

Consultation North East Cambridge by 5th October, 2020.

Draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan

This is a great opportunity for North East Cambridge to create a low carbon area to include green and sustainable construction to develop low carbon homes in line with the governments targets. As the area is to be designed to be inclusive and walkable it is important to provide a characterful area and it could enhance and add more green areas and green corridors connecting different areas. It will also allow the integration with the surrounding communities and add vitality to the area.

A lively mix of homes could include buildings which could be given personality and with organic architecture to blend into the surroundings and add interest. As Cambridge has beautiful historic buildings it is important to create some beautiful buildings for future generations. By incorporating traditional crafts alongside new construction embracing it's past but looking forward to it's future.

As part of the development there is an opportunity for some affordable housing and to consider health alongside some biodiverse areas so that not all biodiversity is located in one area as with more people they will require access not only to social areas such as Cafe's (perhaps a Cafe with a Cosmology theme - i.e. in honour of Stephen Hawking) shops, perhaps a creative hub for local people which can also enhance creativity especially as there is likely to be an R & D sector nearby. Social areas could include an area for music and the arts. Benches or even buildings shaped like books to create a sense of wonder giving the area an identity alongside its science and innovation roots. Good planting and trees and with the addition of some organic architecture will ensure a successful future and address climate change. Access to spaces could promote a sense of wellbeing and to be good for mental health with beautiful trees providing clean air. Areas for people to work from home especially important at times of pandemics. Areas for outdoor yoga and active space.

Green construction, permeable paving and diversity. Areas to include recycled and repurposed products in innovative ways could maybe include a recycled sector. Harvesting of rainwater and a perhaps a fountain in the square.

This development can also encourage investment in the green sustainable housing sector and innovation which in turn will feed into many different areas of the green circular economy and provide local jobs and future opportunities in green technology throughout the UK. Perhaps solar street lights, paving areas that when walked on create energy allowing energy to be harvested for future use.

With Cambridge North station nearby it provides good access to this part of Cambridge so excellent for work and growth in the science sectors but should include some creative/digital areas and work places. The plan for North East Cambridge does mention walkable, however for it to be inclusive some areas of Cambridge are not so accessible such as surrounding villages so an area with the potential for car sharing perhaps including electric cars with charging points available could be encouraged, especially for older residents, work purposes, mums with younger children, access to health and in and during the transitional phase towards Zero Carbon by 2050.

Sustainable transport such as electric buses and areas to rent bikes, including electric bikes for those city journeys providing an active lifestyle for all.

I feel that a lower density could possibly be considered alongside the height of buildings so as to not to create wind tunnels. Organic architecture and the inclusion of green walls in some areas could be considered to soften walls.

Building houses and buildings to higher EPC levels is the way forward.

The plan looks at creating a sustainable future.

It should take into account sustainable homes and buildings and combat energy and fuel poverty.

The plan takes into account diversity and all demographics and genders.

It looks at creating a sustainable community and integration to other communities.

Nature and biodiversity have been considered and could be enhanced.

It will ensure future jobs and opportunities for future generations.

It looks at a responsible way forward.