



**HISTON & IMPINGTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

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Greater Cambridge Shared Planning  
South Cambridgeshire Hall  
Cambourne Business Park  
Cambourne  
CB23 6EA

Sent via email

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Policy H/ES Exception Sites for Affordable Housing**

**Provision should be included to require that:  
*substantial weight being given to exception sites coming forward which meet planning policy requirements and which are led by a legitimate local community group such as a Parish Council or Community Land Trust. The proposed policy should require that the scheme,***

- has general community support, with evidence of meaningful public engagement,***
- will be well managed and financially viable over the long term***

***and that any benefits provided by the scheme can be retained by the local community in perpetuity.***

***The explanatory text to the effect that community led housing is supported by the NPPF so the local authorities consider that there are no additional local requirements for these types of development beyond those set out in national planning policy is noted.***

***However, we consider that there is justification for providing greater support for community-led housing in Greater Cambridge, due to the pace of growth being proposed and the high cost of housing in comparison with the national average. Community led housing delivered through local organisations in Greater Cambridge, such as***

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***properly constituted community land trusts, can address the rural housing needs in perpetuity in a more specific and targeted way than other housing providers. A policy supporting community lead housing will provide an environment in which local communities are encouraged to engage with and lead the efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing.***

***Because of the difficulties/ complexity of funding such schemes, an element of market housing may be required to enable delivery of community led housing.***

Yours faithfully,



Chairman  
Histon & Impington Community Land Trust