



# **Draft Greater Cambridge Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document**

## **Consultation Statement**

### **(Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 12))**

#### **1. Introduction**

1.1 Under Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 it is a requirement to prepare and make available a Consultation Statement setting out:

- The persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document
- A summary of the main issues raised by those persons
- How those issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document.

1.2 This statement is a record of consultation undertaken prior to the adoption of the Greater Cambridge Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

#### **2. Background**

2.1 The draft Greater Cambridge Planning Obligations SPD has been prepared to provide supplementary guidance on policies in the Cambridge Local Plan (2018) and the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (2018). Once adopted, the SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

### **3. Preparation of the draft Planning Obligations SPD**

3.1 In preparing the draft SPD, informal consultation has been carried out with a range of internal officers within Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire District Councils. Once sections of the SPD had been drafted, these were shared with technical officers within the Council for comment, with relevant changes then incorporated into the document.

3.2 A number of changes were also made to the document as a result of the committee process. Mostly these related to providing clarification, for example adding worked examples of how the Housing Strategy should be interpreted, and adding wording to better reflect encouragement towards 20% Biodiversity Net Gain that is detailed in the Biodiversity SPD. Other changes included minor editorial amendments.

### **4. Consultation on the draft Planning Obligations SPD**

4.1 It is proposed that a public consultation takes place running from 9am on Thursday 28 November 2024 to Friday 24 January 2025. The statutory minimum period for consultation on a SPD is six weeks; as this consultation period runs over the holiday period the consultation will run for eight weeks. The consultation approach reflects the requirements of national regulations and the adopted [Greater Cambridge Statement of Community Involvement](#) (2024).

### **5. Consultees**

5.1 The following stakeholders will be directly notified of the draft Planning Obligations SPD in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) via email, or by post where no email address is available. Also, where we have been advised by individuals that they wish to engage in the preparation of planning policy documents, they will be contacted.

5.2 The stakeholders who will be contacted are set out in the Council's adopted [Greater Cambridge Statement of Community Involvement](#) (2024). In summary these stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- Specific Consultation Bodies
- Local Parish Councils
- Local Members
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Greater Cambridge Partnership
- Adjacent Local Authorities
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
- Delivery partners, including landowners, developers, infrastructure providers, transport providers

- Community organisations
- Local businesses
- General Consultation Bodies: including bodies which represent the interests of different diversity groups including based upon age, race, religion, disability; and organisations representing other interests such as environment, sports, heritage.

5.3 In order to inform residents across the city, the district, local community organisations and local businesses, the following methods of notification will be used:

- A public notice in the Cambridge Independent newspaper
- Joint Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council press releases
- An article in the South Cambridgeshire Residents magazine
- An article in the Cambridge City Residents magazine
- An article in the South Cambridgeshire Business magazine
- An article in the South Cambridgeshire Parish e-Bulletin
- Updates through the Councils webpages
- Social media posts through Facebook, X, Instagram and LinkedIn
- Publicity of the consultation through the Cambridge City Council engagement platform: Citizen Lab
- Distribution of leaflets and posters at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

5.4 Greater Cambridge Shared Planning will also be holding both in-person and online events to maximise participation in the consultation. These events include:

- An online webinar on Tuesday 10 December 2024
- An in-person drop-in event on Thursday 12 December 2024 at the Clay Farm Centre (Hobson Square, Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 9FN)
- An in-person drop-in event on Monday 16 December 2024 at the Royal Papworth Hospital (Papworth Rd, Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 0AY)
- An in-person drop-in event on Tuesday 17 December 2024 at the Community Room at St Mary the Virgin (12 Church Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5EL).

## **6. Consultation period within representations must be made and statement of document availability**

6.1 Consultation on the draft Greater Cambridge Planning Obligations SPD will take place from: **9am on Thursday 28 November 2024 to Friday 24 January 2025.**

6.2 The draft SPD will be made available to view at the following locations:

- Online on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website at:  
[www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/supplementary-planning-documents/](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/supplementary-planning-documents/)
- Online on our consultation system hub:  
<https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>
- South Cambridgeshire District Council Reception (South Cambridgeshire Hall Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA) during opening hours
- Cambridge City Council's Customer Service Centre (Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY) between 9am-5.15pm Wednesday to Friday
- Cambridge Central Library (7 Lion Yard Cambridge CB2 3QD).

6.3 Alternative formats of the consultation documents will be made available upon request (such as braille, translations into other languages and large print).

6.4 Comments can be made and submitted as part of the consultation:

- Online on our consultation system hub:  
<https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>
- By email at [local.plan@greatercambridgeplanning.org](mailto:local.plan@greatercambridgeplanning.org)
- By post: Planning Policy, Cambridge City Council, PO Box 700, Cambridge, CB1 0JH
- Or by submitting a completed form by email or post.

6.5 Respondents can request to be notified of the adoption of the SPD.