

Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal (March 2014)

Part 2 Appendix 10: Inclusive Communities – Redressing Inequalities and Involving the Community

APPENDIX 10 – INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES – REDRESSING INEQUALITIES AND INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY - DETAILED REVIEW OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES, INFORMATION SOURCES AND EVIDENCE BASE

Detailed Review of Plans and Programmes

INTERNATIONAL		
The Aarhus Convention	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)	1998
The Johannesburg Declaration of Sustainable Development	United Nations Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)	2002
Environment 2010: Our Future, Our Choice (Sixth EU EAP)	EC	2002
European Sustainable Development Strategy	EC	2001
NATIONAL		
National Planning Policy Framework	CLG	2012
Our Shared Future	Commission on Integration and Cohesion - CLG	2007
Rural White Paper: Our Countryside The Future – A Fair Deal for Rural England	Department for Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR)	2000
Securing the Future: delivering UK sustainable development strategy	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	2005
Strong and prosperous communities: The Local Government White Paper	DCLG	2006
Sustainable Communities: People Places and Prosperity	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM)	2005
Living Working Countryside: The Taylor Review of Rural Economy and Affordable Housing	DCLG	2008
The Rural Strategy	ODPM	2004
REGIONAL		
East of England Integrated Sustainability Framework	EERA	2009
Regional Social Strategy 2007-2010	EERA	2007
COUNTY / CAMBRIDGE SUBREGION		
Cambridgeshire Compact	Cambridgeshire County Council	2007
Rural Strategy for Cambridgeshire 2010-2015 – ensuring a vibrant future	Cambridgeshire ACRE	2009

DISTRICT		
South Cambridgeshire Corporate Plan – Vision, Values and The Three As	SCDC	2012
Comprehensive Equalities Policy 2009-2012	South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)	2010
Single Equality Scheme	SCDC	2012
Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2011	SCDC	2008
Young People and Children's Plan	SCDC	2011
Gypsy and Traveller Community Strategy	SCDC	2010
Community Engagement Strategy	SCDC	2009
Community Transport Strategy	SCDC	2010

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Aarhus Convention (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) 1998)
Level	International
Web Link	http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/documents/cep43e.pdf
Summary	
The Åarhus Convention establishes a number of rights of the public (citizens and their associations) with regard to the environment.	
Key Objectives	
The Convention provides for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right of everyone to receive environmental information that is held by public authorities • The right to participate in environmental decision-making • The right to review procedures to challenge public decisions that have been made without respecting the two aforementioned rights or environmental law in general 	
Implications for the local plan	
Need for involvement of local community in preparing Local Plan; emphasis on public participation in the process of plan making.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	The Johannesburg Declaration of Sustainable Development (United Nations Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) 2002)
Level	International
Web Link	
Summary	
The Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development was adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). It commits the nations of the world to sustainable development. Issues included water and sanitation, energy, global warming, natural resources and biodiversity, trade, human rights and governance and health	
Key Objectives	
A number of actions were committed to which included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage relevant authorities at all levels to take sustainable development considerations into account in decision-making, including on national and local development planning, investment in infrastructure, business development and public procurement • Implement transport strategies for sustainable development, reflecting specific 	

regional, national and local conditions	
Implications for the Local Plan	
The main action that the Local Plan would need to take account of is that sustainable development to take priority	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Environment 2010: Our Future, Our Choice (Sixth EU EAP) (2002)
Level	European
Web Link	http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/agriculture/environment/I28027_en.htm
Summary	
This defines the objectives and priorities of EU environmental policy over a ten year period and beyond. It describes how EU strategy on sustainable development can be implemented for the long-term health of human life on the planet.	
Key Objectives	
The Action Programme focuses on four key environmental priorities -	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change • Protecting nature and bio-diversity • Dealing with links between environment and health • Promoting sustainable use of natural resources and the management of waste 	
Implications for the Local Plan	
The Local Plan must promote sustainable development.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	European Sustainable Development Strategy 2001 (2002)
Level	European
Web Link	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eussd/
Summary	
The Strategy proposed measures to deal with threats to our quality of life - focusing on issues such as climate change, poverty and emerging health threats.	
Key Objectives	
Key challenges include	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable transport • Sustainable consumption and production • Conservation and management of natural resources 	
Implications for the Local Plan	
Local Plan needs to consider all aspects of sustainable development.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	National Planning Policy Framework CLG (2012)
Level	National
Web Link	http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningsystem/planningpolicy/planningpolicyframework/
Summary	
The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's economic, environmental and social planning policies for England. It sets out the Government's requirements for the planning system and proposes a strong presumption in favour of sustainable development.	

