. A local planning authority should submit a plan for examination which it considers is ‘sound’ “, namely that it is:

### **1. Positively Prepared: based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements**

This means that the Development Plan Document (DPD) should be based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development. The NPPF has 12 principles through which it expects sustainable development can be achieved.

### **2. Justified: the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence**

This means that the DPD should be based on a robust and credible evidence base involving:

- Research/fact finding: the choices made in the plan are backed up by facts.
- Evidence of participation of the local community and others having a stake in the area; and

The DPD should also provide the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives. These alternatives should be realistic and subject to sustainability appraisal. The DPD should show how the policies and proposals help to ensure that the social, environmental, economic and resource use objectives of sustainability will be achieved.

### **3. Effective: deliverable over its period based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities**

This means the DPD should be deliverable, requiring evidence of:

- Sound infrastructure delivery planning;
- Having no regulatory or national planning barriers to delivery;
- Delivery partners who are signed up to it; and
- Coherence with the strategies of neighbouring authorities.
- The DPD should be flexible and able to be monitored.

The DPD should indicate who is to be responsible for making sure that the policies and proposals happen and when they will happen. The plan should be flexible to deal with changing circumstances, which may involve minor changes to respond to the outcome of the monitoring process or more significant changes to respond to problems such as lack of funding for major infrastructure proposals. Although it is important that policies are flexible, the DPD should make clear that major changes may require a formal review including public consultation. Any measures which the Council has included to make sure that targets are met should be clearly linked to an Annual Monitoring Report.

### **4. Consistent with national policy: enabling the delivery of sustainable development**

The demonstration of this is a 'lead' policy on sustainable development which specifies how decisions are to be made against the sustainability criterion (see the Planning Portal for a model policy [www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk)). If you are not using this model policy, the Council will need to provide clear and convincing reasons to justify its approach.

The following table sets out the requirements associated with these four tests of soundness. Suggestions for evidence which could be used to support these requirements are set out, although these have to be viewed in the context of the plan being prepared. Please don't assume that you have got to provide all of these, they are just suggestions of what could be relevant.

In addition, the Legal Compliance checklist (a separate document, see [www.pas.gov.uk](http://www.pas.gov.uk)) should be completed to ensure that this aspect is covered.

The Duty to Co-operate will also be assessed as part of the examination process.



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**Soundness Test and Key Requirements**

**Evidence Provided**

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<p><i>Vision and Objectives</i></p> <p>Has the LPA clearly identified what the issues are that the DPD is seeking to address? Have priorities been set so that it is clear what the DPD is seeking to achieve?</p> <p>Does the DPD contain clear vision(s) and objectives which are specific to the place? Is there a direct relationship between the identified issues, the vision(s) and the objectives?</p> <p>Is it clear how the policies will meet the objectives? Are there any obvious gaps in the policies, having regard to the objectives of the DPD?</p> <p>Have reasonable alternatives to the quantum of development and overall spatial strategy been considered?</p> <p>Are the policies internally consistent?</p> <p>Are there realistic timescales related to the objectives?</p> <p>Does the DPD explain how its key policy objectives will be achieved?</p>	<p><b>Overarching information:</b> South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission, Chapter 1 (About South Cambridgeshire) and 2 (The Spatial Strategy).</p> <p><b>Issues facing South Cambridgeshire:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key stakeholder views sought December 2011. A series of workshops were held between March and April 2012 with District Councillors, Parish Councils, stakeholders (e.g. infrastructure providers), house builders, planning agents and registered providers. The purpose of these workshops was to explain how the Local Plan would be prepared, to encourage involvement from an early stage and to identify issues and concerns of those various interests ahead of preparing the Issues and Options consultation document. The workshops explored the issues facing the district and discussed the vision for South Cambridgeshire and ideas and options to guide the development and use of land in the district over the next twenty years. A further series of workshops were held with parish Councils and District Councillors in July 2012. These helped to identify issues and concerns for consideration as part of the Local Plan review. A summary and copies of meeting notes can be found at: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission, Section 2 (The Spatial Strategy), paragraphs 2.14 – 2.19;</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (Scoping February 2012, Issues and Options 2012 and 2013, July 2013);</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation and Audit Trails. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014) The audit trails for policy development also give consideration to the issues facing the District can be found in Annex A to the Draft Final Sustainability Report at: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Vision:</b> South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission, Section 2 (The Spatial Strategy), Policy S/2 ‘Vision’ for page 21).</p> <p><b>Strategic Objectives:</b> South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission, Section 2 (The Spatial Strategy), policy S/2</p>

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'Objectives of the Local Plan' 6 key Objectives (pages 21-22).

The policies in the plan aim to support the Vision and deliver the key objectives.

**Strategy:**

- South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission, Section 2 (The Spatial Strategy):
  - The Development Strategy to 2031 (Policy S/6 and supporting maps and text) ;
  - The joint spatial approach for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire (paragraphs 2.14 – 2.19);

**South Cambridgeshire Profile:**

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission, Section 1 (About South Cambridgeshire), paragraphs 1.3 – 1.4 and key facts text boxes at the start of each plan chapter)

**Consideration of alternatives to the quantum of development and overall spatial strategy:**

- South Cambridgeshire Local Plan: Issues and Options Report, Chapter 4 (Spatial Strategy), Chapter 5 (Development Options);
- Issues and Options 2 Part 1 – Joint Consultation on Development Strategy and Site Options on the Edge of Cambridge (January 2013);
- Issues and Options 2 Part 1 – Joint Consultation on Development Strategy and Site Options on the Edge of Cambridge – Interim Sustainability Appraisal (January 2013): <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/initial-sustainability-report> ;
- Cambridgeshire Joint Strategy Unit (Nov 2012). Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Development Strategy Review: <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/sites/www.scamb.gov.uk/files/documents/Sustainable%20Development%20Strategy%20Review.pdf>;
- South Cambridgeshire District Council (June 2013). Part 3 Appendices 1 and 4: <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening>
- Sustainability Appraisal of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal

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	<p>and Audit Trail: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></p> <p><b>Infrastructure Delivery Planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council Infrastructure Delivery Study 2012: <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/CIL/Appendix%20B%20-%20Infrastructure%20Delivery%20Study%20FINAL%20REPORT%20and%20Appendices.pdf">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/CIL/Appendix%20B%20-%20Infrastructure%20Delivery%20Study%20FINAL%20REPORT%20and%20Appendices.pdf</a></li> <li>Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council Infrastructure Delivery Study Update 2013: <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/documents/Infrastructure%20Delivery%20StudyUpdate%20%28Final%20Report%20Amended%20with%20Appendices%29.pdf">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/documents/Infrastructure%20Delivery%20StudyUpdate%20%28Final%20Report%20Amended%20with%20Appendices%29.pdf</a></li> <li>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission – Chapter 10 policies particularly TI/8 (Infrastructure and New Developments), and Chapter 2 Figure 4 Monitoring Indicators.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support of relevant agencies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representations to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Options Reports and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission;</li> <li>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Memorandum of Cooperation. Supporting the Spatial Approach 2011-2031: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation</a></li> <li>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Statement of Compliance with the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Local Development Scheme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Cambridgeshire Local Development Scheme (2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/local-development-scheme">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/local-development-scheme</a></li> </ul>
<p><i>The presumption in favour of sustainable development (NPPF paras 6-17)</i> Local Plans should meet objectively assessed</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 2 (The Spatial Strategy): Policy S/3 – The presumption in favour of sustainable development</li> </ul>

