

Matter SC3 - Delivering High Quality Places

Sub-Matter SC3B Policy HQ/2: Public Art and New Development

Representation Number: 58908

Representation Identification: 20942

Examination in Public of the SCDC Submitted Local Plan 2013

Written Statement from Cambridge Past, Present & Future

25th November, 2016

CambridgePPF is in the process of agreeing a Statement of Common Interest with South Cambridgeshire District Council on those Policies included under Matter SC3 and SC4 where CambridgePPF has made Representations. At the time of submitting these Written Statements, our responses to the Issues raised by the Inspector have been modified in the light of changes to the Policies proposed by the Council as part of the negotiation of the Statement of Common Ground.

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Issue i.

Should paragraph 3 refer to the possibility of pooled contributions for public art (up to a maximum of five) to enable fewer but more significant items of public art to be achieved in a particular locality where appropriate?

- CambridgePPF supports the principle of providing public art as an integral part of the development design as a means of enhancing the quality of development proposals. We agree the proposed thresholds of 10 or more dwellings for residential developments, and a floor area of 1,000 sq metres gross or more for commercial developments
- CambridgePPF also supports the requirement that the commissioning of public art must involve the local community it is intended to benefit
- CambridgePPF has argued in its Representation for the pooling of contributions, especially for small developments, so as to generate sufficient funding to allow for the commissioning of fewer but more significant pieces which can be shown in well-used public places.

Statement of Common Ground:

- SCDC has responded that the pooling of public art is already allowed under Policies HQ/1: **Design Principles** and T1/8: **Infrastructure and New Developments**. We believe the provision to allow pooling of contributions should be included under the policy on public art to which it applies rather than inferred from elsewhere. The Council has therefore proposed the addition of the following new paragraph to Policy HQ/2:

“Where development is unable to achieve an appropriate scheme on site, the Council will encourage developers to make a financial contribution to support public art initiatives. Financial contributions may be pooled, where appropriate.”

- CambridgePPF has agreed this modification and therefore withdraws its Representation