

Greater Cambridge Local Plan – The First Proposals

Comments on Section/Policy

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Climate change - general comments

IWM and Caius are supportive of the GCLP aims to help Greater Cambridge transition to net zero carbon by 2050. IWM has already taken steps in this direction in terms of building design by the completion of the new collections store to Passivhaus standards, currently the most energy efficient building of its kind in the world.

Both parties are also committed to finding sustainable access solutions for future proposals with an accent on walking, cycling and public transport to an expanded Whittlesford Parkway. In addition, the partners emphasise that the “raison d’etre” of the Avtech proposal is to research and manufacture low carbon forms of air mobility. IWM decarbonisation plan to bring IWM Duxford to net zero by 2035, and infrastructure investment to ensure the historic site is resilient the impacts of climate change is already underway. The Avtech proposal would align to these approaches and support the GCLP climate change policies.

In combining the land resource of IWM Duxford and Caius the Avtech development is of sufficient scale to be commercially viable and accommodate designing for climate change and any environmental mitigations.