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<p>needs, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change, unless:</p> <p>—any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in this Framework taken as a whole; or</p> <p>—specific policies in this Framework indicate development should be restricted.</p>	<p><b>Evidence base for development needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2013: <a href="https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment">https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment</a>;</li> <li>• Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2012) including May 2013 update to chapters 12 and 13: <a href="http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/shma/shma-current-version">http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/shma/shma-current-version</a></li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Research and Performance Team: Population, Housing and Employment Forecasts Technical Report (May 2013): <a href="http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/current-version/PopHseEmp_TechReport2013">http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/current-version/PopHseEmp_TechReport2013</a></li> <li>• SQW, Cambridge Cluster at 50 Study 2011: <a href="https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies">https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies</a></li> <li>• Employment Land Review 2008: <a href="https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review">https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review</a></li> <li>• Employment Land Review Update 2012: <a href="https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review">https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Audit trail regarding the quantum of development:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan: Issues and Options Report, Chapter 3 (Development Needs);</li> <li>• Sustainability Appraisal of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Part 3 and Annex A - Audit Trail: <a href="https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> <li>• Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Memorandum of Cooperation. Supporting the Spatial Approach 2011-2031: <a href="https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation">https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation</a> ;</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan: Issues and Options Report, Chapter 4 (Spatial Strategy);</li> <li>• Issues and Options 2 Part 1 – Joint Consultation on Development Strategy and Site Options on the Edge of</li> </ul>

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<p>Policies in Local Plans should follow the approach of the presumption in favour of sustainable development so that it is clear that development which is sustainable can be approved without delay. All plans should be based upon and reflect the presumption in favour of sustainable development, with clear policies that will guide how the presumption should be applied locally.</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission, Policy S/3: The Presumption in favour of sustainable development.</p>
<p><i>Objectively assessed needs</i>  The economic, social and environmental needs of the authority area addressed and clearly presented in a fashion which makes effective use of land and specifically promotes mixed use development, and take account of cross-boundary and strategic issues.  Note: Meeting these needs should be subject to the caveats specified in Paragraph 14 of the NPPF (see above).</p>	<p><b>Objectively assessed needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2013: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment</a>;</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Research and Performance Team: Population, Housing and Employment Forecasts Technical Report (May 2013): <a href="http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/current-version/PopHseEmp_TechReport2013">http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/current-version/PopHseEmp_TechReport2013</a></li> <li>• SQW, Cambridge Cluster at 50 Study (2011): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies</a></li> <li>• Employment Land Review 2008: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review</a></li> <li>• Employment Land Review Update 2012: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review</a></li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council (July 2009). Cambridgeshire Development Study: <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/docs/cambridgeshire-development-study-2009.pdf">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/docs/cambridgeshire-development-study-2009.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Technical Papers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainability Appraisal of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Part 3 -</li> </ul>

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<b>NPPF Principles: Delivering sustainable development</b>	
<b>Building a strong, competitive economy (paras 18-22)</b>	
Set out a clear economic vision and strategy for the area which positively and proactively encourages sustainable economic growth (21),	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Vision – policy S/1;</li> <li>Key Objective a): To support economic growth by supporting South Cambridgeshire’s position as a world leader in research and technology based industries, research, and education; and supporting the rural economy;</li> <li>Policy S/3 (The presumption in favour of sustainable development);</li> <li>Policy S/5 (Provision of new jobs and homes);</li> <li>Policy S/6 (The development strategy to 2031) – presents a positive strategy to support the economy, and ensure sufficient land is available to allow the forecast of 22,000 new jobs by 2031;</li> <li>Chapter 3 (Strategic Sites): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy SS/4 (Cambridge Northern Fringe East) – area allocated for high quality mixed-use development including employment uses with further detailed policies to be provided in a joint Area Action Plan produced by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SS/5 (Waterbeach New Town) – New town of between 8,000 to 9,000 new homes with employment provision to meet local needs and support the economy of the Cambridge area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/6 (Bourn Airfield new settlement) – new village of approximately 3,500 new homes with a mixed use employment area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/8 (Cambourne West ) – village extension with mixed use employment area.</li> <li>● Chapter 8 (Building a Strong and Competitive Economy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy E/1 (Cambridge Science Park) –supports development and redevelopment on the Science Park which is primarily located within South Cambridgeshire;</li> <li>○ Policy E/9 (Promotion of Clusters) – supports the development of employment clusters in modern sectors of the economy;</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cambridgeshire County Research and Performance Team: Population, Housing and Employment Forecasts Technical Report (May 2013): <a href="http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/current-version/PopHseEmp_TechReport2013">http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/current-version/PopHseEmp_TechReport2013</a></li> <li>● SQW, Cambridge Cluster at 50 Study (2011): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies</a></li> <li>● Employment Land Review 2008: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review</a></li> <li>● Employment Land Review Update 2012: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review</a></li> <li>● Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council (March 2014). Topic Paper – Economy;</li> <li>● South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>

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<p>Recognise and seek to address potential barriers to investment, including poor environment or any lack of infrastructure, services or housing (21)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 2 (The Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision for South Cambridgeshire (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objectives c), e) and f) – provide housing land in suitable locations, ensure that new development provides or has access to all the supporting services and facilities needed, and to maximise potential for sustainable travel;</li> <li>○ Policy TI/2 (Planning for Strategic Travel) – requires development to secure the implementation of transport strategies and priorities set out in the Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 3 (Strategic Sites): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SS/2 (Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road) – area allocated for residential development adjoining land allocated in Cambridge. ;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/4 (Cambridge Northern Fringe East) – area allocated for high quality mixed-use development including employment uses with further detailed policies to be provided in a joint Area Action Plan produced by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/3 (Cambridge East) – area allocated for residential development;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/5 (Waterbeach New Town) – New town of between 8,000 to 9,000 new homes with employment provision to meet local needs and support the economy of the Cambridge area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/6 (Bourn Airfield new settlement) – new village of approximately 3,500 new homes with a mixed use employment area;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SS/8 (Cambourne West ) – village extension with mixed use employment area.</li> <li>● Chapter 5 (Delivering High Quality Places): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy HQ/1 (Design Principles) – seeks high quality development, accessible and safe;</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 6 (Protecting and enhancing the Natural and Historic Environment): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy NH/6 (Green Infrastructure) – conservation and enhancement of green infrastructure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 10 (Promoting and Delivering Sustainable Transport and Infrastructure): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy TI/8 (Infrastructure and new Developments) – sets out the approach to ensure that there is sufficient infrastructure capacity to support new development.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● SQW, Cambridge Cluster at 50 Study (2011): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies</a></li> <li>● Employment Land Review 2008: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review</a></li> <li>● Employment Land Review Update 2012: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/employment-land-review</a></li> <li>● South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
<b>Ensuring the vitality of town centres (paras 23-37)</b>	
Policies should be positive, promote competitive town centre environments, and set out policies for the management and growth of centres over the plan period (23)	South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective e) – ensure development provides or has access to appropriate services and facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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including shops;

- Chapter 3 (Strategic Sites):

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- Policy SS/4 (Cambridge Northern Fringe East) – area allocated for high quality mixed-use development including employment uses with further detailed policies to be provided in a joint Area Action Plan produced by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council;
- Policy SS/3 (Cambridge East) – area allocated for residential development;
- Policy SS/5 (Waterbeach New Town) – New town of between 8,000 to 9,000 new homes with employment provision to meet local needs and support the economy of the Cambridge area;
- Policy SS/6 (Bourn Airfield new settlement) – new village of approximately 3,500 new homes with a mixed use employment area;
- Policy SS/8 (Cambourne West ) – village extension with mixed use employment area.