Key Objectives

(Para 17) Planning should: take account of and support local strategies to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all, and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs.

(Para 28) To promote a strong rural economy, local and neighborhood plans should: promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship.

(Para 70) To deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:

- plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments;
- guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs;
- ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise in a way that is sustainable, and retained for the benefit of the community; and
- ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and community facilities and services.

(Para 155) Early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods, local organisations and businesses is essential. A wide section of the community should be proactively engaged, so that Local Plans, as far as possible, reflect a collective vision and a set of agreed priorities for the sustainable development of the area, including those contained in any neighbourhood plans that have been made

Implications for the Local Plan

Deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities to meet local needs; support retention of local services; Seek early and meaningful involvement in plan making.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Our shared futures (CLG - Commission on Integration and Cohesion) 2007
Level	National
Web Link	
Summary	
The report sets out practical proposals for building integration and cohesion at a local level. There are wide ranging recommendations proposed for helping to create integrated communities.	
Key Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sense of shared futures is at the heart of the recommendations – an emphasis on articulating what binds communities together rather than what differences divide them. • An emphasis on a new model of rights and responsibilities • An ethics of hospitality – a new emphasis on mutual respect and civility that recognises that alongside the need to strengthen the social bonds within groups, the pace of change across the country reconfigures local communities rapidly, meaning 	

- that mutual respect is fundamental to issues of integration and cohesion
- A commitment to equality that sits alongside the need to deliver visible social justice, to prioritise transparency and fairness, and build trust in the institutions that arbitrate between groups.

Implications for the Local Plan

Need to have policies that ensure that new communities to be developed are inclusive and cohesive. Need to meet the diverse needs of the existing and future residents of communities within the district.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Rural White Paper: Our Countryside The Future – A Fair Deal for Rural England (DETR) (2000)
Level	National
Web Link	http://archive.defra.gov.uk/rural/documents/policy/ruralwp/rural.pdf
Summary	
<p>Town and country are interdependent and the needs of both have to be addressed together. But there are special problems in rural areas, which require a direct response and that is the focus of this report. The challenge for rural communities is clear. Basic services in rural areas are overstretched. Farming has been hit hard by change. Development pressures are considerable. The environment has suffered.</p> <p>Change in the countryside is nothing new, but, over the last 20 years, the pressures have become acute.</p>	
Key Objectives	
<p>To facilitate the development of dynamic, competitive and sustainable economies in the countryside, tackling poverty in rural areas.</p> <p>To maintain and stimulate communities, and secure access to services which is equitable in all the circumstances, for those who live or work in the countryside.</p> <p>To promote government responsiveness to rural communities through better working together between central departments, local government, and government agencies and better co-operation with non-government bodies.</p>	
Implications for the Local Plan	
To ensure that the Local Plan considers the objectives of the Rural White Paper.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Securing the Future: delivering UK sustainable development strategy (DEFRA) (2005)
Level	National
Web Link	http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/2011/03/25/securing-the-future-pb10589/
Summary	
<p>The Strategy for sustainable development aims to enable all people throughout the world to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life of future generations.</p>	
Key Objectives	
<p>This strategy contains 5 key principles and 68 indicators. The key principles relate to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Living within environmental limits 2. Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society 3. Achieving a sustainable economy 4. Using sound science responsibly 5. Promoting good governance. 	

