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	Jane Crawford-White	
Organisation (where relevant)	Ramblers Association Cambridge Group	
Job Title (where relevant)	Chair	
Address, including Post Code	[redacted]	
Telephone	[redacted]	
Email address	[redacted]	

* 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	
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.

In the response to the recent consultation on the Local Plan the Council says that its reason for not including PROW enhancements in the Local Plan is because "PROW enhancements are typically delivered through site-specific design, master planning and planning obligations, rather than as discrete, plan-wide infrastructure projects. The IDP should be read alongside Rights of Way Improvement Plans and other supporting strategies, as referenced in the revised supporting text for the policy, which provide the detailed framework for prioritising and delivering PROW enhancements in a coordinated manner."

The problem with this statement is that there is no mechanism for NMU groups to be consulted on PROWs at the master planning stage. There is no mechanism for addressing historical gaps to existing PROWs, and these often fall outside the area of the development.

We are submitting proposals to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan currently under consultation. The Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy makes no recommendations for PROWs. The Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy makes minimal reference to PROW as eligible for Section 106 funding and is included in the definition of accessible green space. There is a map of current cycle ways and existing PROWs in Figure D1.4 but no proposals to address current gaps or aspirations of new pathways associated with new growth.

It appears that any proposals for PROWs are relatively neglected in both the Highways Authority and the Planning Authority.

The Ramblers object to the Plan on the grounds that there is no policy/mechanism included which details just how public rights of way will be covered in the development of site-specific proposals for major new settlements or extensions. We need a policy which states categorically that recreational and transport user groups will be included at an early stage in master planning of any development of more than e.g. 500 dwellings. (And such development cannot be broken down into multiple applications for less than 500 homes).

What is needed is a vision, and a plan, for improving the footpath and bridleway network, both in town and countryside, for people to benefit from walking for leisure and recreation as well as active travel. Then development plans can be properly assessed against Policy I/ST. Currently, without a footpath and bridleway network plan, Policy I/ST has no teeth and planners are obliged to accept whatever the developers propose.

The demand for PROWS is increasing. In Cambridgeshire 77% people walk every week, 63 % for leisure purposes and 43% walk for active travel and 23% of people cycle each week. Plus 36% of households own a dog.

We hope our objections on the grounds of insufficient value being placed on PROWs in the process for approving developments can be addressed.

Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.

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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.

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.

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.

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