Chapter 8 (Building a Strong and Competitive Economy):

- Policy E/22 (Proposals for new retail development);
- Policy E/23 (Retailing in the Countryside).

Chapter 9 (Promoting Successful Communities):

- Policy SC/3 (Protection of village services and facilities) – protects essential village shops and services.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SC/4 (Meeting Community Needs). Requires new development to provide key services and facilities including shops appropriate to the scale of the development.</li> <li>● Cambridge Sub-Regional Retail Study (GVA Grimley for Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, 2008): <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/background-documents">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/background-documents</a>;</li> <li>● South Cambridgeshire Services and Facilities Study (2012 and 2014 update): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies</a></li> <li>● South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
<p>Allocate a range of suitable sites to meet the scale and type of retail, leisure, commercial, office, tourism, cultural, community services and residential development needed in town centres (23)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective e) – ensure development provides or has access to appropriate services and facilities including shops;</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 3 (Strategic Sites): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SS/2 (Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road) – area allocated for residential development adjoining land allocated in Cambridge. ;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/4 (Cambridge Northern Fringe East) – area allocated for high quality mixed-use development including employment uses with further detailed policies to be provided in a joint Area Action Plan produced by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/3 (Cambridge East) – area allocated for residential development;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/5 (Waterbeach New Town) – New town of between 8,000 to 9,000 new homes with employment provision to meet local needs and support the economy of the Cambridge area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/6 (Bourn Airfield new settlement) – new village of approximately 3,500 new homes with a mixed use employment area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/8 (Cambourne West ) – village extension with mixed use employment area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>Chapter 8 (Building a Strong and Competitive Economy):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy E/21 (Retail hierarchy) – development to be appropriate for economic and service role of settlement.</li> <li>○ Policy E/22 (Proposals for new retail development) – development to be appropriate to the scale and character of the settlement.</li> <li>○ Policy E/23 (Retailing in the Countryside) – allows appropriate provision for farm sales , nurseries and crafts.</li> </ul> <p>Chapter 9 (Promoting Successful Communities):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SC/3 (Protection of village services and facilities) – protects essential village shops and services.</li> <li>○ Policy SC/4 (Meeting Community Needs). Requires new development to provide key services and facilities including shops appropriate to the scale of the development.</li> <li>● Cambridge Sub-Regional Retail Study (GVA Grimley for Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, 2008): <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/background-documents">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/background-documents</a>;</li> <li>● South Cambridgeshire Services and Facilities Study (2012 and 2014 update): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies</a></li> <li>● South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
<b>Supporting a prosperous rural economy (para 28)</b>	
<p>Support sustainable economic growth in rural areas. Planning strategies should promote a strong rural economy by taking a positive approach to new development. (28)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective e) – ensure development provides or has access to appropriate services and facilities including shops;</li> <li>○ Policies S/8, S/9, S/10 and S/11 (Settlement hierarchy policies) – permit sustainable levels of development in settlements of all scales.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/10 (Rural Exception Site Affordable Housing) – encourages provision adjoining settlements and allows market housing if justified to ensure scheme viability.</li> <li>○ Policy H/12 (Extensions to dwellings in the countryside) –takes a more flexible and appropriate approach to such development than previous plans.</li> <li>○ Policy H/13 (Replacement dwellings in the countryside) - takes a more flexible and appropriate approach to such development than previous plans.</li> <li>○ Policy H/16 (Reuse of buildings in the countryside for residential use) – allows residential use where employment use is not justified.</li> <li>○ Policy H/18 (Dwellings to support rural enterprises) – permits such provision where justified.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 8 (Building a Strong and Competitive Economy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy E/12 (New employment development in villages) – allows development in scale with the village and location.</li> <li>○ Policy E/13 (New employment development on the edges of villages) – allows such development subject to a number of criteria.</li> <li>○ Policy E/16 (Expansion of existing businesses in the countryside) – allows expansion for existing businesses.</li> <li>○ Policy E/17 (Conversion or replacement of rural buildings for employment) – allows such development subject to a number of criteria.</li> <li>○ Policy E/18 (Farm Diversification) – allows diversification schemes consistent with their nature and location.</li> <li>○ Policy E/19 (Tourist facilities and visitor attractions) – allows development where a rural location is justified.</li> <li>○ Policy E/20 (Tourist Accommodation) – allows provision to be made outside development frameworks in limited circumstances.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><b>Promoting sustainable transport (paras 29-41)</b></p>	
<p>Facilitate sustainable development whilst contributing to wider sustainability and health objectives. (29)</p> <p>Balance the transport system in favour of sustainable transport modes and give people a real choice about how they travel whilst recognising that different policies will be required in different communities and opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions will vary from urban to rural areas. (29)</p> <p>Encourage solutions which support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and congestion (29) including supporting a pattern of development which, where reasonable to do so, facilitates the use of sustainable modes of transport. (30)</p> <p>Local authorities should work with</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective f) – maximise potential for sustainable travel;</li> <li>○ Policy S/6 (The development strategy to 2031) – provides a sustainable spatial development strategy for South Cambridgeshire.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 3 (Strategic Sites): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SS/2 (Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road) – area allocated for residential development adjoining land allocated in Cambridge. ;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/4 (Cambridge Northern Fringe East) – area allocated for high quality mixed-use development including employment uses with further detailed policies to be provided in a joint Area Action Plan produced by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/3 (Cambridge East) – area allocated for residential development;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/5 (Waterbeach New Town) – New town of between 8,000 to 9,000 new homes with employment provision to meet local needs and support the economy of the Cambridge area;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>neighbouring authorities and transport providers to develop strategies for the provision of viable infrastructure necessary to support sustainable development. (31)</p> <p>Opportunities for sustainable transport modes have been taken up depending on the nature and location of the site, to reduce the need for major transport infrastructure. (32)</p> <p>Ensure that developments which generate significant movement are located where the need to travel will be minimised and the use of sustainable transport modes can be maximised (34)</p> <p>Plans should protect and exploit opportunities for the use of sustainable transport modes for the movement of goods or people. (35)</p> <p>Policies should aim for a balance of land uses so that people can be encouraged to minimize journey lengths for employment, shopping, leisure, education and other activities. (37)</p> <p>For larger scale residential developments in particular, planning policies should promote a mix of uses in order to provide opportunities to undertake day-to-day activities including work on site. Where practical, particularly within large-scale developments, key facilities such as primary schools and local shops should be located within walking distance of most properties. (38)</p> <p>The setting of car parking standards including provision for town centres. (39-40)</p> <p>Local planning authorities should identify and protect, where there is robust evidence, sites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SS/6 (Bourn Airfield new settlement) – new village of approximately 3,500 new homes with a mixed use employment area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/8 (Cambourne West ) – village extension with mixed use employment area.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 10 (Promoting and Delivering Sustainable Transport and Infrastructure): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy T1/2 (Planning for sustainable travel) – criteria based policy to ensure that new development prioritises access by walking, cycling and public transport and is accessible for all, large developments to mitigate transport impacts;</li> <li>○ Policy TI/3 (Parking provision) – sets requirements for car and cycle parking in new developments;</li> <li>○ Policy TI/8 (Infrastructure and new development) – proposals must provide and improve infrastructure necessary to make the proposal acceptable;</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cambridgeshire County Council: Draft Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire (2013): <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/EB08D121-811E-4DB9-B83D-6987D67F3E31/0/20130721TSCSCv20WebConsultationDraftMain.pdf">http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/EB08D121-811E-4DB9-B83D-6987D67F3E31/0/20130721TSCSCv20WebConsultationDraftMain.pdf</a>;</li> <li>● Cambridgeshire County Council (2013). <a href="#">Cambridge Sub Regional Transport Modelling Report for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans</a></li> <li>● Census Data for South Cambridgeshire, 2001 and 2011;</li> <li>● Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council Infrastructure Delivery Study 2012: <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/CIL/Appendix%20B%20-%20Infrastructure%20Delivery%20Study%20FINAL%20REPORT%20and%20Appendices.pdf">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/CIL/Appendix%20B%20-%20Infrastructure%20Delivery%20Study%20FINAL%20REPORT%20and%20Appendices.pdf</a></li> <li>● Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council Infrastructure Delivery Study Update 2013: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies</a></li> </ul>

