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

Cambridgeshire Constabulary and its Blue Light Partners (Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service 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.

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

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 Cambridgeshire Constabulary (and its Blue Light Partners) as essential social infrastructure providers requiring developer funded mitigation, in the form of additional police infrastructure/ facilities provision, is **Not Justified** in National Planning Policy Framework terms – which requires Plans to set out the contributions expected from development.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary (CC) and its **Neighbourhood Policing Teams** are 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) would lead to a **substantial impact** on CC's 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/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 4 – 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 5 – 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 6 – 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"

Chapter 3.3 New Settlements

Representation 7 – 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 8 – 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 9 – 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 10 – Policy S/NST: Northstowe New Town (10,180 dwellings/30,540 population) (p.306)

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 11 – 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 12 – 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 13 – 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 14 – 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"

Chapter 10 Infrastructure

Representation 15 – 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 16 – 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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