

Answer our 10 big questions



1. What do you think about our vision for North East Cambridge?

Comment Some good aspirations, some areas where the vision does not really get to grips with the challenges we face.

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

Comment Yes these look reasonably good.

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

Comment I can see the reasoning, and suspect that given the location of existing business areas, there was little choice.

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

Comment 9000 new homes and 20000 new jobs looks like resulting in considerably increased travel into the area for work. See also Q9.

5. Are we are planning for the right community facilities?

Comment Looks short on grass-roots sports facilities.

6. Do you think that our approach to distributing building heights and densities is appropriate for the location?

Comment Overall heights look too great. Residential max should be 5 and commercial max 10. Also try to avoid uniform "block" feel (U.S./E. European) style. Some lower rise to give areas of more familiar human scale.



7. Are we planning for the right mix of public open spaces?

Comment No. Despite some gestures in the right direction, I see no new green space to cater for grass roots sports. E. Chertton is already short in this respect. It is not clear what "increase access and capacity of Milton Country Park means; it is already overcrowded, and needs to be extended North and east wards.

8. Are we doing enough to improve biodiversity in and around North East Cambridge?

Comment No. Along with open space, this is the weakest part of the scheme. Suggest land at Chertton Fen is purchased and used for a nature reserve, alongside expansion of Milton C.P. (above). A lot of re-engineering will be needed to develop the 1st public drain into a biodiversity asset.

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

Comment Cycle links look good but will the residents of the new housing find employment in the local business area? If the businesses attract workers from elsewhere the whole 'commuter plan' concept will be undermined. A city-wide approach to discouraging car travel is essential.

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

Comment The aspirations are good but can they be delivered, both through the standard of building, the 10% biodiversity net gain, and the proximity to shops and services. Will solar panels, ground sourcing heat, or community heating schemes be part of the mix? Can the Councils make developers deliver?

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