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<p>and routes which could be critical in developing infrastructure to widen transport choice. (41)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council Traffic Monitoring Reports;</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Statement of Compliance with the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Supporting high quality communications infrastructure (paras 42-46)</b></p>	
<p>Support the expansion of the electronic communications networks, including telecommunications’ masts and high speed broadband. (43)</p> <p>Local planning authorities should not impose a ban on new telecommunications development in certain areas, impose blanket Article 4 directions over a wide area or a wide range of telecommunications development or insist on minimum distances between new telecommunications development and existing development. (44)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective a) – to support economic growth and the rural economy;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 10 (Promoting and Delivering Sustainable Transport and Infrastructure): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy TI/10 (Broadband) – requires the provision for high speed broadband to be installed as an integral part of new developments across the district.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Delivering a wide choice of high quality housing (paras 47-55)</b></p>	
<p>Identify and maintain a rolling supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years’ worth of housing against their housing requirements; this should include an additional buffer of 5% or 20% (moved forward from later in the plan period) to ensure choice and</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective c) – to provide land for housing in sustainable locations;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>competition in the market for land. 20% buffer applies where there has been persistent under delivery of housing(47)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The joint spatial approach for Cambridge and its sub-region (paragraphs 15 – 19);</li> <li>○ Policy S/5: (Provision of new homes and jobs) – sets out objectively assessed need;</li> <li>○ Policy S/6 (The development strategy to 2031) - Spatial Strategy for the location of residential development);</li> <li>○ Housing Trajectory (paragraphs 2.60 – 2.67 and Figures 3 and 4);</li> <li>● Chapter 3 (Strategic Sites) Particularly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SS/2 (Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road) – area allocated for residential development adjoining land allocated in Cambridge. ;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/4 (Cambridge Northern Fringe East) – area allocated for high quality mixed-use development including employment uses with further detailed policies to be provided in a joint Area Action Plan produced by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/3 (Cambridge East) – area allocated for residential development;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/5 (Waterbeach New Town) – New town of between 8,000 to 9,000 new homes with employment provision to meet local needs and support the economy of the Cambridge area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/6 (Bourn Airfield new settlement) – new village of approximately 3,500 new homes with a mixed use employment area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/8 (Cambourne West ) – village extension with mixed use employment area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/1 (allocations of residential development in villages) – allocates village sites for residential</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>Identify a supply of developable sites or broad locations for years 6-10 and, where possible, years 11-15 (47).</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective c) – to provide land for housing in sustainable locations;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>Illustrate the expected rate of housing delivery through a trajectory; and set out a housing implementation strategy describing how a five year supply will be maintained. (47)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective c) – to provide land for housing in sustainable locations;</li> <li>○ The joint spatial approach for Cambridge and its sub-region (paragraphs 15 – 19);</li> <li>○ Policy S/5: (Provision of new homes and jobs) – sets out objectively assessed need;</li> <li>○ Policy S/6 (The development strategy to 2031) - Spatial Strategy for the location of residential development);</li> <li>○ Housing Trajectory (paragraphs 2.60 – 2.67 and Figures 3 and 4);</li> </ul> </li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire District Council (2014): Annual Monitoring Report: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report</a></li> <li>• Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2013: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies</a>;</li> <li>• Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2012) including May 2013 update to chapters 12 and 13: <a href="http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/shma/shma-current-version">http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/shma/shma-current-version</a>;</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
<p>Set out the authority’s approach to housing density to reflect local circumstances (47).</p>	<p>The South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Issues and Options Report contained a number of policy options related to the density of new development as follows:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question 45 options i), ii), and iii) - No specific density policy or requirements, average of 30 dph, include a policy with higher densities in the most sustainable locations and lower in the least;</li> <li>• Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 7. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
<p>Plan for a mix of housing based on current and future demographic and market trends, and needs of different groups (50) and caters for housing demand and the scale of housing supply to meet this demand. (para 159)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective c) – to provide land for housing in sustainable locations;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/8 (Housing mix) – sets requirements in relation to the mix of market housing and also in relation to lifetime homes;</li> <li>○ Policy H/9 (Affordable Housing) – policy relating to the provision of housing for people whose needs cannot be met on the open market;</li> <li>○ Policy H/10 (Rural Exception site affordable housing) –provision of affordable housing outside village frameworks;</li> <li>○ Policy H/11 (Residential Space Standards) – sets standards for internal space for market housing;</li> <li>○ Policy H/19 (Provision for Gypsies and Travelling Showpeople) – sets requirements in relation to these groups;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>In rural areas be responsive to local circumstances and plan housing development to reflect local needs, particularly for affordable housing, including through rural exception sites where appropriate (54).</p> <p>In rural areas housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities.</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective c) – to provide land for housing in sustainable locations;</li> <li>○ Policies S/8, S/9, S/10 and S/11 (Settlement hierarchy policies) – permit sustainable levels of development in settlements of all scales.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/10 (Rural Exception Site Affordable Housing) – encourages provision adjoining settlements and allows market housing if justified to ensure scheme viability.</li> <li>○ Policy H/12 (Extensions to dwellings in the countryside) –takes a more flexible and appropriate approach to such development than previous plans.</li> <li>○ Policy H/13 (Replacement dwellings in the countryside) - takes a more flexible and appropriate approach to such development than previous plans.</li> <li>○ Policy H/16 Reuse of buildings in the countryside for residential use) – allows residential use where employment use is not justified.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014):  <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire District Council (2014): Annual Monitoring Report:  <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report</a></li> </ul>
<b>Requiring good design (paras 56-68)</b>	
<p>Develop robust and comprehensive policies that set out the quality of development that will be expected for the area (58).</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective b) – to protect the character of South Cambridgeshire and its built and natural heritage;</li> <li>○ Key objective d) – to deliver new developments that are high quality and well-designed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 5 (Delivering High Quality Places): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy HQ/1 (Design Principles) – supports high quality development where it is demonstrated that it responds positively to its context;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>Promoting healthy communities (paras 69-77)</b>	
<p>Policies should aim to design places which: promote community interaction, including through mixed-use development; are safe and accessible environments; and are accessible developments (69).</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective b) – to protect the character of South Cambridgeshire and its built and natural heritage;</li> <li>○ Key objective d) – to deliver new developments that are high quality and well-designed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 5 (Delivering High Quality Places): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy HQ/1 (Design Principles) – supports high quality development where it is demonstrated that it responds positively to its context;</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 10 (Promoting and delivering sustainable transport and infrastructure): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy TI/2 (Planning for Sustainable Travel) – safe and direct routes and access.</li> <li>○ (Site Specific development opportunities).</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/8 (Housing mix) – sets requirements in relation to the mix of market housing and also in relation to lifetime homes;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>Policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities and other local services (70).</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective e) – to ensure all new development provides or has access to essential services and facilities;</li> <li>○ Key objective d) – to deliver new developments that are high quality and well-designed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 5 (Delivering High Quality Places): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy HQ/1 (Design Principles) – supports high quality development where it is demonstrated that it</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>responds positively to its context;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 10 (Promoting and delivering sustainable transport and infrastructure): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy TI/2 (Planning for Sustainable Travel) – safe and direct routes and access.</li> <li>○ Policy TI/9 (Education Facilities)- proper provision for education is required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 9 (Promoting Successful Communities): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SC/3 (Protection of village services and facilities) – protects essential village shops and services.</li> <li>○ Policy SC/4 (Meeting Community Needs). Requires new development to provide key services and facilities including shops appropriate to the scale of the development.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
<p>Identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities; and set locally derived standards to provide these (73).</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key Objective e) – to ensure all new development provides or has access to essential services and facilities including open space;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 9 (Promoting successful communities): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SC/7 (Outdoor play space, informal open space and new developments) – new development to provide open space in various categories to meet needs;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SC/8 (Open space standards) – sets requirements in relation to the provision of open space and recreation facilities as part of new developments;</li> <li>● Recreation and Open Space Study: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/recreation-and-open-space-study-july-2013">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/recreation-and-open-space-study-july-2013</a>;</li> <li>● Village services and facilities study: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/services-facilities-study">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/services-facilities-study</a></li> <li>● Cambridgeshire Horizons (2011). Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Strategy%202011.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Strategy%202011.pdf</a>;</li> <li>● South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
<p>Enable local communities, through local and neighbourhood plans, to identify special protection green areas of particular importance to them – ‘Local Green Space’ (76-78).</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objective b) – protect the character of the District and its natural heritage;</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 6 (Protecting and enhancing the natural and built heritage): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NH/12 (Local Green Space) – identifies areas to be protected as LGS on the Policies Map.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 6. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> <li>● South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014):</li> </ul>

