

MILL ROAD EAST Cambridge City Council: **District Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 8 units 23 units Comparison 28 units **Services** Vacant 8 units Other 6 units TOTAL = 73 units**Foodstores** Co-op, Londis. Tesco are trying to open a store at 163-167 Mill Road. Other Retail Provision Charity shops and speciality retailers including a music shop and ironmongers. Other Uses Range of service operators including a number of cafes and fast food takeaways, financial and legal advice centres and hair and beauty salons. There is also a drugs rehabilitation centre and the Cambridge Deaf Centre. **Description of Unit Sizes** The majority of units are 2-storey residential conversions with residential dwellings above. Units along Mill Road are small although further east, unit sizes appear to increase. Both the Co-op and Londis foodstores occupy larger units and there are three sizeable homeware goods units and a large cycle store in the most-eastern part of the centre. ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There are a number of bus stops along Mill Road. There is also some provision of cycle parking facilities. The centre has good pedestrian linkages to the surrounding residential **Pedestrian Linkages** areas and is within walking distance to the city centre and Cambridge railway station. There is good provision of pedestrian crossings along Mill Road and wide pavements to facilitate pedestrian movement throughout the centre. Car Parking There is some provision of on-street parking. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** Overall the centre is in a reasonably good condition. In parts there is an active street scene with outdoor seating associated with café uses and goods displayed outside shop frontages. There are some trees along Mill Road although there is little other landscaping. Overall, buildings and shop frontages appear well maintained.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mill Road East is a linear centre situated on a key route from the city centre to outlying residential areas. The centre provides a range of goods and services and is strategically located to meet the convenience needs of the surrounding residential population, as well as those passing through.

and to attract new uses to the centre.

There is a concentration of three adjacent vacant units situated in the central section of the centre and a sizable vacant unit previously occupied by Party Mania, which all offer opportunities for redevelopment



Cambridge City Council: District Centre MILL ROAD WEST

COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
- Convenience	13 units
 Comparison 	19 units
Services	47 units
 Vacant 	4 units
Other	2 units
	TOTAL = 85 units
Foodstores	There is a Nip In supermarket and local butchers, bakers and convenience goods provision. There are also a number of retailers specialising in international foods.
Other Retail Provision	Charity shops, cycle store, pharmacies, jewellers and electrical stores
Other Uses	There are a significant number of cafes, restaurants and fast food takeaways. There are also a number of property and financial services as well as hair and beauty salons, a snooker hall and public houses.
Description of Unit Sizes	Broad range of unit sizes and a mixture of purpose built units and conversion properties.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	There are a number of bus stops situated along Mill Road.
	There is some provision of cycle parking facilities.
Pedestrian Linkages	There are regular pedestrian crossings along Mill Road and the centre has good links with the surrounding residential areas and is within walking distance of the city centre and Cambridge railway station.
Car Parking	There is no provision for on-street parking but there is a small car park to the rear of Micky Fynns snooker hall.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	Overall the centre has a pleasant built environment. Many of the shop units are converted form traditional Victorian terraces which range from two to three storeys in height. There are some trees situated along Mill Road and a small park with some seating. In parts, the pavements and bus stop shelters would benefit from refurbishment.
	There is a large vacant unit towards the east of the centre previously occupied by the library which represents a possible development opportunity.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mill Road West is a pleasant centre with a historic charm in parts. The centre noticeably offers a range of both day and night time eateries as well as a number of specialist and international food shops. This provision is supported by an element of comparison goods retailers and other retail and financial service providers.





MITCHAM'S CORNER

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COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
 Convenience 	8 units
 Comparison 	17 units
Services	30 units
 Vacant 	1 unit
Other	4 units
	TOTAL = 60 units
Foodstores	Со-ор
Other Retail Provision	Staples
Other Uses	Dentist, Orthodentist, Chiropodist
Description of Unit Sizes	Mostly small units, many of which have been converted from residential properties. There are some larger units occupied by Two Seasons outdoor sports store, Barclays and Lloyds TSB banks and public houses and there is a large Staples store.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	There are bus stops on Chesterton Road and Milton Road.
	Some cycle parking provision and dedicated cycle lanes.
Pedestrian Linkages	There is good provision of pedestrian crossings and wide pavements which facilitates pedestrian movement across the centre.
	The centre is within walking distance of the main city centre.
Car Parking	There is good provision of on-street parking which operates on a pay and display basis between 9am and 5pm. There is also a short stay car park off Chesterton Road.
	There are customer-only parking facilities at the Old Spring public house and Staples.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	Generally good. There is a mix of building types, mainly two-storey. Many of the units would have originally been residential dwellings although there are also purpose built units including those occupied by the banks and Staples. The majority of units have residential uses above. Shopfronts appear well maintained and the centre is clean. There are some trees and planting, especially on the roundabout in the middle of the centre which contributes a pleasant focal feature.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cambridge City Council:

