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 S/CBN Camborne North
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.

As documented in our response to the Regulation 18 plan, our main comments relate to the potential cross boundary impact cumulatively of the retained polices for Cambourne (S/CB) and Bourne Airfield (S/BN), alongside the new allocation at Cambourne North detailed under policy (S/CBN).

Whilst we support in principle the approach to allocated growth being heavily informed and supported by the location of existing and committed public transport schemes, the vision led approach to transport planning and associated approach to mitigation, we expect there to be impact from these sites from longer distance, car based trips, with particular concern being the volume and distribution of these trips towards cross boundary routes such as the A428 (for the A1) and more rural routes towards Potton and Sandy.

Policy S/CBN Camborne North

Whilst it is recognised that only 2,550 of the 13,000 new homes proposed at Cambourne North will come forward within the plan period, it is essential that the existing and future growth, and the implications on the wider area, are taken into consideration, with any required mitigation identified and planned for from the outset.

We have previously raised concern about the expected traffic flows on routes towards the CBC boundary in the context of our own committed growth and known capacity constraints on the A1 at Biggleswade and Sandy, and have requested additional information on traffic flows to allow us to take a more informed position on the likely impact of this large allocation within Central Bedfordshire.

Whilst appreciating this has no formal status in modelling terms for inclusion in a core scenario, we expressed the above concern and request for more information, also in the context of emerging proposals for Tempsford New Town, which will create further demands on the highway network in the area.

The submitted SoCGs identify CBC's request at Regulation 18 stage:

'Central Bedfordshire Council, similarly, ***sought a greater understanding of work undertaken to date to identify impacts of the proposed Cambourne North allocation on the local and strategic road network outside of the Greater Cambridge area****, and the mitigation identified to combat these impacts. Their representations noted that however, it is considered there an inevitable impact of the proposed allocation on the A1 corridor and local road network within Central Bedfordshire, which does not appear to be reflected within the impact assessment or Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).'*

Having reviewed the documentation submitted in support of this allocation (namely the Cambourne North Addendum Transport Strategy Report) there is no clear representation of the expected flows on our sensitive routes within Central Bedfordshire, that has been expanded upon for us to review and comment on.

We note that the report states that *Increased traffic flows and delays are primarily concentrated on the internal development network and key nearby junctions, with limited additional impact on the surrounding local highway network*. It would be helpful if evidence of this 'limited additional impact' was provided to inform our position.

Whilst there is clear refinement to the modelling to identify impacts and mitigation in proximity to the site, the information presented to date, in our view does not yet satisfy the commitment made in the SoCG:

'11.16 There is agreement between the Councils, Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire District Council of the potential for substantive cross-boundary transport impacts as a result of Cambourne North. To manage this and address this potential impacts, neighbouring authorities (Huntingdonshire, Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough), Cambridgeshire County Council and National Highways have been invited to take part in ongoing workshops / meetings with the Councils' consultants around the transport modelling and strategy work, prepared by the Councils to support the allocation and demonstrate that transport impacts can be mitigated. Input has been sought on both the approach and the outputs produced at various stages. Refinement of this work will take place ahead of the submission of the Local Plan, involving the aforementioned parties, to ensure this (wherever possible, based on the information available) reflects anticipated impacts at the strategic scale and how these could be mitigated.'

The IDP does not make any reference to the potential for cross boundary mitigation to be considered as plans emerge, and the policy wording of S/CBN as proposed does not offer a commitment to delivering further, cross boundary infrastructure if identified, for example if the trip budget is breached, which could make this more difficult to secure at planning application stage.

A logical place to involve neighbouring authorities would be to include them on the list of consultees under section 39 of the policy, to aid collaboration on the strategic and local transport mitigation plan. CBC would suggest the additional wording to part 39 of Policy S/CBN Camborne North:

39. To support delivery of the agreed masterplan, a strategic and local transport mitigation plan, supported by other studies as necessary, must be prepared by the developer in collaboration with local transport partners, East West Rail Company~~, and~~ National Highways and neighbouring Local Authorities, for agreement with the Local Highways Authority and Local Planning Authority.

We welcome the ongoing involvement in the development of the scheme via the established Transport Officers Group and look forward to the continuation of this.

Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.

We expect there to be impact from longer distance, car based trips, with particular concern being the volume and distribution of these trips towards cross boundary routes such as the A428 (for the A1) and more rural routes towards Potton and Sandy. Having reviewed the documentation submitted in support of this allocation there is no clear representation of the expected flows on our sensitive routes within Central Bedfordshire, that has been expanded upon for us to review and comment on. The IDP does not make any reference to the potential for cross boundary mitigation to be considered as plans emerge, and the policy wording of

S/CBN as proposed does not offer a commitment to delivering further, cross boundary infrastructure if identified.

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.

N/A

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	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