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 BG/BG
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	No – in relation to Policy BG/BG
Sound	No – in relation to Policy BG/BG

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.

These representations are submitted by DP9 Limited ('DP9') to the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Team ('GCSP') on behalf of Trinity College, Cambridge ('TCC') as the Freehold Owner, and in consultation with other long leaseholders in respect of the above address (the 'site') to the Regulation 19 Greater Cambridge Local Plan consultation ('eLP'). TCC are a highly significant landowner within Cambridge and the wider area, with one of their major assets being Cambridge Science Park, located off Milton Road to the north of the city.

Trinity's relationship with Cambridge stretches back almost five centuries, and that history has made the College not merely a resident but a custodian of the city and University, with a depth of investment in their continued success that few other participants in this process can claim. It is this long-term stewardship role that informs TCC's approach to the masterplanning of Cambridge Science Park.

DP9 is instructed as planning advisor to TCC as part of the wider masterplanning work currently being undertaken across Cambridge Science Park. An outline planning application for up to 771,000sqm of floorspace (the CSP Outline Planning Application or the OPA) is currently being determined by the Local Planning Authority. TCC welcomes the opportunity to make representations on the emerging Plan, which will play a key role in shaping the future planning framework for Cambridge Science Park and the wider North East Cambridge area.

Cambridge Science Park is a globally renowned centre of scientific excellence, founded in 1970 by Trinity College, Cambridge. It is the largest commercial employment site within Greater Cambridge by employment floorspace, comprising approximately 250,000sqm of predominantly research and development floorspace and supporting the employment of approximately 7,500 people across more than 170 companies focused on science and innovation, including but not limited to AI and digital, life sciences, creative industries and clean energy.

TCC made representations to the 2021 First Proposals Consultation and again to the January 2026 Regulation 18 Consultation, setting out deep concerns regarding the treatment of Cambridge Science Park within the emerging Plan. TCC is pleased to record that many of these concerns have been substantively addressed through subsequent iterations of the Plan, and in particular through the Regulation 19 Proposed Submission version (eLP) now published.

TCC welcomes the removal of the previous North East Cambridge-specific requirement for a fixed 20% on-site biodiversity net gain, which TCC had objected to as unjustified in the context of a constrained, already-developed urban site. This has been replaced by the general, Plan-wide Policy BG/BG, which sets a minimum 20% requirement for major

development to be met on-site ‘where feasible and effective’, with an off-site route available once on-site options have been evidenced as exhausted. TCC welcomes this greater flexibility.
TCC does, however, wish to note a secondary point for the Councils’ consideration. The supporting text at paragraphs 5.6–5.9 justifies exceeding the statutory 10% minimum by reference to Cambridgeshire’s comparatively low proportion of land currently managed for nature, rather than by reference to site-typology-specific viability evidence. TCC would welcome confirmation that this evidence has been tested against the particular circumstances of high-density, high land-value science park redevelopment, such as Cambridge Science Park, where on-site biodiversity net gain is inherently most difficult to achieve, to ensure the policy meets the Planning Practice Guidance tests that any requirement above the statutory minimum be justified and viable.

Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.

TCC welcomes the removal of the previous North East Cambridge-specific requirement for a fixed 20% on-site biodiversity net gain. TCC raises a specific concern under the Proposals Map, which it considers should be addressed ahead of Examination and submission.

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.

- CSP Reg 19 Representations Letter
- Bidwells Affordable Workspaces Letter

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.

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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.

Because we have outstanding concerns with the contents of the draft local plan.

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