Mitcham's Corner is located within walking distance of the Grafton Centre and Historic area of Cambridge City Centre. The centre provides a range of shops and services for local residents as well as more specialised retailers including a large Staples and outdoor sports store. The centre is situated around a busy road junction however this is balanced by good provision of pedestrian crossings and landscaping which contribute to create a reasonably pleasant shopping environment. Limited opportunities for redevelopment and/or expansion.





Cambridge City Council: **ADKINS CORNER Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 1 unit Comparison 2 units **Services** 3 units Vacant 0 units TOTAL: 6 units **Foodstores** Budgens Other Retail Provision Betting shop, pharmacy Other Uses Kwik-Fit **Description of Unit Sizes** Relatively large units in purpose-built precinct. ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There is a bus stop on Cherry Hinton Road **Pedestrian Linkages** The centre is small and pedestrian movement is facilitated by wide pavements. Situated on the corner of a busy roundabout junction creates some difficulties for pedestrian access. **Car Parking** There is a car park to the front of the centre with access off Cherry Hinton Road and Perne Road. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** The centre comprises of a 3 storey purpose-built precinct with residential uses above and a large Kwik-Fit unit adjacent. The majority of shop fascias are new and well maintained, however the upper floor façade is more out-of-date and in need of refurbishment. There is a large paved area to the front of Budgens with some seating, cycle parking provision and bins. At the time of our site visit, the area was also cluttered with storage trolleys from the convenience store (Budgens). There is a small attractive landscaped area between the road and the car

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Situated on a busy road junction, the centre provides a suitable location for top-up convenience shopping for passing trade as well as local residents. At the time of our site visit, the car park was full and the surrounding road network was busy. The overall appearance of the centre could be improved and there would be scope for redevelopment to make more efficient use of the site.

park which has some trees and an element of planting.



Cambridge City Council: Local Centre AKEMAN STREET

COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
 Convenience 	2 Units
 Comparison 	1 Unit
Services	1 Unit
 Vacant 	0 Units
	TOTAL: 4 Units
Foodstores	General store
Other Retail Provision	Bakery, pet shop, fast food takeaway
Other Uses	Community rooms
Description of Unit Sizes	Medium-sized units situated within a purpose built terrace block with commercial/retail on the ground floor and residential above.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	The centre is within close proximity to bus stops on Histon Road. There is good provision of cycle parking facilities.
Pedestrian Linkages	The centre is well integrated within a local residential area.
Car Parking	There is on-street parking in front of the units.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	The units are situated on the ground floor of a purpose-built terrace block. The units are situated back from Akeman Road and there is a large paved area to the front of the units. There are some trees, safety bollards and bins although the centre could benefit from some more green planting and an element of refurbishment.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Akeman Road is a small centre which offers a limited selection of goods and services to serve the needs of the immediate surrounding neighbourhood, but nevertheless provides essential provisions. The centre is constrained by adjacent residential buildings and there is little scope for extension.



Cambridge City Council: Local Centre

ARBURY COURT



COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
- Convenience	6 units
 Comparison 	3 units
Services	5 units
 Vacant 	2 units
	TOTAL = 16 units.
Foodstores	Medium Sized Budgens foodstore
Other Retail Provision	Budgens
	Martins Newsagents
	Andrew McCulloch Electricals
Other Uses	None.
Description of Unit Sizes	Small to medium sized units with the exception of Budgens, which is the largest unit.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	Good cycle parking.
	Local bus services.
Pedestrian Linkages	Good. Main square is pedestrianised and the centre is well linked to surrounding residential areas.
Car Parking	Free surface car park adjacent to Budgens.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	Purpose built local centre. Built in the early 1990s. Courtyard design with open space in the centre surrounded by 3 and 4 storey brick buildings with shops and service uses on the ground floor and residential apartments above, which provide natural surveillance overlooking the courtyard. Overall, the environment is clean and well maintained. Central square is a pleasant open space with large planters. There are some benches, which are generally in an acceptable condition.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

There appears to be limited scope for expansion and redevelopment, given that the centre only opened in the 1990's. There could however be scope to reconfigure parts of the centre and to improve the environment. Overall, the centre appears to be performing well and is clean and well maintained.



