Local Plan 2024-2045 - Modifications Sought to Text & Policy *

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service (CFRS) and its Blue Light Partners (Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust) are **Essential Social Infrastructure Providers**, who require developer funded Infrastructure/ facilities to mitigate and manage the impacts arising on service capacity from planned housing and population growth.

The draft Local Plan should therefore attribute appropriate recognition and a higher profile to the important role played by these bodies - in contributing to the creation of safe, cohesive, strong, healthy, vibrant and resilient new communities.

CFRS has undertaken a comprehensive level of stakeholder engagement in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, Area Action Plan and Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) processes to date.

It submitted evidence-based representations to the Local Plan Regulation 18 stage in January 2026, the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan – Infrastructure Delivery Plan in April 2025, the Local Plan IDP stakeholder consultation stages in August 2025, January 2026 and June 2026, and the Greater Cambridge Planning Obligations SPD in January 2025 and April 2025.

The draft local plan is considered to be **Unsound** as its omission to fully recognise CFRS (and its Blue Light Partners) as essential social infrastructure providers requiring developer funded mitigation, in the form of additional fire & rescue infrastructure/ facilities provision, is **Not Justified** in National Planning Policy Framework terms – which requires Plans to set out the contributions expected from development.

CFRS is operating at capacity, and the planned housing (48,069 homes) and 124,979 population growth (population increase based on a combined average household size of 2.6 ONS 2024) and strategic scale commercial development, would lead to a **substantial impact** on the CFRS estate, vehicle fleet and staff operational assets and resources.

The **Modifications** sought are made within this context below.

Summary of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan

Chapter 2 – Development Strategy

Vision for Greater Cambridge

Representation 1 – Strategic Priority: Connectivity & Infrastructure, Para 2.4 (p.30)

After 'education' in line 2 insert **"police, fire & rescue and ambulance"**

Infrastructure Needs

Representation 2 – Infrastructure Needs, Para 2.26: (p.53)

After 'schools' in line 6 insert **"police, fire & rescue and ambulance"**

Chapter 3 – Site Allocations

Chapter 3.1 Cambridge Urban Area

Representation 3 – Policy S/C/LCR Land at Clifton Road, inc Cambridge Junction & Cambridge Leisure (300 dwellings/ 630 population) (p.84)

Under the subheading 'Uses' add a new criterion 10 as follows;

"10. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Representation 4 – Policy S/C/BJH Betjeman House, Hills Road (Botanic Place) (37,000 m2 Commercial/Business/Service Floorspace) (p.133)

Add a further requirement 1e. as follows;

"1e. Provision of financial contributions to increase the capacity of local fire & rescue facilities"

Representation 5 – Policy S/AMC/NEC: North East Cambridge (520 dwellings/ 1,155 population) (p.153)

Under the subheading 'Social infrastructure, amenities & other infrastructure provision' Section 22a – add the following text after 'health' as follows;

"police, fire & rescue, ambulance"

Chapter 3.2 Edge of Cambridge

Representation 6 – Policy S/CE: Cambridge East (8,000 dwellings/24,000 population) (p.202)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 7 – add a new criterion g. as follows;

"g. Provision of a fire station, fire appliance and financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police and ambulance facilities"

Representation 7 – Policy S/CBC: Cambridge Biomedical Campus, including Addenbrookes Hospital East (525,000 m2 biomedical/biotechnology/life sciences/R&D/Commercial Uses) (p.220)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Sections 9-12 – add a new section 13a. as follows;

"13a. Provision of financial contributions to increase the capacity of local fire & rescue facilities"

Representation 8 – Policy S/ED: Eddington (5,500 dwellings/16,500 population) (p.235)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 3 – add a new criterion h. as follows;

"h. Provision of a fire station, fire appliance and financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police and ambulance facilities"

Representation 9 – Policy S/WC: West Cambridge (170,000 m2 commercial R&D floorspace) (p.246)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Sections 3-5 – add a new section 6a. as follows;