Implications for the Local Plan	
Local Plan needs to aim to achieve sustainable development.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Strong and prosperous communities: The Local Government White Paper (DCLG)(2007)
Level	National
Web Link	http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20070108123845/communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1137789

Summary

The aim of this White Paper is to give local people and local communities more influence and power to improve their lives. It is about creating strong, prosperous communities and delivering better public services through a rebalancing of the relationship between central government, local government and local people.

Key Objectives

The White Paper proposes a change in the way we work – to enable local partners to respond more flexibly to local needs; reduce the amount of top-down control from central government; and to enable citizens and communities that use them. It aims to achieve:

- Responsive services and empowered communities
- Effective, accountable and responsive local government
- Strong cities, strategic regions
- Local government as a strategic leader and place-shaper
- Efficiency – transforming local services
- Community cohesion.

Implications for the Local Plan

Need to have policies within Local Plan that considers local needs and works with the community to achieve its aims.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Sustainable Communities: People Places and Prosperity (DCLG) (2005)
Level	National
Web Link	

Summary

It outlines plans to help people shape their communities to provide safe, clean and green environments and offer security, opportunity and choice for all, building on two key principles: putting people in control and giving them the tools to shape their future; and, acting at the right level, with good governance and strong leadership, to get services right.

Key Objectives

Objectives: put more control in the hands of local people to improve local services, and work for a cleaner, safer, greener environment; provide excellent local services at a fair and reasonable cost; provide strong visible and accountable local leadership; narrow the gap between average and worse off areas; promote strong economies

Implications for the Local Plan

Local Plan to take account of objectives of document.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Living Working Countryside: The Taylor Review of Rural Economy and Affordable Housing 2008
Level	National

Web Link	http://archive.defra.gov.uk/rural/living/housing/taylor.htm
Summary	
The Review spells out a vision of a living, working sustainable countryside. It explains how this vision can be delivered. It explains how land use and planning can better support rural business and deliver affordable housing. The responses from a consultation of a wide range of stakeholders has been analysed as part of this review. Recognizing that increasingly those that live in countryside do not work there and those that work there cannot afford to live there.	
Key Objectives	
Overriding objective is to help ensure the planning system brings a positive, lasting legacy of places in which people actually want to live. New ways to address major challenges are detailed in relation to living, working countryside, market towns, villages and rural economies. It also focuses on detailed, technical and practical issues and barriers in the planning system faced by practitioners, which is hampering delivery on the ground.	
Implications for the Local Plan	
Many specific recommendations within the report that relate to planning policy and local planning. Some referring to proposed amendments to PPS's, which now will be replaced by the new National Planning Policy Framework.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Rural Strategy (ODPM) (2004)
Level	National
Web Link	http://archive.defra.gov.uk/rural/documents/policy/strategy/rural_strategy_2004.pdf
Summary	
Sets out the government's approach to rural policy and delivery, based on targeting the greatest needs and working in partnership at national, regional and local level.	
Key Objectives	
Three priorities for rural policy:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic and social regeneration – supporting enterprise across rural England, but targeting greater resources at areas of greatest need • Social justice for all - tackling rural social exclusion wherever it occurs and providing fair access to services and opportunities for all rural people • Enhancing the value of our countryside - protecting the natural environment for this and future generations. 	
Implications for the Local Plan	
Local Plan needs to take account of these priorities.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	East of England Integrated Sustainability Framework (EERA) (2009)
Level	Regional
Web Link	http://insighteast.org.uk/WebDocuments/Public/approved/user_9/ISF%20Final%20January%202009.pdf
Summary	
The Integrated Sustainability Framework (ISF) is a statement of sustainable development objectives for the East of England.	
Key Objectives	
1. Promote sustainable growth within environmental limits	

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| 2. Reduce poverty and inequality and promote social inclusion |
| 3. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions |
| 4. Adapt to the impacts of climate change |
| 5. Promote employment, learning, skills and innovation |
| 6. Increase resource efficiency and reduce resource use and waste |
| 7. Conserve, restore and enhance the region's natural and built environment |
| 8. Move goods and people sustainably |
| 9. Meet the needs of the changing regional demographic |
| 10. Provide decent, affordable and safe homes for all |

