



## **GREATER CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)**

### **CONSULTATION STATEMENT**

#### **(Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 12))**

#### **Introduction**

Under Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 it is a requirement to prepare and make available a Consultation Statement setting out:

- The persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document;
- A summary of the main issues raised by those persons; and
- How those issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document;

This statement is a record of consultation undertaken during the production stage of the SPD prior to formal public consultation.

#### **Background**

The Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD has been prepared to assist with the implementation of policies related to climate change, sustainable design and construction and wider environmental policies contained within the adopted 2018 Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans.

#### **Preparation of the draft SPD**

In preparing the draft SPD, informal consultation has been carried out with a range of internal officers within Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire District Councils. Once sections of the SPD had been drafted, these were emailed to technical officers within the Council for comment, with relevant changes then incorporated into the document.

Internal workshops were also held with development management officers. These led to a number of changes or additions to help with navigation of the

document, including the tables setting out the requirements for each local planning authority area contained within section 1 of the document. Additional guidance was also included in the contaminated land section related to the process that should be undertaken when unexpected contamination is encountered on development sites.

A number of changes were also made to the document as a result of the committee process. Mostly these related to providing clarification, for example in the South Cambridgeshire guidance on air quality, additional text was added to clarify that while the Council wished to avoid the development of buildings with sealed fascias, this should not preclude the use of mechanical ventilation with heat recovery to supplement natural ventilation, where these systems are correctly specified, installed and maintained. Reference to autonomous vehicles was also added to the section of the document that considers the role of smart city technologies. Other changes included minor editorial amendments.

### **Consultation on the draft Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD**

It is proposed that a public consultation takes place running from 15 July 2019 for to the 23 September 2019. The statutory minimum period for consultation on an SPD is six weeks, as this consultation period runs over the summer holidays it is proposed that it is extended to allow everyone an opportunity to respond.

### **Consultees**

The following stakeholders will be directly notified of the draft Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) via email, or by post where no email address is available. Also, where we have been advised by individuals that they wish to engage in the preparation of planning policy documents, they will be contacted.

The stakeholders who will be contacted are set out in the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (July 2019). In summary these stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- Specific Consultation Bodies;
- Local Parish Councils;
- Local Members;
- Cambridgeshire County Council;
- Greater Cambridge Partnership;
- Adjacent Local Authorities;
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority;
- Delivery partners, including landowners, developers, infrastructure providers, transport providers;
- Community organisations;
- Local businesses;

- General Consultation Bodies: including bodies which represent the interests of different diversity groups including based upon age, race, religion, disability; and organisations representing other interests e.g. environment, sports, heritage.

In order to inform residents across the district, local community organisations and local businesses, the following methods of notification will be used:

- a public notice in Cambridge Independent;
- through the Councils webpages and social media

## Consultation Methodology

Consultation on the draft Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction will take place from: **9 am on Monday 15 July 2019 to 5pm on the 23 September 2019**

The draft SPD to be made available to view at the following locations:

- Online on the councils websites at: [www.scambs.gov.uk/sustainableconstructionsdpd](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/sustainableconstructionsdpd) and [www.cambridge.gov.uk](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk)
- South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA;
- At Cambridge City Council's Customer Service Centre at Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY from 9am-5.15pm Monday to Friday.
- Alternative formats of the consultation documents will be made available upon request (e.g. braille, translations into other languages and large print).

Comments can be made using:

- the online consultation system: <https://cambridge.jdi-consult.net/localplan/> ; or
- by completing the consultation response form. Completed forms can be returned to:
  - Planning Policy, Cambridge City Council, PO Box 700, Cambridge, CB1 0JH
  - Planning Policy, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA;
  - Or emailed to [policysurveys@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:policysurveys@cambridge.gov.uk)

Respondents can request to be notified of the adoption of the SPD.

## Next steps

Following consultation, the representations received will be considered, and will be reported along with the SPD to Cambridge City Council's Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee and South Cambridgeshire District Council's Scrutiny and Overview Committee for consideration and Cabinet for decision,

seeking agreement to adopt including any changes arising from this consultation.