

Draft Greater Cambridge Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Statement of Consultation - July 2021

1. Introduction

1.1 Under Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 a local planning authority is required to prepare and make available a Consultation Statement setting out:

- the persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document,
- a summary of the main issues raised by those persons; and
- how those issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document.

1.2 This statement is a record of consultation undertaken during the production stage of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) prior to formal public consultation. The document will be updated prior to adoption of the Greater Cambridge Biodiversity SPD.

2. Background

2.1 The Greater Cambridge Biodiversity Draft SPD has been prepared to assist with the implementation of policies within the adopted Local Plans covering the Greater Cambridge area, namely the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (September 2018) and the Cambridge Local Plan (October 2018). The document expands and provides guidance on the application of policies specifically relating to the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity. Once adopted, the SPD will supersede the South Cambridgeshire Biodiversity SPD 2009.

3. Preparation of the draft SPD

3.1 In preparing the draft SPD, informal consultation has been carried out with a range of officers from within the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service including representatives from Development Management, Built and Natural Environment and Policy teams. Once drafted, sections of the SPD were reviewed by

relevant technical officers within the service, with suggested amendments incorporated into the draft document.

4. Public consultation on the Draft Greater Cambridge Biodiversity SPD

4.1 To actively engage with the local community and key stakeholders, the draft SPD will be subject to a 8-week public consultation during the period 23 July 2021 to 17 September 2021, in accordance with the [Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Statement of Community Involvement \(2019\)](#), (including the [Updated Addendum December 2020](#) prepared in response to restrictions related to the Coronavirus pandemic). During the consultation period the draft SPD and associated supporting documents will be available to view on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website. A contact email address and telephone number for the Natural Environment Team will be included on all publicity materials allowing those experiencing difficulties accessing the documents online to seek assistance. Officers will facilitate alternative methods for viewing the documents and for comments to be submitted.

4.2 The associated supporting documents to be made available with the Draft SPD are:

- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) & Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Consultation Statement (Draft SPD stage)

4.3 In accordance with the [Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Statement of Community Involvement \(2019\)](#), (including the [Updated Addendum December 2020](#)), a range of specific and general consultation bodies and other relevant stakeholders will be directly notified via email of the consultation arrangements for the draft SPD. A list of the organisations to be notified is attached at Appendix A. In summary the organisations and bodies to be contacted will include, but are not limited to:

- Local Parish Councils
- Local Members
- Specific Consultation Bodies
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Greater Cambridge Partnership
- Adjacent Local Authorities
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
- Delivery partners, including infrastructure and transport providers
- Community organisations

- General Consultation Bodies, including groups which represent the interests of different diversity groups based upon age, race, religion, disability.

4.4 In addition to statutory consultees and organisations, over 400 individuals who have expressed a wish to be kept informed of Planning Policy consultations via the Greater Cambridge Planning Service Opus 2 Consultation database will be informed of the consultation via email, or post where no email address is available.

4.5 To engage more widely with residents and businesses in the Greater Cambridge area, a public notice will be published in the Cambridge Independent newspaper and the consultation will be publicised on both Council's webpages and on social media platforms.

5. Consultation Methodology

5.1 Consultation on the Greater Cambridge Biodiversity Draft SPD will take place from: 9 am on Friday 23 July 2021 to 5pm on Friday 17 September 2021.

5.2 The draft SPD will be made available to view on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website at: www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/biodiversity.

5.3 Alternative formats of the consultation documents will be made available upon request (e.g., braille, translations into other languages and large print).

5.4 Representations can be made using an online questionnaire on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website at: www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/biodiversity.

Those experiencing difficulties accessing the consultation documents, or the online questionnaire, are invited to contact the Natural Environment Team to seek assistance by:

- Emailing: NaturalEnvironmentTeam@greatercambridgeplanning.org,
- Telephoning: (01954) 713178, or
- Writing to: Natural Environment Team, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA.

Officers will facilitate alternative methods for viewing the documents and for making representations.

