

### **Policy S/DS – Development Strategy (P29)**

We support the proposed development strategy for Greater Cambridge in seeking to “direct development to where it has the least climate impact, where active and public transport is the natural choice, where green infrastructure can be delivered alongside new development, and where jobs, services and facilities can be located near to where people live, whilst ensuring all necessary utilities can be provided in a sustainable way.”

We do not agree however that this should dictate that the plan promote few strategic sites at the expense of all other existing centres in the District. The development strategy as proposed is overly reliant on strategic allocations. It does not consider what may happen to 5-year housing supply if these limited locations encounter delivery issues. Equally it does not consider the impact of both limiting growth in existing settlements such as Cottenham and promoting it elsewhere.

**Recommendation:** Existing Centres represent sustainable locations for residential development. It is important that future housing growth be distributed throughout the district in order to safeguard the future vitality and viability of existing settlements. This needs to be acknowledged within policy. The need for growth to sustain and help existing settlements thrive should be promoted.