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<b>1. Protecting Green Belt land (paras 79-92)</b>		
<p>Local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt, such as looking for opportunities to provide access; to provide opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation; to retain and enhance landscapes, visual amenity and biodiversity; or to improve damaged and derelict land. (81)</p> <p>Local planning authorities with Green Belts in their area should establish Green Belt boundaries in their Local Plans which set the framework for Green Belt and settlement policy. (83)</p> <p>When drawing up or reviewing Green Belt boundaries local planning authorities should take account of the need to promote sustainable patterns of development. (84)</p> <p>Boundaries should be set using ‘physical features likely to be permanent’ amongst other things (85)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objective b) – protect the character of the District, its Green Belt and its natural heritage;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Spatial Strategy for South Cambridgeshire recognises the important role that the Cambridge Green Belt continues to play;</li> <li>• Policy S/4 (The Cambridge Green Belt) – defines the Green Belt;</li> <li>• Cambridge City Council (2002): Inner Green Belt Boundary Study 2002: <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/coredocs/Inner%20Green%20Belt%20Boundary%20Study%2002%20pdf%20version%2024.4.05.pdf">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/coredocs/Inner%20Green%20Belt%20Boundary%20Study%2002%20pdf%20version%2024.4.05.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• LDA (2002): Cambridge Green Belt Study: <a href="http://www.scams.gov.uk/content/cambridge-green-belt-study">http://www.scams.gov.uk/content/cambridge-green-belt-study</a>;</li> <li>• The 2003 Cambridge Landscape Character Assessment: <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/documents/cambridge-landscape-character-assessment-2003.pdf">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/documents/cambridge-landscape-character-assessment-2003.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire District Council / Cambridge City Council (December 2012): Inner Green Belt Boundary Study: <a href="https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies">https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/evidence-base-and-supporting-studies</a></li> <li>• Cambridge City Council (December 2012): Inner Green Belt Boundary Study: <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/documents/inner-green-belt-boundary-">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/documents/inner-green-belt-boundary-</a></li> </ul>	

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	<p><a href="#">study-december-2012.pdf</a>;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridgeshire Joint Strategy Unit (Nov 2012). Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Development Strategy Review: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Sustainable%20Development%20Strategy%20Review.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Sustainable%20Development%20Strategy%20Review.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council (May 2013). <a href="#">Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Reviewing the Development Strategy for the Cambridge Area: Joint Sustainability Appraisal</a></li> <li>• Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 2. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
<b>Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change (paras 93-108)</b>	
<p>Adopt proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change taking full account of flood risk, coastal change and water supply and demand considerations. (94)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objective c) – to provide land for housing in sustainable locations;</li> <li>○ Key objective d) – to deliver new developments that account for climate change.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 4 (Climate Change): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy CC/1 (Mitigation and adaptation to climate change) – requires proposals to take account of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>likely climate change;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy CC/8: (Sustainable drainage systems) – requires SUDS in new developments;</li> <li>○ Policy CC/9 (Managing flood risk) – new development to avoid areas at risk of flooding;</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 4. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> <li>● South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
<p>Help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy through a strategy, policies maximising renewable and low carbon energy, and identification of key energy sources. (97)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objective d) – to deliver new developments that account for climate change;</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chapter 4 (Climate Change): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy CC/1 (Mitigation and adaptation to climate change) – requires proposals to take account of likely climate change;</li> <li>○ Policy CC/2: (Renewable and low carbon energy generation) – supports such proposals;</li> <li>○ Policy CC/3 (Renewable and low carbon energy in new developments) – new development to reduce carbon emissions by 10%;</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 4. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations</li> </ul>

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<p>Minimise vulnerability to climate change and manage the risk of flooding (99)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objective c) – to provide land for housing in sustainable locations;</li> <li>○ Key objective d) – to deliver new developments that account for climate change.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 4 (Climate Change): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy CC/1 (Mitigation and adaptation to climate change) – requires proposals to take account of likely climate change;</li> <li>○ Policy CC/8: (Sustainable drainage systems) – requires SUDS in new developments;</li> <li>○ Policy CC/9 (Managing flood risk) – new development to avoid areas at risk of flooding;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 4. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-</a></li> </ul>

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	<p><a href="#">report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2011): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Strategy%202011.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Strategy%202011.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• The National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England (2011): <a href="http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/other/9780108510366/9780108510366.pdf">http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/other/9780108510366/9780108510366.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• Environment Agency, Anglian River Basin Management Plan (2009): <a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/124725.aspx">http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/124725.aspx</a>;</li> <li>• Cambridge Water Cycle Strategy Phase 1 (2008): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Water%20Cycle%20Strategy%20-%20Phase%201%202008.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Water%20Cycle%20Strategy%20-%20Phase%201%202008.pdf</a>; and Phase 2 (2011): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Water%20Cycle%20Strategy%20-%20Phase%202%202011.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Water%20Cycle%20Strategy%20-%20Phase%202%202011.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2010): <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/strategic-flood-risk-assessment">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/strategic-flood-risk-assessment</a>;</li> <li>• Great Ouse Catchment Flood Management Plan (2010): <a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/114303.aspx">http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/114303.aspx</a>;</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
Manage risk from coastal change (106)	Not applicable for South Cambridgeshire

