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Dear [REDACTED]

Greater Cambridge Local Plan (Regulation 18, Draft Plan) Consultation Response on behalf of CUH

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your team for your continued work in the preparation of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. We can see that a huge amount of work has gone into the preparation of the plan and its supporting evidence base.

About Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUH), incorporating Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Rosie Maternity Hospital has over 1,000 beds and 13,000 members of staff.

We are one of the largest acute hospital trusts in the country. CUH is the local hospital for our community, as well as also being a leading regional and national centre for specialist treatment; a government designated comprehensive biomedical research centre; a partner in one of six academic health science centres in the UK – Cambridge University Health Partners (CUHP); and a university teaching hospital with a worldwide reputation.

CUH has been working collaboratively with our partners on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) to ensure a coordinated approach to development of the campus, working towards our collective vision for a campus which is truly World Class. This collaboration has extended to the preparation of these representations, and we have been coordinating closely with both Cambridge Biomedical Campus Limited (CBC Limited), and with the Landowner Collaboration Group (LCG).

There is significant alignment in our position on a range of matters, albeit we do wish to highlight, in particular, our views on the importance of establishing a clear Delivery Strategy prior to the Regulation 19 Draft Plan Stage.

Overview of Our Response

We are broadly supportive of the policies in the Local Plan in respect of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, and in particular the Vision and Objectives of Policy S/CBC. We very much welcome the recognition of the international importance of the campus, the importance of CUH and Royal Papworth Hospital, and the desire for comprehensive development of a World Class campus.

We do however have concerns about some elements as set out in the “Lifespan” section of the policy (paragraphs 26-28) in particular, and feel that to date, there is insufficient clarity on the delivery aspects of the expansion proposals to be confident that as a project, expansion will deliver the desired objectives for campus improvements and enhancements, which taken in the round will deliver our collective ambition.

We can see a divergence of approaches, with expansion landowners wishing to push for greater independence to get on and deliver, and to deal with issues as part of future applications. CUH, consistent with the positions of the University of Cambridge and CBC Limited, feel that great care is needed to ensure a coordinated approach to the masterplan, the infrastructure needs of the campus, and to agree the framework in which all development that comes forward is capable of and contributes the greater whole.

We have recently raised our views on this matter with senior officers, and suggest that in order to reach the level of clarity that all parties aspire to achieve, that Greater Cambridge Shared Planning and the Cambridge Growth Company take a more active role in shaping the Infrastructure Delivery Strategy, and importantly the legal mechanisms to secure the necessary infrastructure and other improvements that will be required to deliver on the collective ambition for the campus. We feel that this is becoming increasingly urgent to resolve and move forward positively.

Detailed comments

Our detailed comments on the Draft Policy are included in the **Appendix A to this letter**, which provides a detailed commentary (and suggested changes) to each limb of the policy, as well as some observations of other aspects of the Local Plan more generally, which may have a bearing on development of the campus.

You will note that the content of **Appendix A** are broadly consistent with the responses from other LCG members, albeit there are some specific elements where our views are subtly, but importantly, different. In particular paragraphs 25-28 on “Lifespan”.

The first column lists the relevant limb of policy S/CBC (and in some cases other aspects of the plan), the second column lists the wording of the policy (with our suggested amendments in red), and the third column provides an explanation of our position.

I trust the above is clear and that the comments will be duly considered by GSCP. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