Cambridge City Council: Local Centre

ARBURY ROAD/MILTON ROAD



COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
 Convenience 	2 units
 Comparison 	6 units
 Services 	8 units
 Vacant 	0 units
Other	1 unit
	TOTAL = 17 units
Foodstores	Со-Ор
Other Retail Provision	Bob Hopper Commercial and Domestic Catering
Other Uses	Dentist
Description of Unit Sizes	Mainly small units. Some have been converted from residential properties.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	There is a bus stop on Milton Road.
	Limited cycle parking.
Pedestrian Linkages	The centre is well linked with the surrounding residential areas.
Car Parking	There is off-road forecourt car parking as well as limited street parking, which provides 30 minutes free parking. There is also a small car park at the rear of the Co-Op.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	the real of the co-op.
Built Environment & Landscaping	Generally good. There is a mix of building types, mainly two storey.
Dunc Environment & Landscaping	Some of the units occupy semi's which would have originally been residential dwellings. There is an interesting art-deco style block of units and the Co-Op occupies a purpose built unit. Most of the units have residential uses above. Shopfronts are generally well maintained and the centre is clean. There are some trees; however the centre lacks any form of planting.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre offers limited scope for expansion given its location adjacent to a residential area. However, the centre would benefit from environmental improvements such as additional planting and landscaping. Parking areas could also be improved.



Cambridge City Council: **BARNWELL ROAD Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 2 Units Comparison 2 Units **Services** 3 Units Vacant 1 Unit Other 1 Unit TOTAL = 9 Units **Foodstores** Spar Other Retail Provision Pharmacy, greengrocer, charity shop and restaurants/take aways Other Uses Library, McDonalds on Newmarket Road **Description of Unit Sizes** The units range from small to medium-sized with Spar occupying the largest unit. McDonalds also occupies a fairly large stand alone site. ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There is a bus stop on Barnwell Road. There is some cycle parking provision. Pedestrian Linkages There are pedestrian crossings connecting the centre with the surrounding residential areas. The front of the centre is pedestrianised. **Car Parking** There is a small car park situation in front of the centre with access of Barnwell Road. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** The centre comprises a purpose-built precinct which is 2-storeys in height with residential uses above. The quality of shop fascias varies although those for Spar and the Co-op pharmacy both appear to be The centre sits within a pleasant environment with a wide paved area in front of the units and pleasant planting and trees between the car park

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre appears to be well-located south, of the busy Newmarket Road providing a convenient stop-off for passers by as well as nearby residents. The McDonalds is situated north of Newmarket Road and is not easily accessible from the centre by foot. There is a single vacant unit situated adjacent to the McDonalds which could be a potential development opportunity, subject to effective integration with the rest of the centre.

and the main road.



Cambridge City Council: Local Centre CAMPKIN ROAD

COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
 Convenience 	1 Unit
 Comparison 	0 Units
 Services 	2 Units
 Vacant 	0 Units
	TOTAL = 3 Units
Foodstores	Tesco Express
Other Retail Provision	None
Other Uses	Chinese take-away, public house
Description of Unit Sizes	Purpose-built precinct with a Tesco Express and smaller take-away unit
	adjacent. Large public house situated opposite.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	There is a bus stop on Campkin Road and there is also bicycle provision outside the Tesco store.
Pedestrian Linkages	The centre is well located off a main route through a large residential
	area. There are no pedestrian crossings but speed control measures along Campkin Road facilitate safe pedestrian movement to and from the
	centre.
Car Parking	There are some dedicated parking bays on Campkin Road.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	The units are situated in a purpose-built 2-storey precinct with residential
	uses above. The precinct is set back from Campkin Road and there is a relatively large pedestrianised area with some landscaping, trees and a
	seating area.
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SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre is well position off a primary route through a large residential area in north Cambridge. The centre provides a reasonably-sized Tesco convenience store and there is a local take-away and public house to meet the needs of the immediate adjacent community. Tesco also provides an ATM facility.



