

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

North East Cambridge Area Action Plan: Consultation response

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Area Action Plan for North East Cambridge and is supportive of the aims to develop an integrated low carbon community.

Our Healthwatch hears from many people regarding their difficulties accessing health and social care services. We are aware of the pressure on GP services, in particular. It is a major concern for local people that housing growth will bring increased pressure on services and that they will experience even more waits to obtain GP appointments.

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is also aware of the complexity of commissioning health provision and strongly recommends that all organisations work together to ensure that developer contributions are used in a timely manner to improve local services and that local people are effectively involved in designing and planning community and service provision.

We would also like to highlight the importance of affordable and accessible leisure and outdoor exercise facilities and the benefits that this brings for community wellbeing.

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