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 J/AW 'affordable workspace and creative industries
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	
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.

Please see attached document with detailed representations in relation to policy J/AW submitted on behalf of an LPDF Consortium.

Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.

The central concern is not with the principle of supporting affordable workspace, but with whether Policy J/AW is sufficiently justified, proportionate and effective in the way it seeks to achieve that objective. The evidence identifies affordability pressures particularly affecting SMEs, start-ups and creative businesses, but the policy applies a uniform requirement to a broad range of industrial and storage development with very different characteristics, values and operational requirements. There needs to be a clear relationship between the identified need, the type and location of development to which the obligation applies, and the form of provision required.

The policy should also recognise that affordable workspace can have significant financial and operational implications, particularly where provision is secured at a discount in perpetuity and accompanied by management and monitoring requirements. These matters should be assessed cumulatively alongside the other costs and obligations affecting employment development, with sufficient flexibility to respond to scheme-specific viability, operational suitability, site characteristics and local need. The subsequent sections consider these issues in more detail.

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.

Please find attached the representation document submitted by the LPDF Consortium.

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 see attached detailed representations. But in summary:

If the Councils are minded to retain Policy J/AW in relation to E(g)(iii), B2 and B8 development, the LPDF Consortium considers that it should be substantially amended to provide a more targeted, flexible and proportionate approach. In particular, the blanket 10% requirement should be replaced with a scheme-specific approach based on demonstrated local need, operational suitability and viability, including the cumulative cost of other Local Plan and infrastructure requirements.

The policy should allow for lower provision, or appropriate exclusions, where the characteristics of large-format, single-occupier or operationally specialised industrial and logistics development make on-site provision unsuitable, and provide greater flexibility for payment in lieu where appropriate. The requirement for provision to be secured in perpetuity should also be reviewed and justified in terms of necessity and proportionality. More generally, the Council should ensure that the policy is fully tested against the cumulative viability implications for employment development and provides sufficient flexibility to reflect site and scheme-specific circumstances.

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	Yes

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

Please see attached detailed representations submitted by the LPDF Consortium.

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