Cambridge City Council: Local Centre CHERRY HINTON HIGH STREET

COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
Convenience	6 Units
 Comparison 	6 Units
 Services 	12 Units
 Vacant 	2 Units
Other	5 Units
	TOTAL = 31 Units
Foodstores	Tesco Express
Other Retail Provision	Newsagent, off licence, betting shop, bank and building society. There is also a craft shop, barbers and a Sue Ryder Charity Shop.
Other Uses	Library, Dentist, Doctors
Description of Unit Sizes	Varying unit sizes with some larger units occupied by Tesco and Martin's newsagents. There is also a sizable vacant unit previously occupied by Cherry Discount Store.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	There is a bus stop on the High Street. There is also provision for cycle parking.
Pedestrian Linkages	There are good pedestrian links between the centre and the surrounding area. Units are set back from the road and there are wide pavements for easy pedestrian movement. There are pedestrian crossings to facilitate safe pedestrian permeability across the centre.
Car Parking	There is some on-street parking provision on the High Street and a free car park situated off Colville Road.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	Overall, the centre has a village-like appearance with a range of building types including a traditional thatched property. Most of the buildings are more modern with the majority of shop units clustered in small purpose-built precincts and ranging from 1-3 storeys in height. Units are set back from the main road and there is good provision of seating, trees and planting which creates an attractive environment. Some of the shop fascias appear new and in general the shop fronts are well-maintained.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre offers a good range of goods and services for the local residents of Cherry Hinton and those passing through. There is sufficient parking and overall the centre is clean and attractive. The recreation ground situated to the east of the High Street also adds to provide an attractive green open space. There are two vacant units and the centre may benefit from some restaurant or café provision.

One of the biggest local centres in terms of the number of units and range of services on offer.



Cambridge City Council: **CHERRY HINTON ROAD EAST Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 2 Units Comparison 5 Units **Services** 8 Units 1 Unit Vacant TOTAL = 16 Units **Foodstores** Balzano's delicatessen Other Retail Provision Post Office, Newsagents, specialist shops including marine fish specialist shop and diving store. Other Uses Hotel **Description of Unit Sizes** All relatively small units ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There is a nearby bus stop on Cherry Hinton Road There is cycle parking provision outside the pharmacy There appears to be good pedestrian linkages between the centre and **Pedestrian Linkages** the surrounding residential neighbourhood. The pavements are wide and there is a pedestrian crossing linking the units either side of the main

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:

Built Environment & Landscaping

Shop units are generally set back from the main road in converted residential buildings, 2-storeys in height. There are some trees on either side of the main road. There is outdoor seating to the front of the public house which creates an interesting street scene.

There is some off-street parking in front of the set back units.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Car Parking

The centre is relatively small and provides a limited range of goods and services to the immediate surrounding neighbourhood. There is no main foodstore but there is an independent delicatessen and a number of fast-food take aways, as well as a public house. The centre is relatively constrained by surrounding housing which limits scope for expansion. There is a single vacant unit and overall the centre appears to be performing well.

road.



Cambridge City Council: Local Centre

CHERRY HINTON ROAD WEST



COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
Convenience	4 Units
 Comparison 	7 Units
 Services 	16 Units
 Vacant 	1 Unit
Other	3 Units
	TOTAL = 31 Units
Foodstores	Sparkles Mini-market
Other Retail Provision	Bakery, off-licence, newsagents, dry cleaners, barbers, bank and building society. There is also a tool hire outlet, two electrical goods stores and a cycle shop.
Other Uses	Vets, offices, B&Bs
Description of Unit Sizes	Mix of small-medium units sizes.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	There is a bus stop on Cherry Hinton Road and the centre is within walking distance of the City Centre and Cambridge railway station.
Pedestrian Linkages	There is a pedestrian crossing across Cherry Hinton Road to facilitate pedestrian movement across the centre. The pavement is generally quite narrow although it widens in places.
Car Parking	There is provision for short-stay off-street parking between 9:15am and 5:00pm Monday to Saturday.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	The centre comprises of varying building types with a mixture of purpose-built units and more traditional Victorian terrace conversions. Units extend intermittently along Cherry Hinton Road and the narrow pavement leaves little room for any landscaping or seating provision. The centre was clean and shop fascias appeared well maintained.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cherry Hinton Road West is a linear centre comprising a limited range of shops and services fronting the main road. The centre is located within close proximity to the city centre and Cambridge Leisure park. There is a large vacant car showroom situated just outside the centre boundary which offers a potential development opportunity. There are few other vacant units and the centre appears to be performing well.