Implications for the Local Plan

Local Plan will need to include policies to meet the objective

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Regional Social Strategy 2007-2010
Level	Regional
Web Link	N/A
Summary	
This strategy sets out the vision, objectives and means for achieving a fair and inclusive society in the East of England.	
Key Objectives	
<p>The relevant objectives from this strategy are</p> <p>To promote access to work, tackle low pay and improve conditions of work</p> <p>To promote active ageing and reduce social exclusion of older people</p> <p>To support the development of sustainable communities</p> <p>To improve access to services, especially for disadvantaged groups</p>	
Implications for the Local Plan	
To consider the relevant policies and to ensure that the particular needs of the elderly and disadvantaged groups in society are included.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Cambridgeshire Compact (County Council)(2007)
Level	County
Web Link	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/F66A9C0F-D99B-4DA7-B46F-1B35A9137DCF/0/FINALCOMPACTMay07PublVersion.pdf
Summary	
The Compact is a Cambridgeshire partnership agreement between statutory bodies and the voluntary and community sector designed to improve their relationships and provide a framework within which all can understand what to expect from each other.	
Key Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set a framework for effective consultation, representation and partnership working (including an agreement on definitions, shared values and joint and separate undertakings) To act as a reference document and as a process for monitoring and evaluating the quality of relationships and partnerships between the voluntary and statutory sectors working at all levels in Cambridgeshire 	
Implications for the Local Plan	
Compact provides guidance for inclusion of statutory bodies and voluntary and community sector in process of preparing Local Plan.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Rural Strategy for Cambridgeshire 2010 (Cambs. ACRE) (2010)
Level	County
Web Link	http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/
Summary	
The Strategy is a plan for the future viability of the County's rural areas. It assesses the upsides and challenges of living and working in the countryside, reviews the area's economic wellbeing and looks at the land and environment that surrounds us. It goes on to set out a long-term vision for rural Cambridgeshire, how we can get there and who can make it happen.	
Key Objectives	
Six priorities for action for living in the countryside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing rural deprivation • Building homes to support a diverse rural population • Protecting and enhancing rural services • Providing access to local health and social care • Widening transport options • Supporting and strengthening local communities 	
Three priorities for action for economic well being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving employment opportunities • Maintaining and enhancing market towns as essential service hubs • Improving skills through education and training 	
Four priorities for land and environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making the most of Cambridgeshire's unique landscape • Adapting to and mitigating the impact of climate change • Ensuring sympathetic development • Promoting Cambridgeshire's food 	
Implications for the Local Plan	
The Local Plan needs to include consideration and policies on all the priority actions in the rural strategy.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	South Cambridgeshire Corporate Plan – Vision, Values and The Three As (South Cambridgeshire DC 2012)
Level	District
Web Link	http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/council-performance-and-service-plans
Summary	
Plan establishes the Long Term Vision the Council is aiming to achieve: South Cambridgeshire will continue to be the best place to live and work in the country. Our district will demonstrate impressive and sustainable economic growth. Our residents will have a superb quality of life in an exceptionally beautiful, rural and green environment. The Council will be recognised as consistently innovative and a high performer with a track record of delivering value for money by focusing on the priorities, needs and aspirations of our residents, parishes and businesses.	
The Plan establishes three aims, with a range of approaches, and Actions for 2012/13 towards how they will be achieved.	
Key Objectives	
Aim: We will listen to and engage with residents, parishes and businesses to ensure we deliver first class services and value for money	

We will make sure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer outstanding and sustainable quality of life for our residents

Approaches: Supporting Parish Councils through localism

Playing our part in improving rural services

Tailoring our services to all ages, supporting older people and youth engagement

Actions 2012-2013: Working with partners to deliver an effective, collaborative approach to strategic planning and transport

