# Greater Cambridge Local Plan

# Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Consultation - Response Form

Please submit your comments (known as representations) by **5pm** on **Friday 25 September 2026**.

## Data Protection and Freedom of Information

We will treat your data in accordance with our Privacy Notice. All personal information that you provide will be used solely in relation to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

Please note that each representation and the name of the person or organisation who made the representation, and the name and organisation of the agent (where used), will be published on our website - representations cannot be treated as confidential.

Additionally, respondent details and representation(s) will be made available to the Planning Inspectorate and to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the examination.

**By submitting this response form you are agreeing to these conditions.**

## About this Response Form

This response form has two parts:

- Part A – Your details. We cannot formally register your comments without your details.
- Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make. If you need more space to provide your answers, please expand the boxes or continue on an attached separate sheet.

We strongly encourage the submission of representations via our consultation platform at https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/proposed-submission-greater-cambridge-local-plan If you are unable to submit your representation using our online system, this response form is available to downloaded to complete electronically from www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/local-plan.

Your completed response form should be:

- emailed to localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org, or
- posted to: Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Policy Team, South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA

If you are having difficulty submitting your comments, please contact localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org or call 01954 713694.

## Part A: Your Details

| Information required | Personal details * | Agent's details (if applicable) |
|---|---|---|
| Name | Mrs. J. Keeler | |
| Organisation (where relevant) | Sawston Parish Council | |
| Job Title (where relevant) | Parish Clerk | |
| Address, including Post Code | [redacted] | |
| Telephone | [redacted] | |
| Email address | clerk@sawstonparishcouncil.gov.uk | |

* If you have appointed an agent to represent you, you only need to complete the Name and Organisation (if applicable) under Personal Details, but you do need to complete the full details of the agent. All correspondence will be sent to the agent.

## Part B: Your Representation

Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation.

**Section 1: Which document, and section of that document, does your representation relate to?**

| **Document** | **Policy / Paragraph / Site / Map** (please identify) |
|---|---|
| Proposed Submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan | S/RSC/FSS: Former Spicers Site, Sawston Business Park, Sawston |
| Proposed Submission Policies Map | |
| Sustainability Appraisal | |
| Habitats Regulations Assessment | |

**Section 2: Do you consider that the Greater Cambridge Local Plan is sound and legally compliant?**

| **Test** | **Yes / No** |
|---|---|
| Legally compliant | Yes |
| Sound | Yes |

**Section 3: Your representation**

**Please set out and explain your comments.** Please be as precise as possible, and please do not just refer to an attached supporting document(s). For your representation (comments) to be considered, your representation must be set out here. Wherever possible, set out precisely any changes you think should be made to the plan and its policies.

**Support with comment:**

Para. 3.4.37 acknowledges the constraints on access to the site but needs some expansion. The main road access is from the A1301 Sawston bypass and is dependent on a barrier controlled level crossing over the main Cambridge/Liverpool Street rail line (Sawston CCTV, UID 2640). The line carries an average of 110 passenger services between 06.00 and 22.00 (both directions) resulting in an average total closure time of 8h.10min with longest single closures of 6 – 8 min. (Estimate excludes freight and other movements on the line) (https://mindthegates.uk/crossing/sawston-cctv). This major constraint on access is the main limitation on the development of this site and needs to be addressed more robustly in this policy by, for example, proposing the construction of a road and pedestrian flyover from the A1301. This solution has been shown to be technically feasible and was conditioned as part of the approval of Application S/1148/98/F (*Historic Decision Notice, September, 1998, Para.6*), but never implemented: (https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=ZZZY4NOITV942 )

**Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.**

Strengthening of Policy S/RSC/FSS by the amendment of Para. 3.4.37 to include a specific proposal for improving access to the site from the A1301 Sawston bypass.

**Section 4: Supporting Documents**

**If you are submitting any supporting documents with your representation, such as maps or further evidence documents, please provide a list.**

Links to relevant documents provided in text.

**Section 5: Proposed Modifications**

**Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Greater Cambridge Local Plan legally compliant and sound.**

You will need to say why each modification will make the Greater Cambridge Local Plan legally compliant or sound. Please put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or paragraph, being as precise as possible.

**Suggest highlighted addition to Policy 3.4.37:**

3.4.37. Access to the site is constrained and therefore engagement with the Highways Authority will be required to ensure safe and adequate access into the site by people and vehicles from the A1301 Sawston bypass by a bridge across the main Cambridge/Liverpool St. main line. Improvements will be required to the active travel network in this area to reduce the reliance on people travelling to the site by private vehicle.

Justification: To improve clarity by suggesting an acceptable solution.

**Please note** your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to justify your representation and any proposed modification(s), as there will not be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations other than at the invitation of the Inspector during the Examination process.

**Section 6: Participation at the Examination**

**If you are proposing a modification to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate at the examination hearings?**

| **Examination** | **Yes / No** |
|---|---|
| Participate at the hearing sessions | No |

**If you wish to participate at the hearing sessions, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.**

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**Please note:** the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in Examination hearing sessions. You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

**Section 7: Being Kept Informed**

**Would you like to be kept informed of the progress of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan through to adoption?**

| **Notifications** | **Yes / No** |
|---|---|
| Informed of submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent Examination | Yes |
| Informed of the publication of the Inspector's recommendations following the Examination of the Local Plan | Yes |
| Informed of adoption of the Local Plan | Yes |