

Greater Cambridge Local Plan – The First Proposals

Comments on Section/Policy

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I/AD: Aviation development

The GCLP proposes to carry forward the aviation policy included in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (T1/5). However, the proposed policy does not refer to T1/5 (1) (a) which takes into account” *The economic, employment or emergency services advantages likely to accrue to the area*”.

IWM and Caius would ask that the GCLP Policy I/AD fully recognises and supports the potential economic benefits of aviation growth in assessing proposals and reflects NPPF 104 which requires that planning policies... “*recognise the importance of maintaining a national network of general aviation airfields, and their need to adapt and change over time – taking into account their economic value in serving business, leisure, training and emergency service needs, and the Government’s General Aviation Strategy*⁴⁵”.

IWM will expect GCLP to align with any revisions to CAP738 currently being proposed by CAA to enhance clarity on protections for airfields from local development.