Implications for the Local Plan

Consider objective when developing the Local Plan.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Comprehensive Equalities Scheme 2007-2012 (SCDC)(2007)
Level	District
Web Link	http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/equality-diversity
Summary	This sets out the Council's arrangements for meeting the general and specific duties placed for the period 2009 -2012 and South Cambs commitment to other areas of potential discrimination including age, sexual orientation and religion or belief.
Key Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work towards the elimination of discrimination (either direct or indirect) and harassment • To ensure that members and officers work towards mainstreaming equality of opportunity across all policies and functions • To ensure equality, equity and consistency in working practices and conditions • To ensure that the workforce represents the wider community of the District
Implications for the Local Plan	To ensure that the policies in the Local Plan take account of the needs of the whole community, reducing potential discrimination.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Single Equality Scheme 2012-2014 (SCDC)(2012)
Level	District
Web Link	http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/equality-diversity
Summary	This Scheme has been prepared in response to the Equality Act 2010. It combines and supersedes existing Disability, Gender and Race Equality Schemes; and brings together our objectives across the nine protected characteristics and the characteristic unique to South Cambridgeshire – ‘Rurality.’
Key Objectives	<p>Two main purposes-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To harmonise discrimination law and • To strengthen the law to support progress on equality. <p>One of the priorities in the Single Equality Scheme 2011 is for equality in Corporate Engagement. This is to be achieved in a number ways – those that are especially relevant to planning are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be more consistent and better at communicating with all our residents, to let them

- know what services are available and how they can access them
- Ensure that we understand and meet the needs of our newest arrivals in the community, for example migrant workers from Eastern Europe and refugees and asylum seekers, as well as our long-standing Gypsy and Traveller communities.
- Be more sophisticated in our methods of consultation, engagement and involvement, and ensure that all residents know how we have used their feedback to make changes to services or policies.
- Strengthen our work with partners in the public sector to promote equality and to develop and share good practice.

A further priority is Equality in Service Delivery to be achieved by

- Be more consistent and better at communicating with all our residents to let them know what services are available and how they can access them.
- Continue to undertake robust and effective Equality Impact Assessments (EqIA's) to enable us to better understand the needs of our diverse community.

Implications for the Local Plan

To ensure that the policies in the Local Plan take account of the needs of the whole community, reducing potential discrimination.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Sustainable Community Strategy – Working together for a better South Cambridgeshire 2008-2011
Level	District
Web Link	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/C2932BA6-8403-47BE-94D2-26D5B389E1F6/0/FinalSCS050908.pdf
Summary	
Includes a vision for South Cambs until 2025 to continue to be a place where people want to live, now and in the future. And outlines how each of the objectives can be achieved	
Key Objectives	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active, healthy and inclusive communities where residents can play a full part in community life, with a structure of thriving voluntary and community organisations. 2. Safe and clean communities where residents do not feel vulnerable or isolated and need not fear crime or anti-social behaviour. 3. Building successful new communities, where developments include affordable homes to meet local needs and form attractive places where people want to live, and which are supported by a full range of quality services and social networks. 4. A sustainable infrastructure and environment with good transport links and access to the countryside of the district, which is itself protected and improved, and with sustainable measures, which minimise waste and tackle climate change. 	
Implications for the Local Plan	
To include policies that help to achieve the objectives of the strategy.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Children and Young peoples Plan (SCDC)(2011)
Level	District
Web Link	
Summary	
This Strategy will provide clear guidance for SCDC to translate the good intentions, government guidelines and local authority strategies into meaningful and effective ways for children and young people to be heard and to influence the decision-making that takes place within SCDC.	

Key Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop structures to facilitate children and young people's active involvement in service planning and delivery. • To provide routes for children and young people's views to be fed into decision-making at all levels. • To provide opportunities for children and young people to engage at a level they choose. • To develop structures for monitoring children and young people's active involvement and measuring its impact on service provision.
Implications for the Local Plan
To ensure in the consultations on the Local Plan that the views of children and young people are included and that policies are included in the Local Plan that reflect the needs of this younger population.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Gypsy and Traveller Community Strategy (SCDC) (2010)
Level	District
Web Link	http://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/GT%20Strategy%20Dr9%20final%20published%20with%20Cabinet%20Agend.pdf

Summary
The strategy outlines the statutory duties of the council and what work is carried out at present, identifies areas for improvement and how the council will address these.

