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Dear Councillors

North East Cambridge Area Action Plan

I am very concerned about your vision for North East Cambridge on the following grounds:

Need for the development:

Is this the right time to be planning such a large development of very high-density housing? We are in times of economic crisis when Covid-19 has meant a change to working practices.

It would be better to build in existing villages all around Cambridge, not just in the north east. Is there really a need for so many homes in this area? I question the need for over 275,000 square metres of new business space when office blocks up and down the country are standing empty and could be converted to residential accommodation.

Connected and integrated:

This relies on people being able to walk or cycle to work. It presupposes that everyone living there will be young and active and remain that way. Communities are a mixture of all ages and abilities, but this development does not appear to cater for all of them.

Building heights and density:

Such high density (more than London or Paris) is not appropriate for this area. One- and two-bedroom dwellings in 13 storey blocks could lead to social isolation and lack of community feeling. It doesn't cater for growing families. Are they expected to move out when children reach secondary school age?

Open places:

Whatever open spaces are planned they cannot compensate for the loss of wide open Green Belt where the new WWTP is expected to be sited. Milton Country Park is not sufficiently big or open to accommodate so many people and it is already very well used.

Biodiversity:

The negative impact on flora and fauna caused by the construction process cannot be undone. The site chosen for the relocation of WWTP to enable this development will suffer immeasurably and catastrophically.

Discouraging car use:

Not everyone is able to walk or cycle to work. As people age or their families grow they will become reliant on cars. The development does not take this into consideration.

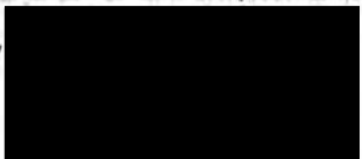
Additional points to consider:

Where are the secondary schools? Surely there won't just be primary school age children living there.

I understand that to register for this consultation my name will be published with my comment, but that, in line with your privacy statement, my contact details and other personal information will not.

Yours sincerely,

{Your name}



NORTH EAST CAMBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION

Submit your comments by 5pm on 5th October 2020

<https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/document/213/37771>

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Dear Resident, the relocation of the Sewage Works from Milton, and possibly to Honey Hill, is being driven by Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP's) vision to build 5,500 homes and commercial buildings on the site, as part of its NECAAP initiative.

We believe that GCP need to stop, think and reassess this development in light of today's world, which has changed dramatically due to Covid-19 and the uncertainty over Brexit. We believe that it should be possible to address the City's housing shortage without moving the sewage works from its current location.

Please go to the link above, scan the above QR code or just Google "NECAAP consultation" to register and then complete GCP's online questionnaire. The questionnaire consists of 10 questions - they are fairly self-explanatory and you can answer them quite simply. Or, if you click on the related links, you will find additional information which you might use to make more detailed observations or comments.

Alternatively, you can email GCP at nec@greatercambridgeplanning.org but due to planning consultation rules you are required to provide your name and address - [the letter overleaf suggests some comments/questions you can raise.](#)

We are hoping that other villages on the Northern/North East fringe of Cambridge will join us in making their views known as this is a huge development which could impact our communities in any number of ways, not least the relocation of the sewage works.

Thank you

Fen Ditton Residents' Planning Action Group