Dear Carol Ashman,

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 <u>www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/nec</u>? 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 <u>Privacy</u> <u>Statement</u>.

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 20th 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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From: Carol Ashman
Sent: 04 October 2020 18:21
To: North East Cambridge AAP <nec@greatercambridgeplanning.org>
Subject: North East Cambridge Plan

Good Afternoon

Please do not do this to Cambridge!

Cambridge is a beautiful city and distinguished by its lack of high rise buildings and plenty of green spaces and should be cherished and not saturated with vast new builds and offices. In view of COVID19 you should be re-evaluating this plan, many of the cities that have been hit the hardest have a considerable amount of high rise/flats/apartments and are densely populated and should be looking to maintain our precious green spaces and low level buildings and investing in what we already have, not building more houses that most ordinary people cannot afford to buy or rent or offices that remain empty as businesses have already been hit hard and with more people likely to continue to work from home (if they are lucky enough to still have a job) as not only safer, but cost efficient, perhaps this now gives you the opportunity to reassess this and hopefully common sense will prevail.

It would be good to know that the local Council cares about the community and the impact all this will have on not only Cambridge, but the surrounding area, which is currently losing its' soul as it being sold to the devil!

I am sure Sir David Attenborough would also not be very happy to learn of the proposals that would potentially turn beautiful areas abundant in wildlife and history into the cesspit for Cambridge just so that more houses can be built on the existing Sewage works site.

Are 8000 plus houses being built at Waterbeach not enough?

Have you tried to get to Cambridge when it is raining or on a cold winters' day from Waterbeach? You may very well offer lovely cycle paths and pave over more countryside, but when it rains the traffic stacks back already to beyond Clayhithe - times this by a further 8000 homes and none of us will be going anywhere.

Railway and public transport - fine, but how many people will feel confident about cleanliness after what is currently happening with COVID19?

Please at least look into/revise the following:

- Keep the sewage works where it is, it has capacity to cope with the Construction taking place at Waterbeach and has recently been upgraded to be more efficient not make a 'Brown' site out of greenbelt areas (think it also may be illegal despite the rather large government grant?)
- Not to build on the current sewage works, but further invest in it (there is plenty of capacity there), not build on it!
- Keep the train station where it is in Waterbeach and if necessary use the new planned train station area at the barracks to provide further sewage treatment for the homes being built and not move the problem elsewhere.

Do the current Councillors want to be remembered as the ones that ruined Cambridge and the surrounding area or be remembered for being innovative and exploring/investing in the people and buildings of Cambridge in a more sustainable way by adding perhaps a small amount of houses in villages throughout Cambridgeshire, the amount depending on their size, using local builders/developers supporting local businesses and providing work opportunities within their communities putting less demand on infrastructure and done in a more sensitive way, rather

than huge unsustainable developments.

Thank you in advance for reading these comments. Carol Ashman and family