Key Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide a consistent, co-ordinated approach across the Council, and through its partnerships, to its work with Gypsies and Travellers. • Improve access to services and the responsiveness of mainstream services and ensure that Gypsy and Traveller rights and needs are integrated into existing policies and mainstream services. • Foster good community relationships, eliminate unlawful racial discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and positively promote mutual understanding, respect and tolerance between Gypsies and Travellers and other members of our rural communities. • Work with partners, including health, police, voluntary agencies, and other local authorities to address issues of social exclusion amongst Gypsy and Traveller communities. • Ensure that the accommodation and other needs of Gypsies/Travellers are met whilst taking account of cultural issues or specific requirements. • Seek to manage unauthorised camping in an efficient and effective way, having regard to the welfare requirements, rights and responsibilities of Gypsies and Travellers, the environment and the potential level of nuisance for local residents. • Provide a clear policy and practice framework for the guidance of agencies, staff, elected members, Gypsies and Travellers, landowners and the wider public.

Implications for the Local Plan
Local Plan needs to take into account objectives of strategy, and provides a mechanism for implementing the land use elements.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Community Engagement Strategy (SCDC)(2009)
Level	District

Web Link	
Summary	
The strategy focuses on ensuring that communities shape and influence Council practice by developing integrated systems to engage all local communities appropriately.	
Key Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To put public involvement at the centre of everything the council does • To strive for a broad representation of residents • To be honest, open and transparent in communications with the public to ensure there is easy access to relevant and clear information • To ensure that the views, needs, expectations and outcomes of engagement activities are used to inform decision-making processes, policy development and service planning • To provide clear guidance and promote consistent standards of engagement across the Council • To listen to communities and give feedback to participants about outcomes of engagement activities 	
Implications for the Local Plan	
To ensure that in consulting on the Local Plan that the objectives of the Community Engagement Strategy are considered.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Community Transport Strategy 2010
Level	District
Web Link	http://www.scambs.gov.uk/CommunityandLiving/CommunityTransport.htm
Summary	
The aim of our Community Transport Strategy is to encourage more people living, working and socialising in South Cambridgeshire to make use of the local Community Transport services. The strategy defines what community transport is and who may use it; outlines where demand and need may be in future and how this may be met.	
Key Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the need for community transport in the district. • 2. To develop the capacity, self-sufficiency and environmental sustainability of service providers to meet the identified need. • 3. To enable easy access to community transport. 	
Implications for the Local Plan	
To have policies that facilitate the provision of community transport schemes	

Information Sources and Evidence Base

The following are the key information sources and evidence base documents used in this chapter:

Document	Author (or prepared for)	Year published
South Cambridgeshire Annual Monitoring Report	South Cambridgeshire District Council	Published annually
State of the Countryside	Commission for Rural Communities	2010
Balanced and mixed communities – a practice guide	Cambridgeshire Horizons	2010
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Rural Services Survey	Cambridgeshire Action with Communities in Rural England	2010
Annual demographic and socio-economic profile of South Cambridgeshire	Cambridgeshire County Council Research Team	2011
Community Facilities Assessment	South Cambridgeshire District Council	2009
South Cambridgeshire Village Services and Facilities Study	South Cambridgeshire District Council	2012

Evidence Base Document	South Cambridgeshire Annual Monitoring Report
Author (or prepared for)	South Cambridgeshire District Council (published annually)
Web link	http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report
Purpose	Report produced annual to monitor implementation of the development plan, and indicators selected to monitor significant effects.
Key Findings	Indicators have been referenced in the assessment of the baseline situation.
Implications for the Local Plan	Indicators have been referenced in the assessment of the baseline situation.

