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	General Comments
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.

- The Council welcomes the improved closer working on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP) with the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and requests that this continues through further development of the Plan and any associated transport evidence.
- The Council welcomes the positive changes to transport policies made in response to our comments provided at the Reg 18 consultation, specifically in relation to strengthening and clarifying transport infrastructure policies and development management policies.
- The Council welcomes the inclusion of clarity or enhanced coverage of some rail proposals within the Plan, in particular with relation to East West Rail with the Cambridge Station Eastern Access, Cambridge East Station and Cambourne Station reflected.
- The Council welcomes further emphasis and clear provision on the safeguarding of land for transport infrastructure in the Plan. This is vital for the continued development of the strategic transport network, including rail and the Greater Cambridge Partnership programme of schemes.
- The Council is pleased to see clear references to the requirement for developers to submit Transport Assessments and Transport Statements for new developments, and for the inclusion of policy wording covering trip budgets for strategic sites. The Council also welcomes strengthened policy in relation to development proposals needing agreement and joint working with the Council as Local Highway Authority (LHA) and the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) as Local Transport Authority.
- The Council is content that, on the basis of evidence presented in the Transport Evidence Report and through the detail in the Draft Plan (including the various policies), that the development strategy is deliverable in transport terms and that this has been satisfactorily proven to an appropriate level of detail for plan making.
- The Council would however note that vision led planning can only work if viable sustainable modes of transport are provided, and to support a strong and aspirational vision development proposals need to be founded in robust evidence, with appropriate mitigation delivered at the right time.
- The Council welcomes the continued joint working with the LPA and partners on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). The Council notes the position in the draft Statement of Common Ground regarding the responsibility for delivery of infrastructure for site specific mitigation.
- The Council notes and supports the policy wording detailing required mitigation for the strategic sites at the earliest opportunity, with alternative mitigation for early stages of delivery requiring sufficient evidence to be agreed with the Council as LHA to demonstrate that the transport impact can be mitigated.

Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.

The Council welcomes the positive collaboration with the Local Planning Authority in preparing the Greater Cambridge Local Plan and supports the strengthened transport policies introduced since Regulation 18. Support is expressed for enhanced coverage of rail infrastructure, safeguarding of land for future transport schemes, clearer requirements for Transport Assessments and Statements, and stronger joint working with the Local Highway Authority and CPCA. The Council considers the transport evidence sufficient to demonstrate the deliverability of the development strategy, while emphasising that vision-led growth must be underpinned by robust evidence, timely mitigation, and effective infrastructure delivery.

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