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<b>Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (paras 109-125)</b>	
Protect valued landscapes (109)	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objective b) – to protect the character of South Cambridgeshire, its Green Belt and natural heritage and biodiversity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 6 (Protecting and enhancing the Natural and Historic Environment): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy NH/2 (Protecting and enhancing Landscape Character);</li> <li>○ Policy NH/6 (Green Infrastructure) – conservation and enhancement of green infrastructure;</li> <li>○ Policy NH 7 (Ancient woodlands and trees) – protection from loss.</li> <li>○ Policy NH/13 (Important countryside frontage) – protected from loss</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2011):  <a href="https://www.scams.gov.uk/sites/www.scams.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Strategy%202011.pdf">https://www.scams.gov.uk/sites/www.scams.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Strategy%202011.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 4. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014):  <a href="https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>

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Prevent unacceptable risks from pollution and land instability (109)	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objective c) – provide housing land in sustainable locations;.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 9 (Promoting Successful Communities): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SC/10 (Lighting proposals) – seeks to minimise adverse impacts;</li> <li>○ Policy SC/11 (Noise Pollution) –seeks to minimise adverse impacts;</li> <li>○ Policy SC/12 (Contaminated land) – assessment required, development possible only if site can be made suitable;</li> <li>○ Policy SC/13: (Air quality) –risks to be avoided or minimised;</li> <li>○ Policy SC/14 (Hazardous installations) –account to be taken of;</li> <li>○ Policy SC/15: (Odour and other fugitive emissions to air) - not to lead to significant adverse impacts;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 9. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>
Planning policies should minimise impacts on	South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:

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<p>biodiversity and geodiversity (117)</p> <p>Planning policies should plan for biodiversity at a landscape-scale across local authority boundaries (117)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objective b) – protect and enhance biodiversity. .</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Chapter 6 (Protecting and enhancing the Natural and Historic Environment): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy NH/2 (Protecting and enhancing Landscape Character);</li> <li>○ Policy NH/4 (Biodiversity) – conservation and enhancement of biodiversity ;</li> <li>○ Policy NH 5 (Sites of biodiversity or geological importance) – conservation and enhancement of biodiversity;</li> <li>○ Policy NH/6 (Green Infrastructure) – encourages strategic provision and protects existing areas.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2011):  <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Strategy%202011.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridgeshire%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Strategy%202011.pdf</a>;</li>   <li>• Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 6. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li>   <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014):  <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>

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<b>Conserving and enhancing the historic environment (paras 126-141)</b>	
<p>Include a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage assets most at risk (126)</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objective b) – protect and enhance built heritage.</li> <li>○ Policy S/4 (The Cambridge Green Belt) – relates to the function of the Cambridge Green Belt to maintain and enhance the quality of its setting;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 6 (Protecting and enhancing the Natural and Historic Environment): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy NH/2 (Protecting and enhancing Landscape Character) –development o respect landscape character;</li> <li>○ Policy NH/14 (Heritage Assets) – development o sustain and enhance historic assets;</li> <li>○ Policy NH/15 (Heritage Assets and adapting to climate change) – allows measures subject to safeguards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annex A Audit Trail Chapter 6. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> </ul>

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<b>Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals (paras 142-149)</b>	
<p>It is important that there is a sufficient supply of material to provide the infrastructure, buildings, energy and goods that the country needs. However, since minerals are a finite natural resource, and can only be worked where they are found, it is important to make best use of them to secure their long-term conservation (142)</p> <p>Minerals planning authorities should plan for a steady and adequate supply of industrial materials (146)</p>	<p>Not applicable as South Cambridgeshire is not a Minerals Planning Authority.</p>
<p><b>Justified:</b> <i>The plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence.</i></p> <p>To be 'justified' a DPD needs to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded on a robust and credible evidence base involving: research / fact finding demonstrating how the choices made in the plan are backed up by facts; and evidence of participation of the local community and others having a stake in the area.</li> <li>• The most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Participation</b></p> <p>Has the consultation process allowed for effective engagement of all interested parties?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Statement of Consultation. Statement made under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/statement-of-consultation</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Statement of Compliance with the 'Duty to Cooperate' (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation</a></li> <li>• Equalities Impact Assessment of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014</li> </ul>
<p><b>Research / fact finding</b></p> <p>Is the plan justified by a sound and credible evidence base? What are the sources of evidence? How up to date, and how convincing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of the evidence base documents used to inform the development of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014 is available as part of the Examination Library. This library also contains links to each of the committees at which the various stages of Plan preparation were considered. The library is available on the</li> </ul>

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<p>is it? What assumptions were made in preparing the DPD? Were they reasonable and justified?</p>	<p>Council's website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The audit trails for policy development used to inform policy development for each section of the Local Plan are available in the Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> </ul>
<p><i>Alternatives</i> Can it be shown that the LPA's chosen approach is the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives? Have the reasonable alternatives been considered and is there a clear audit trail showing how and why the preferred approach was arrived at? Where a balance had to be struck in taking decisions between competing alternatives, is it clear how and why the decisions were taken? Does the sustainability appraisal show how the different options perform and is it clear that sustainability considerations informed the content of the DPD from the start?</p>	<p>The audit trails for policy development used to inform policy development for each section of the Local Plan are available in the Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report.: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></p> <p>Part 3 Appendices 3 and 4 examine alternative site options and packages tested (link above).</p> <p>Also see Annex B (link above).</p>
<p><b><i>Effective: the plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities.</i></b></p> <p>To be 'effective' a DPD needs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be deliverable</li> <li>Demonstrate sound infrastructure delivery planning</li> <li>Have no regulatory or national planning barriers to its delivery</li> <li>Have delivery partners who are signed up to it</li> <li>Be coherent with the strategies of neighbouring authorities</li> <li>Demonstrate how the Duty to Co-operate has been fulfilled</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be flexible</li> <li>• Be able to be monitored</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Deliverable and Coherent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it clear how the policies will meet the Plan’s vision and objectives? Are there any obvious gaps in the policies, having regard to the objectives of the DPD?</li> <li>• Are the policies internally consistent?</li> <li>• Are there realistic timescales related to the objectives?</li> <li>• Does the DPD explain how its key policy objectives will be achieved?</li> </ul>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Vision (Policy S/1);</li> <li>○ Key objectives a) to f). The vision and objectives of the plan are implemented through the plan policies. Inconsistencies have been minimised and realistic timescales have been established;</li> <li>○ Chapter 2 Figure 4 Monitoring Indicators;</li> <li>○ Chapter 2 phasing, monitoring and delivery text paragraphs 2.60 to 2.70</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Support of relevant agencies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Memorandum of Cooperation. Supporting the Spatial Approach 2011-2031: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operationC">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operationC</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Statement of Compliance with the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Local Development Scheme:</b></p> <p>South Cambridgeshire Local Development Scheme (2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/local-development-scheme">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/local-development-scheme</a></p>
<p><i>Infrastructure Delivery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have the infrastructure implications of the policies clearly been identified?</li> <li>• Are the delivery mechanisms and timescales for implementation of the policies clearly identified?</li> </ul>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 3 (Strategic Sites): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SS/2 (Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road) – area allocated for residential</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it clear who is going to deliver the required infrastructure and does the timing of the provision complement the timescale of the policies?</li> </ul>	<p>development adjoining land allocated in Cambridge. ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy SS/4 (Cambridge Northern Fringe East) – area allocated for high quality mixed-use development including employment uses with further detailed policies to be provided in a joint Area Action Plan produced by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/3 (Cambridge East) – area allocated for residential development;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/5 (Waterbeach New Town) – New town of between 8,000 to 9,000 new homes with employment provision to meet local needs and support the economy of the Cambridge area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/6 (Bourn Airfield new settlement) – new village of approximately 3,500 new homes with a mixed use employment area;</li> <li>○ Policy SS/8 (Cambourne West ) – village extension with mixed use employment area.</li> </ul> <p>Chapter 10 (Promoting and Delivering Sustainable Transport and Infrastructure):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy T1/1 (Chesterton Station and Interchange)- safeguards site for new station and interchange;</li> <li>○ Policy TI/2 (Planning for Sustainable Travel) – Large scale development to mitigate impacts;</li> <li>○ Policy TI/8 (Infrastructure and new Developments) – sets out the approach to ensure that there is sufficient infrastructure capacity to support new development.</li> <li>○ TI/9 (Education Facilities) – provision for education facilities is required.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission, Appendix M (Monitoring and Implementation) – considers how policies will be implemented including identification of delivery mechanisms and partners.</li> </ul>

