

**Local Plan Examinations  
Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire**

**Matters and Issues for Joint hearing sessions – Second Block of hearings**

**Matter 6 Green Belt**

**6A General issues**

- i. Does the level of need for new jobs and homes (paragraph 2.54 of CCC LP and paragraph 2.32 SCDC LP) constitute the exceptional circumstances necessary to justify the proposed removal of sites from the Green Belt (paragraph 83 of the Framework and paragraphs 044 and 045 of Planning Practice Guidance). Bearing in mind the Framework's indication that development in the Green Belt should be resisted, what would be the consequences if the boundary of the GB were to be retained in its current location?
- ii. Does the 2012 Inner Green Belt Study provide a robust justification for the proposed boundary changes? If not why not? (Where issues relating to the methodology used to undertake the study are in dispute, the Inspector encourages representors and the Councils to prepare Statements of Common Ground to identify areas of agreement and dispute).
- iii. Does the Inner Green Belt Review take account of the requirements of paragraphs 84 and 85 of the Framework, notably the need to take account of sustainable patterns of development; to ensure consistency with the Local Plan strategy for meeting identified requirements for sustainable development; and that the boundary will not need to be altered at the end of the development plan period.
- iv. Are the purposes of the Cambridge Green Belt, set out at paragraph 2.50 (Table 2.4) of CCC LP and paragraph 2.29 of SCDC LP, consistent with paragraph 80 of the Framework.
- v. Do the Plans adequately reflect paragraph 81 of the Framework which requires local planning authorities to plan positively to enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt?

Attendees: CCC; SCDC; and representors who have indicated a wish to appear and have representations seeking a change to Policy 4 (paragraphs 2.49 – 2.56) and/or Policy S/4 (paragraphs 2.28 – 2.33 ) of South Cambridgeshire Local Plan.

NB Those whose GB representations are site specific will be heard at a session to consider that site. Representations regarding changes to the GB boundary in northwest Cambridge will be heard at the hearing session relating to Policy SS/2 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan. Representations relating to proposed Green Belt changes at Waterbeach will be heard at the hearing session relating to Policy SS/5. Representations relating to sites at Sawston, Impington and Comberton will be heard at the session relating to the relevant site under Policy H1 or in connection with hearings relating to Rural Centres S/8 (Sawston and Impington) or Policy S/9 (Comberton).

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**6B GB Boundary changes in Cambridge City Local Plan**

1) Sites GB1 & GB2

- i. What would the impact of the proposed boundary changes be on the purposes of including land in the Green Belt?
- ii. Are there any (other) reasons why development of these sites should be resisted or any overriding constraints to development?

Attendees: CCC and those with representations seeking a change to: Appendix B Site GB1 Land North of Worts Causeway; Policy 26 (referencing GB1) Figure 3.12 and representations seeking a change to: Appendix B Site GB2 Land South of Worts Causeway; Policy 26 (referencing GB2); Figure 3.12).

2) GB3 & GB4

- i. What would the impact of the proposed boundary changes be on the purposes of including land in the Green Belt?
- ii. Are there any (other) reasons why development of these sites should be resisted or any overriding constraints to development?

Attendees: CCC; and representors who have indicated a wish to appear and have representations seeking a change to: Policy 26 (referencing GB3 and GB4; Figure 3.13).

**6C Green Belt boundary changes in South Cambridgeshire Local Plan**

1) Land at Fulbourn Road East

- i. What would the impact of the proposed boundary changes be on the purposes of including land in the Green Belt?
- ii. Are there any (other) reasons why development should be resisted or any overriding constraints to development?

Attendees: SCDC; and representors who have indicated a wish to appear and have representations seeking a change to: Policy E2 and/or Policy S/4 (paragraphs 2.28 – 2.31) with specific reference to Fulbourn Road.

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**MATTER 7: TRANSPORT**

**7A Strategic transport issues**

- i. Are all essential transport schemes/improvements identified in the Plans and is it clear how they will be delivered?
- ii. Do the Plans adequately reflect the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and the Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire (TSCSC)?
- iii. Does the Transport evidence base, including, comply with paragraphs 54-001-20141010 to 54-011-20141010 of Planning Practice Guidance?
- iv. Will the Plans encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport?

Attendees: CCC and SCDC; and representors who have indicated a wish to appear and have representations seeking a change to Policy 5 , Policies 80 and 81 Cambridge Local Plan and/or paragraphs 10.1 – 10.8 and Policy TI/2 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan.

**7B Cambridge City Council**

*Policy 82 and Appendix L, paragraph. Paragraph 9.11 and Figure 9.1*

- i. Do Policy 82 and the standards set out in Appendix L take account of the factors listed in paragraph 39 of the Framework, and are they adequately justified by the evidence base?
- ii. Is there sufficient flexibility to allow for site specific and/or use specific circumstances to be taken into account?
- iii. Do the Policy and Standards pay sufficient attention to the promotion of cycling as a sustainable mode of transport? Is the indicative route of the Chisholm trail appropriate and is it achievable?

Attendees: CCC; and representors who have indicated a wish to appear and have representations seeking a change to Policy 82 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2014.

**7C South Cambridgeshire District Council**

*Policy TI/3*

- i. Figure 12 refers to the standards as indicative, and paragraph 2 of the Policy identifies factors to be taken into account in considering car parking provision, but paragraph 1 of the Policy appears to require standards to be provided. Is it clear what is intended and if not should the wording be amended to ensure it is effective?
- ii. Do the Policy and standards take account of the factors listed in paragraph 39 of the Framework, and are they justified by the evidence base?

Attendees: SCDC; and representors who have indicated a wish to appear and have representations seeking a change to Policy TI/3 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan.