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 CC/WE: Water efficiency in new developments
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 area covered by this Local Plan is defined as being in an area of serious water stress. We support the water efficiency requirements highlighted in the Local Plan and supporting evidence base and consideration to phasing certain development linked to Cambridge Water Company's strategic supply options delivery.

The evidence indicates that the sustainability and delivery of planned growth is heavily dependent on Cambridge Water Company's Water Resources Management Plan 2024 (WRMP24) being implemented successfully and the planned demand management and supply measures performing as forecast.

Whilst the Local Plan has been informed by the latest WRMP24, there remains some uncertainty regarding future water availability and the timing of strategic supply schemes. If WRMP24 measures are delayed or prove less effective than expected, there is an increased risk of pressure on water resources before new sustainable water supplies become available, including the planned Grafham transfer and Fens Reservoir.

We recognise that water companies need to plan for future demand and that Local Planning Authorities (LPA) are generally expected to rely upon the approved WRMP process. However, given the degree of reliance placed on WRMP24 delivery, it will be important that progress is monitored closely and that any material deviation from planned outcomes is considered alongside the assumptions that underpin the Local Plan's growth strategy.

The evidence base submitted in support of the Local Plan correctly recognises the importance of monitoring WRMP24 delivery and notes that Cambridge Water will provide annual WRMP24 reporting. The Local Plan also contains a wider monitoring framework and annual monitoring commitments. We note that the Local Plan monitoring framework and Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) include mechanisms to monitor the delivery of infrastructure projects, including strategic water supply schemes. The IDP identifies the Grafham Water transfer and Fens Reservoir as critical water supply projects supporting growth. Continued monitoring of WRMP24 delivery, including progress against key strategic supply schemes and demand management measures, will therefore be important to ensure that the assumptions underpinning the Local Plan remain valid. The monitoring framework should also consider if any updates are required to the Plan as a result of WRMP29 when published. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan's review mechanisms provide an important route for considering any implications arising from any potential delays or changes to planned water resource delivery. We encourage GSCP to consult with us if any changes are required through the IDP and monitoring framework.

Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.

The area covered by this Local Plan is defined as being in an area of serious water stress including progress against key strategic supply schemes and demand management measures, will therefore be important to ensure that the assumptions underpinning the Local Plan remain valid.

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.

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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