

# South Cambridgeshire Local Plan



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District Council

## Public consultation on 'issues and options 2'

South Cambridgeshire District Council needs your views to help update the plan for how the area should develop over the years to 2031

We consulted last summer on a wide range of issues and options to help us update the Local Plan and received over 20,000 comments. During the consultation, some new sites were put forward for development by land owners, developers and parish councils and some areas to be protected were suggested. These have been assessed and before any decisions are made we are asking for your views on those we believe could be suitable additional options for the Local Plan.

**Part 1 of this leaflet is about a joint consultation alongside Cambridge City Council.** It considers issues that are important to both South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge where joint working means plans will be joined up, including the development strategy for both areas, site options on the edge of Cambridge and the issue of a community stadium. Your comments will be considered by both Councils and you only need to make them once.

**Part 2 deals with South Cambridgeshire issues.** This builds on the summer consultation by asking for views on additional site options for development and areas to be protected. It also includes proposals put forward by parish councils that we are now testing for them with their residents.

**To make it easier to give your views during the consultation, this leaflet includes ten questions that cover the main issues being debated in this consultation.**

To view and comment on the full consultation you can visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/localplan](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/localplan). Alternatively you can respond by email to [ldf@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@scambs.gov.uk) or by post to the address below. The consultation documents are also available to view in local libraries. Please contact our planning policy team on **03450 450 500** for more information.

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# Part 1 - Joint consultation with Cambridge City Council

## Question 1 - Development focus

Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire are successful areas where continued growth in the economy is expected over the next 20 years and more new homes will be needed to support the jobs created. The location of new homes will affect the levels of commuting to jobs focused mainly in and close to Cambridge, and the congestion and environmental harm it causes but we also need to protect what makes Cambridge special including its green belt setting.

**Where do you think the right balance lies between protecting land on the edge of Cambridge that is of high significance to Green Belt purposes and delivering development away from Cambridge in new settlements and better served villages?**

## Question 2 - Green Belt sites on the edge of Cambridge

Following a consultation in the summer asking views on ten broad locations in the Green Belt on the edge of Cambridge, views are now being sought on development on just six sites either side of Worts' Causeway for around 480 homes, two sites at Fulbourn Road adjoining the ARM site for employment, with a third for around 75 homes or employment, and land west of Cambridge Road - to be known as the NIAB 3 site - for an extension of 130 additional homes and employment.

**Which of the site options do you support or object to and why?**

## Question 3 - Community stadium

Following consultation in the summer we've looked further at the need for a community stadium, what it could include and what benefits it could bring. No site is ideal, but assessments have suggested: Trumpington Meadows – including 420 homes, Union Place (north of the A14 between Milton and Histon), NIAB 3 site off Histon Road, Cowley Road – including the former Park & Ride site, north of Newmarket Road near the Park and Ride site, the new town of Northstowe, a possible new town at Waterbeach Barracks and a possible new village at Bourn Airfield:

- a) **Do you think there is a need for a community stadium, and if so, what facilities should it provide? Is the stadium so important that we should consider locating it in the green belt if necessary?**
- b) **Which site options for the community stadium do you support or object to, and why?**



## Part 2 - South Cambridgeshire further site options

### Question 4 - Housing sites

During the summer consultation some new sites for housing were put forward to us by land owners and developers. We've assessed these against the same tests that we've used before and we want your views on the following additional site options before we decide which are the best sites from both consultations to include in the new Local Plan: Cambourne - business park land (240 homes), Histon - former Bishops store (10 or more homes), Sawston - two sites at Dales Manor Business Park (60 & 260 homes), north of White Field Way (90 homes), north of Babraham Road (110 homes), Melbourn - east of New Road (205 homes), orchard and land at East Farm (65 homes), Comberton - land at Bennell Farm, West Street (115 homes), Waterbeach - north of Bannold Road (90 homes).

**Which of the site options do you support or object to, and why?**

### Question 5 - Histon & Impington Parish Council's 'Station' proposal

Histon and Impington Parish Council is looking to take forward a proposal that will sensitively develop the area around the Guided Busway stop in the two villages. It intends this will form a vibrant gateway to the area and include housing, employment, restaurants, cafes and open spaces.

**Do you support or object to the 'Station' proposal by Histon & Impington Parish Council, and why?**

### Question 6 - Cottenham Parish Council's proposal to reinvigorate the village

Under localism, Cottenham Parish Council would like to promote the reinvigoration of the village by delivering new employment, potentially around 1,500 homes, schools, local shops, recreation open space and other supporting uses on land north-east of the village and a smaller parcel to the west of the village. The Parish Council suggests this could include a bypass linking Twenty Pence Road and Histon Road funded by the development. It is looking to use this consultation to gauge public support as the proposals are at a very early stage.

**Do you support or object to the developments proposed by Cottenham Parish Council that are geared to provide jobs, satisfy affordable housing needs, provide recreational and shopping facilities, and fund a bypass, and if so why?**



### Question 7 - Village development frameworks

During the summer consultation a number of parish councils for smaller villages said they would like to take a more flexible approach to potentially allow some development around the edges of their villages. This means, in most cases, it would move the development boundary of their village to include undeveloped land. The Parish Councils looking to make these changes are: Comberton, Little Gransden, Toft and Whaddon. For more details please visit Chapter 5 of part 2 of the Local Plan consultation.

**Which of the parish council proposed changes to village frameworks do you support or object to, and why?**

### Question 8 - Recreation and Open Space

In the summer consultation three Parish Councils suggested areas for new public open space and sports facilities to meet the needs of their communities:

**Histon & Impington** – proposed recreation area west of Cottenham Road

**Great Shelford (two sites)** - proposed parkland for walking south of Granhams Road  
- Grange Field, Church Street, for extension to current recreation ground.

**Milton** – proposed recreation area adjoining planned new sports pitches at former EDF site, Ely Road.

**Which of these sites for open space do you support or object to, and why?**

### Question 9 - Protecting village character

Our policies already protect lots of green spaces within villages, but we asked in the summer whether there are other locations that should also be included. Lots of ideas were put forward by residents and parish councils, and after assessment some new green spaces and roadsides that maintain the character of a village are now being consulted on. Parish councils have also suggested other green spaces and roadsides that would need new policies to protect them. To view all the suggestions please visit Chapter 8 of part 2 of the Local Plan consultation.

**Which of the proposed green spaces and roadsides do you support or object to, and why?**

**Question 10: Please give any further comments below:**

**All responses must be received by 5pm on Monday 18 February.**