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<p><i>Co-ordinated Planning</i></p> <p>Does the DPD reflect the concept of spatial planning? Does it go beyond traditional land use planning by bringing together and integrating policies for development and the use of land with other policies and programmes from a variety of agencies / organisations that influence the nature of places and how they function?</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (The Spatial Strategy) – paragraphs 2.12 – 2.19 set out the joint spatial approach for Cambridge and its sub-region (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council’s joint administrative areas);</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Memorandum of Cooperation. Supporting the Spatial Approach 2011-2031: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operationC">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operationC</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Statement of Compliance with the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation</a></li> <li>• Representations to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Options Reports and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission..</li> <li>• The inter-relationship between Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire has meant a joint approach has been taken to reviewing the development strategy for the Cambridge area from the outset of plan development. This approach was agreed at a meeting of the Joint Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Group - 22 May 2013 to agree the Development Strategy and Joint Sustainability Appraisal of the Strategy: <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CMSWebsite/Apps/Committees/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=634">http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CMSWebsite/Apps/Committees/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=634</a></li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council: Draft Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire (2013): <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/EB08D121-811E-4DB9-B83D-6987D67F3E31/0/20130721TSCSCv20WebConsultationDraftMain.pdf">http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/EB08D121-811E-4DB9-B83D-6987D67F3E31/0/20130721TSCSCv20WebConsultationDraftMain.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council (2013). <a href="#">Cambridge Sub Regional Transport Modelling Report for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans</a></li> </ul>

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<p><i>Flexibility</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the DPD flexible enough to respond to a variety of, or unexpected changes in, circumstances?</li> <li>• Does the DPD include the remedial actions that will be taken if the policies need adjustment?</li> </ul>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy S/12 (Phasing, Delivery and Monitoring) - With figure 4, this policy sets out the monitoring strategy for each policy within the plan, identifies delivery mechanisms and partners, a risk analysis and action to be taken to minimise risk.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Annual Monitoring Reports: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report</a></li> <li>• Sustainability Appraisal of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal and Audit Trail: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> </ul>
<p><i>Co-operation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the Duty to Co-operate has been undertaken appropriately for the plan being examined?</li> <li>• Is it clear who is intended to implement each part of the DPD? Where the actions required are outside the direct control of the LPA, is there evidence that there is the necessary commitment from the relevant organisation to the implementation of the policies?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Memorandum of Cooperation. Supporting the Spatial Approach 2011-2031: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operationC">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operationC</a></li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Statement of Compliance with the 'Duty to Cooperate' (March 2014): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/duty-co-operate-and-memorandum-co-operation</a></li> <li>• Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy S/12 (Phasing, Delivery and Monitoring) - With figure 4, this policy sets out the monitoring strategy for each policy within the plan, identifies delivery mechanisms and partners, a risk analysis and action to be taken to minimise risk.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cambridgeshire Joint Strategy Unit (Nov 2012). Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Development Strategy Review: <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Sustainable%20Development%20Strategy%20Review.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Sustainable%20Development%20Strategy%20Review.pdf</a></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report to Joint Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Meeting regarding joint working (September 2012): <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CMSWebsite/committee-document.aspx/partnerships/ccity-scams-ccc-strategic-transport-spatial-planning-group/2012-09-13/Reports/4824/120913-3.doc">http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CMSWebsite/committee-document.aspx/partnerships/ccity-scams-ccc-strategic-transport-spatial-planning-group/2012-09-13/Reports/4824/120913-3.doc</a></li> <li>Report to Joint Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Meeting regarding progress with the Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Reviews (March 2012): <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CMSWebsite/committee-document.aspx/partnerships/ccity-scams-ccc-strategic-transport-spatial-planning-group/2012-03-29/Reports/4237/120329-5.doc">http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CMSWebsite/committee-document.aspx/partnerships/ccity-scams-ccc-strategic-transport-spatial-planning-group/2012-03-29/Reports/4237/120329-5.doc</a></li> </ul>
<p><i>Monitoring</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the DPD contain targets, and milestones which relate to the delivery of the policies, (including housing trajectories where the DPD contains housing allocations)?</li> <li>Is it clear how targets are to be measured (by when, how and by whom) and are these linked to the production of the annual monitoring report?</li> <li>Is it clear how the significant effects identified in the sustainability appraisal report will be taken forward in the ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the plan, through the annual monitoring report?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 2 (Spatial Strategy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy S/12 (Phasing, Delivery and Monitoring) - With figure 4, this policy sets out the monitoring strategy for each policy within the plan, identifies delivery mechanisms and partners, a risk analysis and action to be taken to minimise risk.</li> </ul> </li> <li>South Cambridgeshire Annual Monitoring Reports: <a href="https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report">https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report</a></li> <li>Sustainability Appraisal of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal and Audit Trail: <a href="https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Consistent with national policy: the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the Framework.</i></b></p> <p>The DPD should not contradict or ignore national policy. Where there is a departure, there must be clear and convincing reasoning to justify the approach taken.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the DPD contain any policies or proposals which are not consistent with national policy and, if so, is there local</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainability Appraisal of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014. Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal and Audit Trail: <a href="https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening">https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/draft-final-sustainability-appraisal-report-and-habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a></li> </ul>

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justification? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does the DPD contain policies that do not add anything to existing national guidance? If so, why have these been included?</li></ul>	<a href="#">habitat-regulations-assessment-screening</a>

## Planning policy for traveller sites

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites was published in 23 March 2012 and came into effect on 27 March 2012. Circular 01/06: Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites and Circular 04/07: Planning for Travelling Showpeople have been cancelled. Planning Policy for Traveller Sites should be read in conjunction with the National Planning Policy Framework, including the implementation policies of that document.

The government's aim in relation to planning for traveller sites is:

'To ensure fair and equal treatment for travellers, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic life of travellers whilst respecting the interests of the settled community'.