Cambridge City Council: CHESTERTON HIGH STREET **Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 3 Units Comparison 4 Units **Services** 12 Units Vacant 1 Unit Other 4 Units TOTAL = 24 Units **Foodstores** Tesco Express Other Retail Provision Post Office, betting shop, off licence, dry cleaners and computer store. There is also a sandwich shop, some fast-food take-aways and a public house. Other Uses **Description of Unit Sizes** Shop units are generally small except for the Tesco Express. The public house and restaurants also occupy larger units. ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There is a bus stop on High Street and there is some provision for cycle **Pedestrian Linkages** The majority of units are set back from the main road allowing for wide pavements and facilitating pedestrian movement. There are also zebra crossings. **Car Parking** There is some provision of on-street parking and the ability to park in nearby residential roads. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** Shop units generally occupy the ground floor of converted residential properties although the Tesco and adjacent units are situated in a 2storey purpose-built precinct with residential uses above. The centre is dispersed into small clusters of shop units separated by houses. In general the centre is clean and there is just one vacant unit which

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre provides a limited range of goods and services and the units are well placed to serve the surrounding residential community. Overall the centre offers a pleasant environment and there is just one vacant unit. The centre is embedded within the local neighbourhood which limits the opportunity for additional growth.

detracts slightly from an otherwise pleasant environment.



Cambridge City Council: **DITTON LANE Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 2 Units Comparison 1 Unit **Services** 2 Units Vacant 0 Units Other 1 Unit TOTAL = 6 Units **Foodstores** One-stop Other Retail Provision Butcher, pharmacy, hairdresser and fast-food take-away. Other Uses Health centre **Description of Unit Sizes** Small-medium sized units ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There is a bus stop on Ditton Lane and cycle parking provision outside the precinct. **Pedestrian Linkages** There are good links between the centre and the surrounding residential area and wide pavements to facilitate pedestrian movement. There is also a pedestrian crossing. **Car Parking** There is some off-street parking provision directly in front of the units off Ditton Lane. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** All the units are contained within a 2-storey purpose-built precinct and appear to be well maintained with good quality fascias. There is a seating area and a large tree. New paving is required in places although in general the centre has a good environment. Green space surrounding the health centre adds to this.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

This is a small local centre contained within a single precinct development and offers a limited range of convenience and service outlets. The centre is well placed to serve local residents and those passing through on the busy route between Newmarket Road and the A14.



Cambridge City Council: **FAIRFAX ROAD Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 1 Unit Comparison 2 Units **Services** 1 Unit 0 Units Vacant TOTAL = 4 Units **Foodstores** None **Other Retail Provision** Newsagents, fancy dress store, international freight agency and bike store (for sale) Other Uses None **Description of Unit Sizes** Medium-sized units ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** The centre is not directly served by a local bus service although there are bus stops on nearby Mill Road to the south and Coldhams Lane to the north. There is some provision of cycle parking facilities. **Pedestrian Linkages** The centre is embedded within a residential area and so is well placed to serve the immediate surrounding population. There is no dedicated parking provision although there is the opportunity **Car Parking** to park along surrounding residential streets. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** The centre comprises four units situated within a converted row of postmodern residential properties. The units are set back from the road and there is an element of greenery. **SUMMARY &**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre is small and contained offering a limited selection of goods with one newsagents and two more specialist operators. There is one unit currently for sale. The centre is clean and appears to be well-maintained. Further growth is limited by adjacent residential properties.



