

QUESTIONNAIRE: LOCAL SERVICES / QUALITY OF LIFE / FURTHER COMMENTS	
QUESTION NO.	SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS
QUESTION 8: Local Services	
Comment: 647 (267 Comberton Petitioners)	<p>ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New villages would enable facilities to be provided – protecting existing facilities. • The main focus of major new development should be another new town / village where suitable services, facilities and infrastructure can be planned from the start. • If new housing is spread across villages, this will pose less of an issue than if whole new towns or villages are built. • Development on brown field sites can be done in a carbon neutral or carbon-negative manner. <p>OBJECTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't create more pressure on existing services. • Don't expand the villages – they are already stretched. • No infrastructure – no new homes. • Continual small developments / infill overloads the local schools. <p>COMMENTS:</p> <p><u>New Developments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant new development should be restricted to brown field sites with timely phased supply of the services and infrastructure required. • Ensure / enforce the development of appropriate infrastructure alongside the building of housing / at the start of building – don't allow long delays. • Ensure that new roads, railway track, bus services, libraries and schools are built before new homes are built. • Ensure full provision of buses and trains, medical services, schools, sewerage and water management, libraries as functional education and leisure community services. • Any development needs doctors, dentist, good bus service, local library – not big supermarkets. • If new houses have to be built – water and sewage services are paramount as we are up to capacity if not oversubscribed at the moment. • Secure 106 agreements and make facilities part of the plans from the start. • Require developers to actually provide the facilities they promise when they are bidding for the

	<p>contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New development should not be allowed which degrades existing services and infrastructure. <p><u>Existing Services / Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCDC should encourage retention and improvement of current services, supporting the needs all generations – planning decisions should protect and enhance local services and facilities. • Reduce demand on existing services so they can fulfil their intended functions. • Do not develop where existing services are already overstretched. • Stop any more out-of-town supermarkets. • Providing support (advice / finance) to encourage local enterprise is key to maintaining effective rural villages. • Broadband is a must. • Local schools must be preferable to travelling. • Bring in mobile services as soon as possible to make sure there is local provision. • Ensure that local service facilities are adequate for the needs of increase populate at Northstowe, Cambourne and Waterbeach. • Ensure that all substantial schemes include playing facilities, including play areas for young children, a library, a surgery and if possible some shops including a general store. • Balance facility provision with building expansion – infrastructure should develop in proportion to the need. • Allow more industrial estates to reduce dependence on Cambridge. • More accommodation should be provided for older people and not just first time buyers. <p><u>Transport Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide safe biking and walking routes to encourage everyone to walk and bike to school, to work, to see friends etc. • Improve public transport, create more buses and make them affordable / subsidise them. • Discourage car use. • Good transport links to rural hubs must be a priority. • Ensure that services, if not in a village, are sufficiently near and can be accessed by elderly. • Aim for people to be able to access work, shops, services by walking, cycling or public transport. • Encourage food shops around transport hubs like stations, guided bus stops and park and ride.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve local roads to accommodate additional traffic. • Increase cycle paths between the villages and Cambridge – these need to be segregated from the road. • Don't expand beyond what roads, schools and transport links can sustain. • Upgrade the A14. • Build rapid transit lone from Waterbeach to Cambourne via Cambridge similar to guided busway or other tram or train system. <p><u>Recreation & Open Space Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more natural open spaces. • Provide more exercise facilities e.g. swimming pool (in Fulbourn). • Improve playground facilities. • Green open space and trees are necessary in all villages. <p><u>Consultation on Services / Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the Parish Council and local residents – each community will differ. • Support local community led initiatives. • Put residents first and build an infrastructure with future capacity and not the other way around playing catch-up. • Consult schools and GP's before any development. <p><u>Parish Specific</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comberton has a doctor's surgery which is already stretched, a dentist no longer accepting new patients, an eroded bus service, no gas and sewage system which already has difficulty in coping. • Upper Cambourne was allowed to go ahead after the bus link scheme was turned down with no alternative plan in place – leaves Upper Cambourne without a bus link. • In Thriplow we have a good range of services – school, pub, shop, church and village hall. • In Sawston there is plenty of green space, space in schools, the doctors and the commercial centre to cope with extra residents from infilling. • Learn lessons from Bar Hill and Cambourne – demand that builders supply the community facilities prior to building houses. • Create more services and facilities in Longstanton – more and more houses are being built but there are hardly any local services.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linton generally has good facilities when compared to other villages around Linton. • Girton is under pressure – schools, doctors etc. Most urgent – improvement of traffic on A14.
QUESTION 9: Quality of Life	
Comment: 675	<p>ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All efforts should be made to keep off the green belt and target brown-field sites. • A balance between the local beauty, countryside and proximity to Cambridge make the area appealing for future development. <p>OBJECTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not keep adding development to villages – protect them and the green belt. • Cambridge itself has already become overcrowded – puts people off living and working in the area – cease development on green field sites. • Overdevelopment has already caused enormous traffic problems. • More development will eventually turn Cambridgeshire into a place no-one wants. • No new town at Waterbeach – impact on quality of life for Waterbeach residents. • Excessive development will significantly reduce quality of life. • Too much noise - peace is shattered by M11 traffic. <p>COMMENTS:</p> <p><u>New Developments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain the Green Belt. • Ensure development does not have a negative impact on people's lifestyle e.g. increased congestion or over-use of existing infrastructure / facilities. • Build in capability for a more sustainable future as part of any new development. • Give thought to the overall 'look' of Cambridge. • Any new developments should be at a scale that can be accommodated by the existing local community and facilities, with green belt and open spaces protected as much as possible. • Build sufficient affordable homes for future generations. • Build only on brown field sites. • Help grow the economy by creating more jobs. • Employment opportunities. • Restrict the height of new development.