5.5 Respondents can request to be notified of the adoption of the SPD.

Appendix A – List of organisations consulted

The following organisations will be directly notified of the draft Biodiversity SPD via email, or post where no email address is available. Individuals are not listed. It should be noted that other individuals and organisations will also be contacted that do not appear on this list.

All Parish Councils and Residents Associations

Abellio Greater Anglia

Accent Nene Housing Society Limited

Addenbrooke's Equalities Officer

Adjacent Local Authorities

Advisory Council for the Education of Romany and other Travellers (ACERT)

Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

Airport Operators Association

Amusement Catering Equipment Society (ACES)

Anglia Ruskin University

Anglian Water

Bedfordshire and River Ivel Internal Drainage Board

Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association

British Gas

British Horse Society

British Romani Union

BT Group Plc

Building Research Establishment

Cam Health

Cambridge and County Developments (formerly Cambridge Housing Society)

Cambridge Area Bus Users

Cambridge Campaign for Better Transport

Cambridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau

Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service

Cambridge Crown Court

Cambridge Cycling Campaign

Cambridge Dial a Ride

Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum

Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service
Cambridge Friends of the Earth
Cambridge Ramblers
Cambridge Inter-Faith Group
Cambridge Past, Present & Future
Cambridge Peterborough & South Lincolnshire (CPSL) Mind
Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre
Cambridge Regional College
Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Cambridge Water
Cambridge Women's Aid
Cambridge Women's Resource Centre
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust
Cambridgeshire ACRE
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Campaign to Protect Rural England
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce
Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Cambridgeshire County Council
Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council
Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
Cambridgeshire Football Association
Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Cambridgeshire Race Equality & Diversity Service
Care Network Cambridgeshire
Centre 33
Children & Young People's Participation Service (ChYpPS)
Church Commissioners for England
Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
Confederation of British Industry - East of England
Conservators of the River Cam

Country Land & Business Association
CPSL Mind
Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure LTD (CTIL)
Defence Infrastructure Organisation
Department for Business Innovation and Skills
Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Department for Transport
Design Council
Disability Cambridgeshire
East West Rail
Eastern Region Rowing Council
EDF Energy
Education and Skills Funding Agency
EE
Ely Diocesan Board
Ely Group of Internal Drainage Boards
Encompass Network
Energy Assets Networks Ltd
Environment Agency
Equality and Human Rights Commission
ESP Utilities Group
Federation of Small Businesses
Fields in Trust
Flagship Homes
Forestry Commission
Friends, Families and Travellers
Greater Cambridge Partnership
Harlaxton Energy Networks Ltd.
Hastoe Housing Association Ltd.
Hazardous Installations Inspectorate
Health and Safety Executive
Healthwatch Cambridgeshire
Highways England
Historic England

Home Builders Federation (HBF)
Homes England
Hundred Houses Society Limited
Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport (HACT)
Iceni Homes
Indigo Networks
Institute of Directors - Eastern Branch
Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)
Logistics UK (formerly Freight Transport Association)
Marine Management Organisation
National Grid plc
National House Building Council
National Housing Federation
Natural Cambridgeshire
Natural England
Network Rail
NHS England
Office of Rail and Road
Openreach
Ormiston Children's and Family Trust
Over and Willingham Internal Drainage Board
Planning Inspectorate
Post Office Property
Road Haulage Association Ltd.
Royal Mail
RSPB
Sanctuary Housing Association
Shelter
South Cambridgeshire Youth Council
Sport England
SSE
Stagecoach East
Sustrans (East of England)
Swavesey Internal Drainage Board

The Association of Circus Proprietors of Great Britain

The Association of Independent Showmen (AIS)

The Coal Authority

The Crown Estate

The Kite Trust

The Lawn Tennis Association

The Magog Trust

The National Trust

The Showman's Guild of Great Britain

The Society of Independent Roundabout Proprietors

The Theatres Trust

The Traveller Movement

The Wildlife Trust

Transport for London

Travel for Work Partnership

Traveller Liaison

The Traveller Movement

UK Power Networks

University of Cambridge

Utility Assets

Virgin Media

Woodland Trust