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Dear Planning Policy Team

Greater Cambridgeshire Supplementary Planning Documents

Thank you for consulting Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) on the following Supplementary Planning Documents:

- Draft Greater Cambridge Planning Obligations SPD
- Draft Greater Cambridge Health Impact Assessment SPD
- Draft Cambridge Biomedical Campus SPD

CBC welcome the opportunity to comment on the SPDs and we hope you find our comments relating to the Planning Obligations SPD useful. We do not have any specific comments to make in relation to the Draft Health Impact Assessment SPD and Draft Cambridge Biomedical Campus SPD. Please accept this letter as our formal response.

Draft Greater Cambridge Planning Obligations SPD

The draft Planning Obligations SPD includes some good approaches to s106, particularly for Green Infrastructure, community facilities and burial spaces. However, it does not acknowledge that there may be instances where cross boundary infrastructure needs to be considered and contributions sought towards transport, health care or education, for example.

The [adopted Central Bedfordshire Planning Obligations SPD](#) (2024) acknowledges that in some circumstances, the infrastructure required to serve new growth in Central Bedfordshire may be provided in neighbouring administrative areas. Likewise, in some cases it will be reasonable to seek a contribution from development from adjoining areas towards infrastructure in Central Bedfordshire.

Central Bedfordshire Council are committed to working with infrastructure providers, neighbouring authorities, Town and Parish Councils and other delivery agencies in securing and delivering the necessary infrastructure to support new development. In addition, where an application site falls partly in another LPA area Central Bedfordshire Council will, as far as possible, work to coordinate proportionate planning obligation requirements with that authority.

It is our view that the draft Planning Obligations SPD should include the same acknowledgement towards cross boundary infrastructure provision.

Yours sincerely,



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