

Policy S/JH (New jobs and homes). We object to this policy. Our assessment shows that the Council's objectively assessed need for jobs across the Plan significantly underestimates likely growth and does not reflect previous trends for the Plan area. We consider that the Plan should provide for additional jobs the effect being that more dwellings are required in the district, to accommodate growth and to limit 'in commuting'. This is key theme of the development strategy for the Plan area. Therefore, we object to the level of growth proposed by draft Policy S/JH as we do not consider it is well-founded or justified.

Policy S/DS (Development strategy). We support the broad development strategy for the Plan. The site is located in close proximity to Cambridge and in a location where a range of facilities are available on foot or by bicycle. Highfields-Caldecote is well-served by a regular, high quality bus services to/from Cambridge and Cambourne and there are opportunities for future occupants to use public transport rather than be bound by the private car. Therefore, development at site 51599 would be in line with the overall development strategy for the Plan area.

The site is in close proximity to the existing urban form and would form a logical extension to allocation S/RRA/H. It would not be an isolated development in the countryside and would be viewed against the backdrop of existing dwellings on the eastern side of the settlement. Areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement within the proposed development would ensure that it is assimilated into the countryside.