

## **Chapter 18: Emergency Services**

### **Introduction**

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

- 18.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on local authorities to reduce crime and disorder within the community.
- 18.2 Police Services in the Greater Cambridge area are provided by Cambridgeshire Constabulary (CC), operating from bases at Cambridge Parkside Police Station, Milton Police Station (under construction replacing Parkside in 2026) a proposed new Cambridge City Centre Police Station, Cambourne Police Station and Sawston Police Station. Its HQ Offices are located at Brampton Road, Huntingdon.

#### **Fire and Rescue Services**

- 18.3 The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 sets out the four key responsibilities for Fire and Rescue Authorities; extinguishing fires in their area, protecting life and property in the event of fires in their area, rescuing and protecting people in the event of a road traffic collision, and rescuing and protecting people in the event of other emergencies.
- 18.4 Fire and Rescue Services in the Greater Cambridge area are provided by Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service (CFRS), operating from fire stations at Cambridge (Parkside Place), Cottenham (High Street), Linton (Balsham Road), Sawston (Mill Lane), Cambourne (Back Lane) and Gamlingay (Stocks Lane). Its HQ Offices are located at Hinchingsbrooke Cottage, Brampton Road, Huntingdon.

#### **Ambulance Services**

- 18.5 Ambulance Services in the Greater Cambridge area are provided by the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST), operating from the Ambulance Hub at Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUHFT) Hills Road, Cambridge, the Cambridge Response Post at Jedburgh Close, Cambridge, and the HQ and Hazardous Area Response Team (Hart) office at Melbourn. In addition, there are several ambulance stations outside the administrative boundaries that support residents of the Greater Cambridge

area. These include those at St Neots, St Ives, Huntingdon, Newmarket, Royston, Saffron Walden and Haverhill, along with a Response Post at Sandy.

- 18.6 All of the above emergency services have confirmed that they are currently operating at capacity. As a result, the growth planned for Greater Cambridge will place additional demand on all emergency services through an increase in the prevention, protection and response activities, including the increased number of incidents, increased attendance times and changes in the incident risk profile arising.
- 18.7 The additional demand placed on service capacity would require new infrastructure and facilities to be provided, to ensure that the impacts can be appropriately mitigated and managed.

## **Policy Context**

### **Cambridge**

- 18.8 Cambridge Local Plan 2018 Policy 85: Infrastructure delivery, planning obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy states that where infrastructure (incorporating emergency services) will be placed under strain, improvements to existing infrastructure or compensatory provision should be made, so that an appropriate level of infrastructure is maintained..

### **South Cambridgeshire**

- 18.9 South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 Policy TI/8: Infrastructure and New Developments states that planning permission will only be granted for proposals that have made suitable arrangements for the improvement or provision of infrastructure (incorporating emergency services) necessary to make the scheme acceptable in planning terms. .

## **Development types from which Obligations will be sought**

- 18.10 All development types where the individual emergency service determines that additional demands would arise that would require mitigation.

## **Form in which contributions should be made**

- 18.11 Mitigations for emergency service will depend on the size, scale, and location of a proposal.

18.12 For larger strategic scale developments this could require on-site provision in the form of operational touchdown space with staff welfare facilities, dedicated parking and EV charging facilities. In addition:

- For police service – an interview suite for vulnerable victims
- For the fire and rescue service – specialist plant and equipment, such as hydrants and pumps

18.13 On-site requirements should be considered in a detailed assessment prepared by the developers in consultation with service providers.

18.14 For all other forms of development, off-site contributions may be sought as part of the planning process on a site-by-site basis where the impact mitigation is necessary. This will be agreed in consultation with the relevant emergency services and may include a proportionate contribution towards:

- Additional or enhanced police station floor space & facilities, custody facilities, police vehicles, equipment, staff resourcing, including the recruitment, training, equipping and tasking of Police Community Support Officers
- Additional or enhanced fire station floor space & facilities, fire service plant and equipment, fire and rescue vehicles, and additional resources including the recruitment, training, equipping & tasking of Community Safety, Community Wellbeing & Fire Safety Officers, & recruitment, training & equipping of Firefighters
- Upgrading/refurbishment of ambulance hubs, stations, and response posts, the provision of new ambulances and equipment, and resources including the recruitment, training, equipping & tasking of Community First Responders

## **Exemptions**

18.15 No specific exceptions.