

**From:** [North East Cambridge AAP](#)  
**To:** [Gill Griffith](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Feedback on NECAAP  
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Dear Gill Griffith,

Thank you for your response.

Can you confirm if you wish your comments to be registered as part of the consultation on the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan which is currently open at [www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/nec](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/nec)? If so, please be aware that your name will be published alongside your comments, but your contact details and other personal information will not. For this reason we require you to confirm that you have read and agree to our [Privacy Statement](#).

Please respond to this email to confirm you wish your comments to be registered and that you consent to your details being used in this way. Please can you also confirm that you would like to be kept up to date via email, with this and other planning consultations in the future.

If we don't hear back from you by 20<sup>th</sup> October we will assume you do not wish your comments to be registered in this way, and we will consider them informal feedback.

Kind regards

Greater Cambridge Planning Policy, Strategy & Economy Team



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**Sent:** 05 October 2020 01:28  
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Question 1. What do you think about our vision for North East Cambridge?

I do not think your vision of NEC is acceptable for our beautiful city.

Such an ugly development similar to CB1! It would be a miserable and unhealthy place to live, in such high rise blocks of flats up against the A14 with all it's pollutants and not far from the railway line with very little open space. One and two bed flats seem as if you are only catering for dormitory inhabitants, for people to commute to London.

Question 2. Are we creating the right walking and cycling connections to the surrounding areas?

If this is a true community area, ie a mix of all ages and all family sizes, walking and cycling does not cater for all of them. Older people are not always able enough to walk far or to cycle. If you have a couple of children of different ages. A large supermarket is necessary. That much shopping cannot be carried by bike. If the older child is beyond primary age, you might need to take the youngest to school on the estate but the eldest you will have to ferry elsewhere. As a woman, I would not be happy to use an underpass. Milton is a village at the moment and it may not want to be joined to Greater Cambridge and be swallowed up.

Question 3. Are the new 'centres' in the right place and do they include the right mix of activity?

At the moment we are in dire economic times. One library will be amazing and if there is an Arts Centre, that will be unbelievable!

Primary schools are to be built, a secondary school will definitely be needed and what about another Sixth Form College. There are only the same two Academic SFs both on the other side of the city plus the Regional College.

Question 4. Do we have the right balance between new jobs and new homes?

Who can really answer that question?! You cannot put a black ball and chain on people and keep them working next to their homes as you cannot make parents choose the local school for their children. I understand the idea of a Science Park was originally for start up businesses but I don't think there are many there now. You can have

your ideas, but....

Question 5. Are we are planning for the right community facilities?  
Sport pitches, sport clubs, a swimming pool?

Question 6. Do you think that our approach to distributing building heights and densities is appropriate for the location?  
TOO high, too dense, ugly, not a fitting entrance to our beautiful city.  
Living in high rise blocks, there is no way a community can be built up. This pandemic has shown how important a community is. One and two bedroomed flats to not allow for families to grow. No Secondary school/sixth form. Will they have to try to move? Will they be able to move nearby?

Question 7. Are we planning for the right mix of public open spaces?  
Definitely not. Far too little open space with all that concrete and no sunshine much coming into the streets because of heights and no gardens. To suggest Milton Country Park is appalling. It is way over used at weekends now.

Question 8. Are we doing enough to improve biodiversity in and around North East Cambridge?  
You are wrecking any biodiversity in this area and in the area you choose to replant the sewage works. One of which is totally Green Belt! Concrete is one of the world's worst elements for making carbon. So to destroy something that is almost adequate and build it is insane.

Question 9. Are we doing enough to discourage car travel into this area?

If all the inhabitants and workers Living and using this area cannot walk or cycle.they will be dependent on cars. Trains only go from A to B, the Guided bus and buses are not owned by the councils and

therefore do not run for the customer but for the shareholder so fares are expensive if they run the routeS at all.

Question 10. Are we maximising the role that development at North East Cambridge has to play in responding to the climate crisis?

No, as mentioned. Before, this density of building, the rebuilding of a sewage works to enable it to happen, how can this be a good response to the climate crisis, what ever you say you are doing to mitigate it.

Isn't it time for Cambridge to say NO, we cannot take anymore giant companies coming here. It is greed, it is time to spread the wealth further afield. Cambridge is a small market town with a never ending urban sprawl. You are killing the place that we love. Addenbrooke's cannot cope and nor can the Crematorium.

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