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)**
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* 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	*Policy WS/NC: Meeting the needs of new and growing communities*
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	No

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.

Education

SCC has the statutory responsibility for education in Suffolk, and has a duty to ensure there are sufficient school places to meet the needs of the population now and in the future. This is achieved by accounting for existing demand and new approved housing developments (including those that have not yet commenced or completed). SCC, therefore, produces and annually updates a five-year pupil forecast of future school rolls, and uses 95% capacity for school place planning to accommodate variables which cannot be forecast (e.g. parental preference, in-year admissions, contingency planning, and accommodation of pupils arising from development of less than 10 dwellings).

A small number of pupils living in Greater Cambridge attend schools in Suffolk, and vice versa. Development proposals located close to the Suffolk boundary should therefore assess whether the resulting demand for school places could be accommodated by schools within Greater Cambridge or whether it may place additional pressure on schools in Suffolk. As education provision is a form of strategic infrastructure, cross-boundary impacts should be considered as part of the plan-making process. Please see the Section 106 Developer's Guide to Infrastructure Contributions (https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/section-106-planning-obligations/developers-guide-to-infrastructure-contributions-in-suffolk) in Suffolk for further information on the county council's approach to seeking education and other infrastructure contributions.

It is suggested that the soundness of the plan could be strengthened by including consideration for cross boundary impacts of educational provision in Policy WS/NC: Meeting the needs of new and growing communities.

This would be in conformity with national policy, NPPF (2024 version) paragraph 24 which states that "Effective strategic planning across local planning authority boundaries will play a vital and increasing role in how sustainable growth is delivered, by addressing key spatial issues including meeting housing needs, delivering strategic infrastructure and building economic and climate resilience".

Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.

There should be a greater consideration of cross-boundary educational impacts between Cambridgeshire and Suffolk.

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.

https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/section-106-planning-obligations/developers-guide-to-infrastructure-contributions-in-suffolk

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.

It is suggested that the soundness of the plan could be strengthened by including consideration for cross boundary impacts of educational provision in Policy WS/NC: Meeting the needs of new and growing communities, part 2 (displayed in *italics*):

> 2. The scale and range of facility and service provision or contribution must be appropriate to the level of need (including the specific needs of different demographic groups) generated by the development, and it must be adaptable to population growth and demographic changes. *Considerations should also be given to cross-boundary impacts for educational and school place planning provisions.*
> In making assessments of need and the timing of delivery of the facility or service, regard must be had to: […]

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.

N/A

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