Village Character

- Avoid urban sprawl that could destroy the character of the landscape and villages that surround Cambridge City and of Cambridgeshire itself.
- Preserve the historic rural heritage of our villages and countryside.
- Keep villages small enough that social networks, clubs, friendships can prosper.
- Good architecture and design – sympathetic design and reasonable housing ‘plot’ sizes.
- Keep village unique, not over-developing.
- Low density population.
- Retain the mix of dwellings.
- Limit development to infill only.
- Community cohesion.
- Preserve the green character of villages.
- Keep villages as villages; don’t turn them into huge housing estates.
- The uniqueness and visual quality, the importance of green lungs into the city, wildlife corridors, village green spaces, leisure pursuits on the river are essential.
- The Quarter to Six Quadrant (QTSQ) document clearly describes important factors.
- Greater emphasis on building community spirit.
- Serious consideration should be given to the opinion of the local community.
- Low pollution levels.
- Protect agricultural land and keep it producing food.
- Self-supporting and sustainable communities.

Village Services / Facilities

- Social facilities.
- Improve infrastructure with any further growth.
- Do not overload existing infrastructure.
- Shops and services within walking or cycling distance.
- Small shops, bakers, butcher, dentist, doctor, pub, pharmacy, schools, library, garage, church.
- A sense of community is important – large developments and commuting are destroying it.
- Conservation.
- Education.
- Allotments.
- Woodland.
- Faster broadband – to attract businesses and enable households to make full use of online services.

	<p><u>Recreation & Open Space</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space for people and wildlife to explore on foot, bike or horse. • Keep green spaces and room for gardens. • Introduce leisure parks, areas for walking, swimming pools. • Paths and bridleways, wild flowers and natural world give balance to urban living. • Do not allow trees and hedges to be removed simply for convenience, they are important for wildlife. • Open undeveloped countryside with a good balance of agriculture for food production. <p><u>Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good transport links. • Cycling made easier / safer. • More speed limits and more cycle tracks are needed. • Avoid congestion – the road network is too congested, consideration must be given to improving this vital infrastructure. • Ease of access to Cambridge. • Traffic calming in villages. • Upgrade A14. <p><u>Parish Specific</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelford feels like a suburb of Cambridge. • If Sawston & Great Shelford continues to expand, the rural / village quality will be lost forever.
<p>QUESTION 10: Further Comments</p>	
<p>Comment: 525</p>	<p>ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating new housing developments on brown field sites accessible to the location of jobs – requires access to good transport links, ability to provide modern, high quality infrastructure – built from scratch so that they are sustainable. • Retain the village envelope / framework system with local control over possible variations. • Support the principal of conservation areas and listed building status of important buildings and townscapes. • Develop along the guided busway. • Derelict building could be refurbished for housing. • If development is required it should be limited to existing or new towns. • Accessible good quality housing that is suitable for

