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CAMBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN AND SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN: MAIN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

The Cambridge Local Plan and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan were submitted for examination in March 2014. The plans set out how the development needs in the area will be met to 2031. The examination process is being carried out by independent planning inspectors to determine whether the Local Plans are 'sound' and have complied with the necessary 'legal requirements'.

Why are the Councils carrying out consultation?

Following completion of examination hearings into the Cambridge Local Plan and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan in July 2017, the plans have reached the next key stage in the process. The Inspectors have now asked that consultation be carried out on Main Modifications which may be necessary in order for the Local Plans to be found 'sound', although this should not imply that they have come to any firm conclusions on the soundness of the Plans with or without these modifications.

The Councils are therefore consulting on the Main Modifications identified by the Inspectors and the associated Sustainability Appraisal of the Main Modifications. At the same time the Councils have published some Additional (minor) Modifications, such as typographical errors and factual updates.

How and when can I make comments?

Comments can be made between **9 am Friday 5 January** and **5pm on Friday 16 February 2018**.

Details of where you can view the consultation documents and how to submit comments can be found on the enclosed public notice, or alternatively please look at our websites:

www.cambridge.gov.uk/mainmods or www.scambs.gov.uk/mainmods

What can I make comments on?

The Main Modifications Consultation Report explains the purpose of the consultation and includes schedules of modifications for each Local Plan. The modifications identify specific changes to the wording of the Local Plans submitted in March 2014 or to the associated Policies Maps; the modifications contained in the consultation document need to be read alongside the Local Plans:

- Cambridge Local Plan: www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-plan-review
- South Cambridgeshire Local Plan: www.scambs.gov.uk/localplan

This consultation does not repeat the consultations already carried out on the Proposed Submission Local Plans in Summer 2013 and the Proposed Modifications Joint Consultation in December 2015. As a result this consultation does not include modifications that have previously been consulted upon, unless that modification has been further amended subsequently. Where such amended modifications are included in this consultation, **comments are only invited on the new parts of the modifications (bold text)** and not earlier parts of modifications that have previously been consulted on. The 'provisional' modification from 2015 to allocate land south of Cambridge Biomedical Campus for employment development is included in this consultation, with revisions.

The Inspectors have advised the Councils to take a rigorous approach to accepting only those comments that relate to the published modifications. Any comments that go beyond commenting on the Main Modifications or the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal will not be registered.

What happens next?

The Inspectors will consider all the registered comments and decide whether any further hearings are

required, or any issues need to be revisited. At the end of the examination process they will present their final conclusions in their Reports into the examination of each Local Plan. If the plans are found 'sound', with any necessary modifications, they would be able to be adopted by the Councils.

A10 NORTH UPGRADE

Councillors in South Cambridgeshire say they're keen for improvements to be made to the northern section of the A10 as soon as possible, following the publication of a report which recommends a £500 million upgrade.

The study published on Monday 8 January by the Greater Cambridge Partnership and Cambridgeshire County Council says a full range of upgrades are needed between Ely and Cambridge to ease congestion, and bring forward tens of thousands of new homes and jobs.

The northern stretch of the A10 runs past the villages of Waterbeach and Milton, both of which are within South Cambridgeshire.

Options recommended to cut traffic include dualling or part dualling the road, a new park and ride north of Waterbeach, the relocation and expansion of Waterbeach Railway Station and a new segregated bus route between Waterbeach and Cambridge, together with new cycling and walking facilities.

VILLAGE TRAVEL HUBS

Three South Cambridgeshire villages have been proposed as possible areas for new "rural travel hubs" to better connect residents with public transport, walking and cycling routes.

The pilot hubs, to be funded by the Greater Cambridge Partnership, will be travel interchanges that are tailored for individual areas. They could include new sheltered bus stops, secure cycle parking, cycle lockers and extra car parking. They will be located close to existing railway stations, bus stops and cycleways and walking routes.

The suggested hub at Oakington would be near Station Road, next to the Guided Busway and adjoining footway and cycle path. The facilities proposed include secure cycle parking and cycle lockers, a stop with room to turnaround for a bus, a drop off area and more than 40 car parking spaces.

Sawston's possible hub could see new sheltered bus stops, a drop-off area, secure cycle parking, cycle lockers and 50 car parking spaces. It could be set up to the north of the village, close to the junction of the A1301 and Cambridge Road. This location would help residents benefit from improved connectivity to Shelford Railway Station, several bus routes and the National Cycle Network.

A rural travel hub for Whittlesford is proposed on a site south of Royston Road, west of the village's railway station. This could also be alongside a bus stop and a National Cycle Network path. The proposal for Whittlesford includes secure cycle parking and lockers, more than 200 car parking spaces and 12 dedicated disabled spaces. This hub will be considered as part of a larger consultation exercise around the redevelopment of Whittlesford Station.

An example of what a hub could look like is already in place in Swavesey, alongside the Guided Busway track. Facilities there include covered cycle parking with CCTV, a bicycle pump, sheltered bus stops and a car park with drop-off points. The Swavesey interchange also has a shared foot and cycle path to nearby Over.

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