Government's aims in respect of traveller sites are:

- That local planning authorities (LPAs) make their own assessment of need for the purposes of planning
- That LPAs work collaboratively, develop fair and effective strategies to meet need through the identification of land for sites
- Plan for sites over a reasonable timescale
- Plan-making should protect green belt land from inappropriate development
- Promote more private traveller site provision whilst recognising that there will always be those travellers who cannot provide their own sites
- Aim to reduce the number of unauthorised developments and encampments and make enforcement more effective.

In addition local planning authorities should:

- Include fair, realistic and inclusive policies
- Increase the number of traveller sites in appropriate locations with planning permission, to address under provision and maintain an appropriate level of supply
- Reduce tensions between settled and traveller communities in plan-making and decision-taking

- Enable provision of suitable accommodation from which travellers can access education, health, welfare and employment infrastructure
- Have due regard to protection of local amenity and local environment

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<p><b>Policy A: Using evidence to plan positively and manage development (para 6)</b></p>		
<p>Early and effective community engagement with both settled and traveller communities.</p>	<p>Commissioning of the Cambridgeshire County Council (2011). Cambridge Sub-regional Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA):  <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridge%20sub-Region%20GTANA%202011.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridge%20sub-Region%20GTANA%202011.pdf</a>.</p> <p>This report reflects the collected efforts of the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridge sub-region Strategic Housing Market Project Team (Cambridgeshire and Suffolk authorities)</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Working Group on Gypsies and Travellers (planning)</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group</li> <li>• The CRHB editorial team (Sue Beecroft, Cambridgeshire Horizons; Stephen Hills, South Cambridgeshire; Helen Reed, Cambridge City)</li> <li>• King’s Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council (housing and planning)</li> <li>• Travellers Liaison Officers from all authorities in the study group</li> </ul> <p>With the support of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Chief Planning Officers Group</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridge sub-Regional Housing Board</li> <li>• Travellers' Strategic Co-ordination Group</li> </ul>	
<p>Co-operate with travellers, their representative bodies and local support groups, other local authorities and relevant interest groups to prepare and maintain an up-to-date understanding of likely permanent and transit accommodation needs of their areas.</p>	<p>Commissioning of the Cambridgeshire County Council (2011). Cambridge Sub-regional Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA):  <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridge%20sub-Region%20GTANA%202011.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridge%20sub-Region%20GTANA%202011.pdf</a>.</p> <p>This report reflects the collected efforts of the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridge sub-region Strategic Housing Market Project Team (Cambridgeshire and Suffolk authorities)</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Working Group on Gypsies and Travellers (planning)</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group</li> <li>• The CRHB editorial team (Sue Beecroft, Cambridgeshire Horizons; Stephen Hills, South Cambridgeshire; Helen Reed, Cambridge City)</li> <li>• King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council (housing and planning)</li> <li>• Travellers Liaison Officers from all authorities in the study group</li> </ul> <p>With the support of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Chief Planning Officers Group</li> <li>• Cambridge sub-Regional Housing Board;</li> <li>• Travellers' Strategic Co-ordination Group</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council (2006). Cambridge Sub-Region Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment Examination Library reference: (RD/H/490)</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Cambridgeshire District Council’s Housing Portfolio Holder Meeting 13 June 2012 (GTANA internal review) (RD/Strat/230)</li> <li>• Cambridge City Council (2012). Cambridge Local Plan Towards 2031: Technical Background Document. Gypsy and Traveller Provision in Cambridge – Site Assessment (RD/H/500)</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Gypsy and Traveller DPD Issues and Options 2, 2009 (RD/LP/100)</li> <li>• : <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/documents/gypsy-and-traveller-provision-site-assessment.pdf">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/documents/gypsy-and-traveller-provision-site-assessment.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• Cambridge City Council (2012) Housing Strategy 2012-2015: <a href="https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/docs/housing-strategy-2012-15.pdf">https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/docs/housing-strategy-2012-15.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Proposed Submission (July 2013), Chapter 7 Policy H/19 Provision for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople;</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council (2006). Cambridge Sub-Region Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment:</li> </ul>	
<b>Policy B: Planning for traveller sites (paras 7-11)</b>		
<p>Set pitch targets for gypsies and travellers and plot targets for travelling showpeople which address the likely permanent and transit site accommodation needs of travellers in your area, working collaboratively with neighbouring LPAs.</p> <p>Set criteria to guide land supply allocations where there is identified need.</p> <p>Ensure that traveller sites are sustainable economically, socially and environmentally.</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/19 (Provision for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople) –sets out a target for provision;</li> <li>○ Policy H/20 (Gypsy and Traveller provision in New Communities) – provision to be sought;</li> <li>○ Policy H/21 (Proposals for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople on unallocated land outside development frameworks) – criteria based policy;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/22 (Design of Gypsy and Traveller sites and Travelling Showpeople sites) – criteria based policy.</li> <li>● The above policies are based upon evidence contained in the Cambridgeshire County Council (2011). Cambridge Sub-regional Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA): <a href="https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridge%20sub-Region%20GTANA%202011.pdf">https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Cambridge%20sub-Region%20GTANA%202011.pdf</a></li> <li>● Topic Paper – Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Provision (RD/Top/030)</li> </ul>	
<b>Policy C: Sites in rural areas and the countryside (para 12)</b>		
<p>When assessing the suitability of sites in rural or semi-rural settings LPAs should ensure that the scale of such sites do not dominate the nearest settled community.</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Proposed Submission (July 2013), Chapter 7 Policy H/19 Provision for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople – Provision will be made for at least 85 permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches between 2011 and 2031, and at least 4 plots for Travelling Showpeople between 2011 and 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/20 (Gypsy and Traveller provision in New Communities) – provision to be sought;</li> <li>○ Policy H/21 (Proposals for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople on unallocated land outside development frameworks) – criteria based policy;</li> <li>○ Policy H/22 (Design of Gypsy and Traveller sites and Travelling Showpeople sites) – criteria based policy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<b>Policy D: Rural exception sites (para 13)</b>		
<p>If there is a lack of affordable land to meet local traveller needs, LPAs in rural areas, where viable and practical, should consider allocating and releasing sites solely for affordable travellers sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/21 (Proposals for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople on unallocated land outside development frameworks) – criteria based policy;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Policy E: Traveller sites in Green Belt (paras 14-15)</b>		
<p>Traveller sites (both permanent and temporary) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development.</p> <p>Exceptional limited alteration to the defined Green Belt boundary (which might be to accommodate a site inset within the Green Belt) to meet a specific, identified need for a traveller site ... should be done only through the plan-making process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/21 (Proposals for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople on unallocated land outside development frameworks) – criteria based policy;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Policy F: Mixed planning use traveller sites (paras 16-18)</b>		
<p>Local planning authorities should consider, wherever possible, including traveller sites suitable for mixed residential and business uses, having regard to the safety and amenity of the occupants and neighbouring residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 7 (Delivering High Quality Homes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy H/21 (Proposals for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople on unallocated land outside development frameworks) – criteria based policy;</li> <li>○ Policy H/22 (Design of Gypsy and Traveller sites and Travelling Showpeople sites) – criteria based policy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<b>Policy G: Major development projects (para 19)</b>		
Local planning authorities should work with the planning applicant and the affected traveller community to identify a site or sites suitable for relocation of the community if a major development proposal requires the permanent or temporary relocation of a traveller site.	Not applicable	