Evidence Base Document	State of the Countryside (2010)
Author (or prepared for)	Commission for Rural Communities
Web link	http://www.defra.gov.uk/crc/documents/state-of-the-countryside-report/sotc2010
Purpose	The State of the countryside report aims to be a ‘first port of call’ for those seeking factual information on social, economic and environmental issues in rural England.
Key Findings	Considers information in three central chapters –

<p>Living in the countryside – ageing population, more remote from services, less access to fast broadband, lack of affordable housing, lower income than urban areas. But higher satisfaction with where they live and more voluntary work done.</p> <p>The economy in rural England – lower incomes, more redundancies, higher youth unemployment, more micro businesses, high early stage entrepreneurial activity.</p> <p>Land and Environment – high % of land in agricultural use, increase in level of green belt land being developed, increasing importance of non-agricultural activities income to farmers, increase in growth of non-food crops, higher per capita greenhouse gas emissions</p>
Implications for the Local Plan
Since South Cambs is a rural area information in document can be used to compare this district.

Evidence Base Document	Balanced and mixed communities – a practice guide
Author (or prepared for)	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Web link	http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/our_challenge/community/balanced.aspx
Purpose	
To provide key lessons about creating balanced and mixed communities from a range of case studies.	
Key Findings	
Guide looking at good examples across the country to inform the new communities that are to be developed within the Cambridge area. It provides a list of key lessons to be learnt from the examples covering a range of issues including housing mix; tenure mix and layout; integration and accessibility; design and green infrastructure.	
Implications for the Local Plan	
To include good practice outlined in the guide in policies in the Local Plan.	

Evidence Base Document	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Rural Services Survey 2010
Author (or prepared for)	Cambridgeshire Action with Communities in Rural England
Web link	http://www.camsacre.org.uk/
Purpose	
The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Rural Services Survey is intended to give a detailed picture of what exists in rural communities across the County. The results are shared with communities and also with local authorities such as parish, district and the county councils.	
Key Findings	
The survey provides detailed information about the level of services within the district.	
Implications for the Local Plan	
Provides detailed information about services within the District and how South Cambs compares with others in the County.	

Evidence Base Document	Annual demographic and socio-economic profile of South Cambridgeshire
Author (or prepared for)	Cambridgeshire County Council Research Team
Web link	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/77399433-DD72-40D7-9E3F-

	BA360E61306D/0/SouthCambridgeshireDistrictReport2011.pdf
Purpose	
To provide an annual profile for each district in Cambridgeshire	
Key Findings	
Information provided for 2011 on population; housing; employment; education; and environment.	
Implications for the Local Plan	
Important evidence base, which is updated each year for the district.	

Evidence Base Document	Community Facilities Assessment
Author (or prepared for)	South Cambridgeshire District Council (2009)
Web link	http://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/Community%20Facilities%20Audit%20-%20Sept%202009.pdf
Purpose	
The purpose of the audit is to provide part of the evidence base to inform a Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and provide an update to the Council in terms of the current quality of facilities in the District.	
Key Findings	
The audit has assessed the current situation and provided both a quantitative and qualitative provision for future growth	
Implications for the Local Plan	
It provides baseline information on community facilities within the district and proposes what levels of provision will be needed to meet future demands.	

Evidence Base Document	South Cambridgeshire Village Services and Facilities Study
Author (or prepared for)	South Cambridgeshire District Council 2012 (updated 2014)
Web link	http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/services-facilities-study
Purpose	
To collate services and facilities data for all settlements within the district.	
Key Findings	
Provides information on the following services and facilities for each settlement within the district: Village Size: Population Estimates; Dwelling Stock Estimates Transport: Bus Links; Cycle Path Links Services: Education; Emergency Services; Health Care; Library Shopping: Food Store(s); Post Office; Other Services / Facilities Recreation: Sports Centre; Outdoor Recreation & Allotments; Village Hall / Community Centre	
Implications for the Local Plan	
Provides an evidence base for the review of the settlement hierarchy and for future community / neighbourhood planning.	