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	Development Strategy
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 broad transport terms the Council supports the GCLP and the associated overarching development strategy. The transport evidence produced to date in the Transport Evidence Report (TER) alongside the development strategy demonstrates that the GCLP is deliverable in transport terms, if sufficient mitigation at the key development locations is provided.
- The Council acknowledges that the CPCA, together with partners is developing a new Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. The transport related comments made by the Council in response to the Draft GCLP are therefore made with the assumption that this new Transport Strategy will be delivered alongside and fully cognisant of the Local Plan, Development Strategy and site-specific mitigation.
- Whilst the Council agrees that in transport terms, the development strategy is able to be delivered and mitigated, the Council must reaffirm that all the strategic sites contained in the draft Local Plan require transport mitigation strategies, agreed with the Council as LHA, to support their delivery. These will be delivered at the appropriate time through the use of Transport Assessments, as noted in the policies.
- The Council is pleased to have been able to work alongside GCSP and partners in the development of the site-specific mitigation strategies to date. This mitigation includes stringent trip budgets, currently included as draft within the plan, which are to be agreed with the Council as LHA through further development of site-specific evidence as set out in the trip budget methodology. In addition, the transport infrastructure requirements for each of the strategic sites are significant, therefore deliverability and viability will continue to be key considerations going forward.
- Related to the above point on mitigation, the Council would re-emphasise that in transport terms, the strategic sites are heavily reliant on the GCP programme of works being delivered. The deliverability and viability of these sites and indeed the deliverability of the wider development strategy is intrinsically linked to the delivery of the GCP transport schemes. Therefore strategic development sites will be expected to facilitate where appropriate as well as contribute to the delivery of these GCP schemes, to support public sector, Community Infrastructure Levy, or other sources of funding.
- The development of the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy (led by the CPCA) will provide the overarching Transport Strategy to support the GCLP. The Council is working closely with the CPCA to support this process.

Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.

The Council supports the Greater Cambridge Local Plan and considers the development strategy deliverable in transport terms, subject to sufficient mitigation. This position assumes delivery of the emerging Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy by the CPCA. The Council reaffirms that all strategic sites require transport mitigation strategies agreed with the Local Highway Authority, supported by Transport Assessments and site-specific evidence. Continued collaboration on mitigation planning is welcomed, including the development of trip budgets. Site viability and deliverability remain closely linked to the provision of significant transport infrastructure, particularly the successful delivery of Greater Cambridge Partnership transport schemes and associated developer contributions.

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