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)**
Name	Phil Hill	James Lawson
Organisation (where relevant)	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service	James Lawson Planning Ltd
Job Title (where relevant)	Growth & Planning Officer	Director
Address, including Post Code	[redacted]	[redacted]
Telephone		[redacted]
Email address	[redacted]	[redacted]

* 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	Chapter 3 – Site Allocations/ 3.4 The Rural Southern Cluster Policy S/RSC/FSS – Former Spicers Site, Sawston Business Park, Sawston
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	No

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.

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/population growth, and in respect of CFRS, also from strategic commercial development.

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 and places of work.

CFRS is operating at capacity, and the Former Spicers, Sawston site allocation (40,000 m2 commercial R&D floorspace) would have a **significant impact** on CFRS estate, vehicle fleet and staff operational assets and resources.

The requirement for developer funded contributions towards fire & rescue infrastructure/ facilities should therefore be clearly referenced in the policy.

Please provide a 100 word summary of your representation.

Please see box above

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.

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service form-based representation is supported by the following documents; ❖ **Schedule of local plan policy/ text-based representations;** ❖ **Schedule of Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) based representations;** ❖ **Attention is also drawn to the evidence-based representations submitted by CFRS at previous stages of the Local Plan, IDP & Developer Contributions SPD stakeholder engagement processes since January 2025 – which are retained by Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Services & can be referred to as core evidence-based documents, as required;**

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.

Modification Requested

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

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

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To be '**Justified**' in National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) terms 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 and places of work.

The NPPF also requires Plans to set out the contributions expected from development.

In order to be '**Sound**' the modification outlined above is required.

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.

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service (CFRS) is operating at capacity, and the planned housing (48,069 homes) and 124,979 population growth, along with the strategic commercial development >25,000 m2 (totalling 1,186,000 m2 floorspace) would have a **substantial impact** on the CFRS estate, vehicle fleet and staff operational assets and resources.

This position should be appropriately addressed & participation at the hearing sessions is considered 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