

Matter SC8D
Policy SC/4: Meeting Community Needs

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Written Statement Submitted by Cambridge Past, Present & Future

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Question iii: Is the list of community Facilities and services contained in Paragraph 4 of the policy indicative or exhaustive? Should the list be read in the context of Paragraph 2 with district-level provision rather than through a single development proposal?

- CambridgePPF welcomes the inclusion of this policy and in general supports its provisions. We particularly welcome the inclusion of a figure of 200 dwellings, including the grouping of several smaller sites, as a definition of “a large-scale major development”.
- Clearly it is unrealistic that all these facilities and services must be provided for any development even of more than 200 dwellings. The text must therefore make clear that the list in Paragraph 4 is indicative rather than exhaustive. The wording of Paragraph 2 should be carried through:
 - “4. Following the detailed assessment of needs, the community facilities and services to be provided will be determined from the following range:
- CambridgePPF is concerned that the range of the community facilities and services to be provided in Paragraph 4 should also include:
 - green open space and green infrastructure
 - provision of playing fields for kick-around football
 - playground area for children
 - for larger schemes, the provision of Public Art can also be an important ingredient in creating a sense of place, and it too should be included.
- CambridgePPF also supports the suggestion that District-level provision should be included in the policy. Paragraph 3 could be extended to include this. Obviously some of the range of facilities are more appropriate at the District level – provision for faith groups, burial sites, waste and recycling etc – but the policy must make explicit that the increased demand for these services must be assessed at the District level even if their provision is unrealistic at the site level.
- Paragraph 9 raises the matter of the timing of the provision of these facilities. This is crucial as communities should not be deprived of these services until the completion of the scheme. Paragraph 9 should be amended as follows:
 - “....or conditions. The provision and use of interim facilities will be required from the time of first occupation until permanent facilities are delivered, to help build a sense of community and minimise car dependency”.

CambridgePPF has no comment to make on the other questions raised in the Agenda

Cambridge Past, Present & Future
12th September, 2016

Cambridge Past, Present & Future feels it has nothing further to add to this statement and therefore declines the invitation to give oral evidence at the hearing.