"6a. Provision of financial contributions to increase the capacity of local fire & rescue facilities"

Representation 10 – Policy S/HHR: Land between Huntingdon Road & Histon Road: Darwin Green (2,700 dwellings/8,100 population) (p.254)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 3 – add a new criterion viii. as follows;

"viii. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Representation 11 – Policy S/EOC/FRE: Fulbourn Road East (56,000 m2 commercial office/R&D/light industrial/storage & distribution floorspace) (p.268)

Add a new requirement 2a. as follows;

"2a. Provision of financial contributions to increase the capacity of local fire & rescue facilities"

Chapter 3.3 New Settlements

Representation 12 – Policy S/CBN: Cambourne North (13,000 dwellings/39,000 population) (p.281)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 12 – add a new criterion viii. as follows;

"viii. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Representation 13 – Policy S/CB: Cambourne (2,350 dwellings/7,050 population) (p.302)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 8 – add a new criterion k. as follows;

"k. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Representation 14 – Policy S/GF: Land adj to A11 & A1307 at Grange Farm (4,500 dwellings/13,500 population) (p.318)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 11 – add a new criterion k. as follows;

"k. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Representation 15 – Policy S/NST: Northstowe New Town (10,180 dwellings/30,540 population) (p.335)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 6 – add a new criterion l. as follows;

"l. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Representation 16 – Policy S/WNT: Waterbeach New Town (11,000 dwellings/33,000 population) (p.345)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 8– add a new criterion m. as follows;

"m. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Representation 17 – Policy S/BA: Bourn Airfield New Village (3,500 dwellings/10,500 population) (p.355)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 4 – add a new criterion n. as follows;

"n. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Chapter 3.4 The Rural Southern Cluster

Representation 18 – Policy S/WGC: Wellcome Genome Campus – Expansion land, Hinxton (1,500 dwellings/4,500 population) (p.368)

Under the subheading 'Uses' Section 3– add a new criterion j. as follows;

"j. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Representation 19 – Policy S/BRC: Babraham Research Campus (48,000 m2 commercial R&D floorspace) (p.377)

Under 'Uses' section 4-5 add a new section 6a. as follows;

"6a. Provision of financial contributions to increase the capacity of local fire & rescue facilities"

Representation 20 – Policy S/RSC/BR: Land South of Babraham Road, Sawston (280 dwellings/840 population) (p.390)

Add a new criterion e. as follows;

"e. Financial contributions to increase the capacity of local police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities"

Representation 21 – Policy S/RSC/FSS: Former Spicers Site, Sawston Business Park, Sawston (40,000 m2 commercial R&D floorspace) (p.393)

Add a new requirement 1a, viii. as follows;

"1a, viii. Provision of financial contributions to increase the capacity of local fire & rescue facilities"

Representation 22 – Policy S/SHF: Land north of A1307, Bar Hill (Slate Hall Farm) (220,000 m2 Class B2 General Industrial/ Class B8 Storage or Distribution floorspace) (p.418)

Under 'Uses' add a new section 7a. (subsequent sections to be renumbered) as follows;

"7a. Provision of financial contributions to increase the capacity of local fire & rescue facilities"

Representation 23 – Policy S/RRA/SCS: Land to the south of Cambridge Services, A14 (90,000 m2 Class B2 General Industrial or Class B8 Storage or Distribution floorspace) (p.431)

Under '1 Development proposals must demonstrate how they meet the following requirements' add a new criterion 1.i,vi as follows;

"7a. Provision of financial contributions to increase the capacity of local fire & rescue facilities"

Chapter 10 Infrastructure

Representation 24 – Introduction, Our Strategic Priority for our infrastructure policies, para 10.2 (p.729)

In the strategic priority after 'education' add **"police, fire & rescue, ambulance"**

Representation 25 – Policy I/ID: Infrastructure and delivery: Supporting Information, para 10.71 (p.762)

In line 5 omit 'emergency services' & insert **"police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities "**

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