Cambridge City Council: **GRANTCHESTER STREET Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 3 Units Comparison 1 Unit **Services** 1 Unit 0 Units Vacant TOTAL = 5 Units **Foodstores** Co-op **Other Retail Provision** Chemist, Hair Salon, Greengrocer, butcher Other Uses None **Description of Unit Sizes** Generally small units. Co-op occupies the largest unit. ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There are bus stops on Grantchester Road and Barton Road. **Pedestrian Linkages** The centre is relatively small and there are good links between the centre and the surrounding residential area. There is no dedicated parking provision although there is the opportunity Car Parking to park along adjacent residential roads. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** The centre is embedded at the crossroads of traditional terraced housing streets. The roads are narrow and there is no through-access so the area feels somewhat cramped. The Co-op is situated in a pleasant

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre is small and contained comprising just five units. There are no vacant units and the shops all appear attractive and well-maintained. There is some difficulty for vehicular access but there is good pedestrian accessibility and the centre provides a selection of key convenience goods for the immediate surrounding population.

modern housing development and the surrounding environment is

pleasant with some planting outside the store entrance.



Cambridge City Council: **GREEN END ROAD Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 1 Unit Comparison 3 Units **Services** 1 Unit 0 Units Vacant TOTAL = 5 Units **Foodstores** General Store Other Retail Provision Pet shop, bike store, window glazing and an estate agents Other Uses Children's nursery, church **Description of Unit Sizes** Range of unit sizes from the small bike store and estate agency to the larger general store ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There is a bus stop on Green End Road. **Pedestrian Linkages** There appears to be good links between the centre and the surrounding residential area. There is also a pedestrian crossing. Car Parking There is some provision for off-street parking in front of the units which are set back from the main road. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** The centre comprises a mixture of building types with most units occupying the ground floor of converted residential properties. The glazing shop appears to a more recent development and there is a sizable vacant site directly adjacent which is half-boarded up and unattractive. Shop signs are of poor quality and there is no provision of

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre is well-positioned on the road junction between Green End Road and Scotland Road however it is a relatively unattractive centre in need of updating. Shop fascias are of poor quality and cluttered. There are large concrete areas in front of the units which are used for parking but also add to create a bland frontage. There is also a large vacant site which is overgrown and littered. There is opportunity to improve the overall appearance of the centre as well as the range of goods on offer.

planting or greenery.



Cambridge City Council: **HILLS ROAD Local Centre COMPOSITION: Number of Units:-**Convenience 2 units Comparison 5 units **Services** 15 units Vacant 3 units 1 unit Other Total: 27 units **Foodstores** Co-op and One Stop convenience stores Other Retail Provision Post office, music shop, pharmacy, hairdressers and hot food takeaway. Other Uses Several estate agents. Offices nearby. **Description of Unit Sizes** Broad range of unit sizes. Larger units are occupied by the two

·	convenience stores and there is also a sizable Italian café.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	Bus stops on Hills Road and within walking distance of Cambridge national rail station.
	Insufficient cycle parking provision with cyclists forced to use railings.
Pedestrian Linkages	Good links with the surrounding residential areas and the centre is within walking distance of the city centre.
	Relatively busy road and provision of only one pedestrian crossing.
Car Parking	Some on-street pay and display parking along neighbouring streets but none within the centre boundary.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Built Environment & Landscaping

The centre offers a range of goods and services and appears to be in good health with relatively few vacant units. There are no vacant sites and little scope for extension or change.

Mixed of building types, mainly 2-3 storeys.

clean and shops units appear well maintained.

There is no planting or landscaping but in general the centre is relatively



Cambridge City Council: **HISTON ROAD Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 5 Units Comparison 2 Units **Services** 2 Units Vacant 0 Units TOTAL = 9 Units **Foodstores** Iceland, Aldi, Co-op Other Retail Provision Off-licence, newsagents, pharmacy, furniture store, Kwik-Fit, Motorcycle centre. Other Uses Vets, petrol station **Description of Unit Sizes** Medium-large units. Largest units occupied by Aldi and Iceland. ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There are bus stops on Histon Road and there is good provision for cycle parking. **Pedestrian Linkages** There are good links between the Aldi/Iceland development and the rest of the centre fronting Histon Road. There is a pedestrian crossing and good linkages between the centre and the surrounding residential areas. Car Parking Aldi and Iceland share a large customer car park. There are also offstreet parking spaces situated in front of the precinct on Histon Road. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** Aldi and Iceland sit adjacent in a modern purpose-built retail unit set back from Histon Road. Other units occupy the ground floor of large