	<p>older people should be incorporated – both specialist housing and mainstream.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We must continue to grow our local economy. • We need affordable homes in our villages. • Get Northstowe up and running fast – instead of other developments. • Get on with another new town and village, with better section 106 agreement. • Put affordable homes in new villages. <p><u>Parish Specific</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted proposals for Great Wilbraham (#045 (2010)) is about right and should proceed as is. <p>OBJECTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You keep expanding housing estates but do not include facilities for young children, teenagers, swimming pools, clubs, leisure amenities, coffee, soft drinks, clubs etc. • No planned development should be considered for villages – natural development will always occur. • We are in danger of destroying the best parts of this country while other parts remain depressed and desolated. • South Cambridgeshire now has very busy roads – more building and more jobs will overload the routes = stress. • Do not build on sports fields (after such a successful Olympic year – we need to expand these and their usage). • Cambridgeshire cannot take must more housing and retain its character – don't spoil it. • Building new houses will reduce the 'attractiveness of the environment' and the 'quality of life'. • The 'thriving economy' will turn South Cambridgeshire into basically a large London suburb'. • Great concern that the need to planning is led by the developer and not future demand – Grosvenor's development of Trumpington Meadows and their desire to build Cambridge sports village. • We do not have enough facilities to cope with additional population. • Opposed to the proposed football stadium in Trumpington Meadows. • Opposed to development either side of the A603 between Barton and Newnham. • By building in this area you will only attract commuters to and from London. • Do not destroy the villages and make them satellite
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	<p>towns to Cambridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why does Cambridgeshire always take more than its share of additional housing – move jobs / housing elsewhere to retain our local surroundings. • Relaxation of planning laws should not mean we lose our heritage in trying to put housing in so many new areas. • No new development unless it is of quality carbon neutral energy self-sufficient housing at density that preserves the human scale of Cambridge and the villages around is matched by services and infrastructure. • Do not relax the group status of existing villages. • Do no relax rules on the Green Belt. • Do not build on agricultural land. <p><u>Parish Specific</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options 8 & 9 in Sawston – loss of Green Belt, access, effect on adjacent roads, increased traffic, effect on schools, medical provision and increase in congestion at village centre. • Talk of Cambridge City building a stadium in Sawston – this is preposterous. • Flooding issues make the proposals at Bassingbourn unsuitable. • Opposed to building in the Rouses, Bassingbourn and feel the other 2 site option shave far too many houses suggested for the size of the village. • Concentrate on getting the mistakes made in Cambourne put right – any increase in housing will cause such a pressure on the existing and promised facilities. • Further development at Cambourne is not appropriate due to the extra strain / lack of capacity in the existing school and medical services. • All three Comberton sites have varied flooding issues. • None of the proposed development sites for Bassingbourn show access routes which is a primary requirement. • Developments in Bassingbourn must be delayed until the future of the army base is made known. • Keep Coton small, it is why people have chosen to live here. <p>COMMENTS:</p> <p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain the Green Belt whenever possible and avoid urban sprawl that could destroy the character of the villages surrounding Cambridge. • We need productive agricultural land.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of stopping sites or permanent sites for traveller families in South Cambridgeshire – their accommodation needs should be considered and planned for. • Whatever plans are set out they should always be subject to continuous assessment and adjusted as needs be. • Main comments are about water and fear of the low river flows in summer and the effect on biodiversity and amenity and other aspects of buildings e.g. flooding. These effects are exaggerated by climate change. • There is no retirement village in South Cambridgeshire – why not? • Cooperate better with Cambridge City. • Jobs should be located near housing infrastructure. • People need appropriate opportunities for entertainment and social contact without getting into a car. <p><u>Consultation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure consultation with local communities takes place – consider views of village residents. • Will comments be listened to and taken into account or simply ignored? • Engage communities much more fully before settling on what level of development is appropriate and any changes to existing village planning status. <p><u>New Developments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be cautious about over overly optimistic growth forecasts – growth forecasts always seem to be heavily over-estimated and need to be treated with caution to avoid planning blight. • Any developments should be for the benefit of the whole of South Cambridgeshire and not detrimental to individual villages in terms of traffic congestion or overloaded infrastructure. • More community building initiatives. • Open recreation areas, meeting and religious facilities from early on in new developments. • Need to make sure new towns attract employment to them. • Any development should seek to produce sustainable solutions for the entire community being served – and seek to avoid negative impacts on existing residents. • Development should be made in the most sustainable way, employing high quality environmental construction, access to public transport, close to employment.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How about building more homes near the railway line to the east of Cambridge to Newmarket? • Consider factors such as water supplies, flood risks and effect of run off from new developments on existing villages. <p><u>District / Village Character</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve the historic rural heritage of the South Cambridgeshire villages and countryside. • Stand up to government if the “high quality of life” in South Cambridgeshire is threatened. • Consider constraining growth. • Retain the Green Belt. • Preserve the QTSQ. • Essential to preserve the ‘special’ character of the area and Cambridge itself. • Don’t be ‘bullied’ by developers – keep our villages. • Change policy to allow solar panels in conservation areas and listed buildings, given tight architectural control. • Very careful planning and design is necessary. • All responses are dependent upon there being adequate infrastructure in place ideally just before undertaking the plans, if not before then completed in parallel. • Throughout development due consideration should be given to possible archaeological sites and features. <p><u>Recreation & Open Space</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need more countryside access for recreation and general wellbeing. • More country parks and countryside access. • Existing footpath network is very poor – negotiate with farmers for more paths. <p><u>Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the Trumpington and Babraham Road Park and ride car parks. • Reduce traffic chaos. • Develop local train stations from villages into town and main station, consider a metro. • Promote school bus service. • Extend the bus service for commuters. • Development of Haverhill has a direct effect on the A1307 – developers should contribute towards the cost of making the road safer – South Cambridgeshire and St. Edmondsbury should make this clear in their respective local plans. • Public opinion is vital, Councillors are not always
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	<p>the best people to decide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If future housing development takes place, the transport infrastructure really needs reviewing. • There is no integrated transport system in the area and the provision of bus services to many villages is poor. • Where public transport is available then the cost is an issue. • Sort out the A14 / M11. • Build a new road (dual A-road) from Huntingdon across to Newmarket and leave the A14 above except for new junction at Bar Hill. <p><u>Parish Specific</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The developments proposed at Comberton would contravene Policy SF/8 – Lordsbridge Restricted Area. • Preserve the current village status of Comberton – Group Village. • Comberton and other villages may need to expand and may need a change in village status. • Create a centre of excellence in Waterbeach in a leisure park setting where rehabilitation of all kinds can be given. • The airfield (Oakington Barracks) needs to be put to some use, but why build such a large town that will intrude on Longstanton and Oakington.
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