



GREATER CAMBRIDGE SHARED PLANNING

Principal Landscape Architect (Addendum)

We are looking to expand our Built and Natural Environment Team - a multi disciplinary team of technical officers comprising Landscape Architects, Urban Designers, Sustainability Officers, Sustainable Drainage Officers, Heritage Specialists, Ecologists, and Arboriculturists within the Greater Cambridge Planning Service; a shared planning service between Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

This is an exciting time to work in a high-profile, UK growth location with a proud reputation for the quality of new development that it delivers. The amount of architectural and planning awards and nominations attests. Within the Greater Cambridge Planning Service, there is an opportunity for a self-motivated, energetic and experienced landscape practitioner to gain broad and valuable experience in the public sector.

Planning for green infrastructure combined with good place making is of the highest priority for us. The role will mainly focus on the more strategic sites such as Northstowe, Waterbeach and areas around the City of Cambridge, but will also support the emerging Greater Cambridge (Joint) Local Plan.

The work of the four person Landscape Team is very busy, fast moving and very rewarding. Your knowledge and experience base will need to cover landscape design from strategic level/landscape planning through to a sound understanding of landscape design, detailing and plant choice. It will also need to include expertise in landscape and visual impact assessment either and a good awareness of sustainable drainage, ecological and biodiversity systems.

We deal with developers wishing to talk to us about large scale residential and mixed-use developments, life science and other research/office buildings and complexes, major infrastructure such as East/West Rail and other similar projects relative to the Greater Cambridge area. It's never boring!

Typically (and briefly), the day-to-day work includes:

- the analysis of complex development proposals as they relate to all things landscape, the environment and related disciplines,
- attending pre-application meetings with developers and their design and planning teams together with our own multi-disciplinary team,

- provision of a constructive landscape critique to guide developers towards the highest quality development and place making, and always with a green agenda in mind,
- Assessment of large scale and complex planning applications as they relate to landscape to provide a written evaluation to support planning and committee reports. Dependent on size and complexity, applications may be accompanied by Environmental Statements, LVIAs, Design Codes and other supporting documents.
- There is also an advisory, supportive and contributory role for colleagues in Planning Policy where you will influence strategic planning for the Greater Cambridge area, plan making, planning policy and evidence base documents for the emerging joint local plan.
- Attending planning committee meetings where necessary to provide landscape support to Case Officers and Members.

You will work alongside our close and collaborative Built and Natural Environment Team, each well qualified and experienced in their own field. However, a working knowledge of sustainable drainage design and the basic concepts of ecology, green infrastructure and biodiversity would be useful.

You should have some experience in preparing and giving evidence and statements for different categories of planning appeals.

You will have line management responsibilities and be expected to support the development of less experienced staff.

You will have regular contact with our customers, including residents, applicants, developers, landowners, County Council, other District Councils and parish councils and businesses.