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre is well positioned on the busy Histon Road which links the city centre to the A14 at J32. The centre is anchored by key retailers Aldi and Iceland, and the precinct to the north supports an overall good range of products and services. There is good provision of parking and it is easy for passers by to stop on their way through. The aesthetic qualities of the centre could be improved, but in general it appears to be functioning well and there are no vacant units.

landscaping could be improved.

converted residential properties which have maintained residential uses above. Shop fronts appear well maintained although hard and soft



Cambridge City Council: Local Centre

KINGS HEDGES ROAD



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COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
 Convenience 	1 Unit
 Comparison 	2 Units
 Services 	1 Unit
 Vacant 	0 Units
	TOTAL = 4 Units
Foodstores	None
Other Retail Provision	Post Office, two music stores
Other Uses	None
Description of Unit Sizes	Generally small units with large Co-op
ACCESCIBILITY.	
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	There is a bus stop on King Hedges Road
Dedectries Links are	The control is situated as a busy good impetion between Visual Indus-
Pedestrian Linkages	The centre is situated on a busy road junction between King Hedges Road and Milton Road which creates some constraint on pedestrian
	movement.
Car Parking	There is some provision for off-street parking
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	Most of the shop units occupy converted houses and are situated to the
	east of King Hedges Road. The Co-op foodstore occupies a single storey purpose-built unit to the south on the corner of Milton Road and
	Green End Road. There is some planting to the front of the Co-op but
	little other landscaping provision.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre is well-located on the busy road junction off Milton Road however the centre is dominated by heavy traffic and it is not easy for pedestrians to readily access all units. The centre has a limited offer although the Coop foodstore is convenient for both the local surrounding neighbourhood and those passing through to the A14.



Cambridge City Council: **NEWNHAM ROAD Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 1 Unit Comparison 3 Units **Services** 6 Units Vacant 4 Units Other 5 Units TOTAL = 19 Units **Foodstores** Newnham Stores. Other Retail Provision Barbers, home furnishings store, bridal shop and various restaurants Other Uses Dentist, petrol station, offices **Description of Unit Sizes** Small retail units, larger restaurant units. ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There is a bus stop on Queen's Road to the north of the centre. **Pedestrian Linkages** The centre is within close proximity to the city centre and there are good links to the centre and the surrounding Colleges. There is no dedicated parking in the centre, although there is an option to Car Parking park along nearby streets. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** Units in the centre are dispersed with some positioned within traditional terraced units along Newnham Road. The restaurants are situated adjacent to the river in larger conversion properties. The centre has a traditional feel to it and the river adds to the overall attractiveness.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre offers a limited selection of retail and is more restaurant-dominated. The historic buildings and the setting on the river offers a pleasing and attractive environment for this purpose although Newnham Road is consistently busy and there is no dedicated parking provision. Overall the centre is performing well in its role as a eating and drinking destination.



Cambridge City Council: **NORFOLK STREET Local Centre COMPOSITION:** Number of Units:-Convenience 4 Units Comparison 1 Unit **Services** 6 Units Vacant 0 Units Other 1 Unit TOTAL = 12 Units **Foodstores** Local Express convenience store. Other Retail Provision Delicatessen, bakery, newsagent, hairdresser, restaurants and musical instruments store Other Uses Public house, dentist. **Description of Unit Sizes** Small units. ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There is no bus stop on Norfolk Street but the centre is in close proximity to the transport interchanges in the city centre. **Pedestrian Linkages** The centre is embedded within a residential area and there are good links to the surrounding neighbourhood and the city centre. **Car Parking** Norfolk Street is narrow but there is provision of pay and display onstreet parking. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** Units are situated in a uniquely-shaped precinct building with residential uses above. Units are set back off the road and shop fronts are of a good quality and appear well-maintained. The centre is clean but the narrow road and on-street parking creates some difficulty for vehicular Some planting outside the shops would create a more access.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre is well located within a residential area and there are good links with the Grafton Centre and the rest of the city centre which is within walking distance. There are no vacant units and the centre appears to be performing well. The adjacent residential streets create limited scope for any further extension.

aesthetically pleasing environment.



Cambridge City Council: Local Centre TRUMPINGTON TRUMPINGTON

COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
- Convenience	4 Units
 Comparison 	2 Units
 Services 	2 Units
 Vacant 	0 Units
	TOTAL = 8 Units
Foodstores	Со-ор.
Other Retail Provision	Bakery, post office, pharmacy, opticians, florist, hairdresser, fast-food
	takeaway and wine shop.
Other Uses	Petrol station, offices.
Description of the West Co.	
Description of Unit Sizes	Generally small units.
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ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	There is a bus stop on High Street and some cycle parking provision.
Pedestrian Linkages	The centre is set back from the busy main road and there is a pedestrian crossing.
Car Parking	There is no dedicated parking provision but it is possible to park along nearby residential roads.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	The centre comprises a crescent of shops with two floors of residential units above. The environment is pleasant with a sizable green area, trees, benches and pedestrian walkway curving around in front of the units. Shops fascias are small and narrow and the overall appearance of the shop fronts could be improved. Other elements of soft and hard landscaping are also in need of maintenance.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre offers a good range of local convenience goods and services to meet the needs of the immediate surrounding neighbourhood, as well as those working in the offices opposite and those passing thorough. The centre has a sizeable area of green space, although both the hard and soft landscaping could be enhanced with a little maintenance.



Cambridge City Council: **VICTORIA ROAD Local Centre COMPOSITION: Number of Units:-**Convenience 1 Unit Comparison 1 Unit **Services** 3 Units Vacant 3 Units Other 1 Unit TOTAL = 9 Units **Foodstores** Express Victoria Road Stores. Other Retail Provision Tile shop, hairdressers, estate agent, fast-food take-away and public house. Other Uses Church and community centre, solicitors. **Description of Unit Sizes** Small-medium sized units. ACCESSIBILITY: **Public Transport** There is a bus stop along Victoria Road and the centre is within close proximity to the transport interchanges in the city centre. There is some cycle parking provision. **Pedestrian Linkages** There are good links between the centre and the surrounding residential area. There is also a pedestrian crossing. There is some short-stay on-street parking outside the Tile shop along **Car Parking** Stretton Avenue. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Built Environment & Landscaping** Units in the centre are dispersed along Victoria Road and embedded adjacent to residential properties. There are some additional units situated along Stretton Avenue. Units are residential conversions and the majority of shop fronts appears to be well-maintained. There are some trees and a pleasant paved area at the corner of Victoria Road and Stretton Avenue. There are three vacant units, one of which is a

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre offers a pleasant environment and a limited selection of retail provision to conveniently serve the needs of the local resident population. There are three vacant units and an indication that some may be converted to residential uses.

prominent and sizeable unit previously occupied by Blockbuster which

detracts somewhat from an otherwise pleasant environment.



Cambridge City Council: Local Centre WULFSTAN WAY FRANKACY COMPOSITION:

COMPOSITION:	
Number of Units:-	
- Convenience	4 Units
- Comparison	1 Unit
- Services	3 Units
 Vacant 	1 Unit
	TOTAL = 9 Units
Foodstores	Mace convenience store, M&H general store, Chinese supermarket.
Other Retail Provision	Pharmacy, bakery, beauty salon and fast food take-away.
Other Uses	Public house.
Description of Unit Sizes	Medium-sized units.
ACCESSIBILITY:	
Public Transport	There is a bus stop on Wulfstan Way and good provision of cycle parking outside the precinct.
	outside the precinct.
Pedestrian Linkages	The centre has good links with the surrounding residential areas. The
r edestrian Emrages	precinct is set back from the road and there is a zebra crossing to
	facilitate pedestrian movement across the centre.
Car Parking	There is some provision for on and off-street parking.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:	
Built Environment & Landscaping	The centre offers retail units in a 2-storey purpose-built precinct to the west of Wulfstan Way. The precinct is somewhat dated but well
	maintained. Shop fronts are set back and fascias are not clearly seen
	from the road. There is a sizable green open space in front of the
	precinct with trees and benches which creates a pleasant environment. Further units are situated to the east of Wulfstan Way in a similar style
	building to the precinct.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The centre benefits from its location within a large residential area and there was evidence of newly constructed apartments which suggests confidence in the area. The centre was clean and attractive and at the time of our site visit was busy. There is a good range of convenience goods and services on offer and overall the centre appears to be functioning well.

