

HAVE YOUR SAY



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE CAMBRIDGE AND SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE SUBMISSION LOCAL PLANS – December 2015

1. OUR DETAILS

Consultation Start date: 9am 2 December 2015
Consultation Closing date: 5pm 25 January 2016

Respond online to the joint consultation: <http://scams.jdi-consult.net/localplan/index.php>

Please return completed form to:

Email: policysurveys@cambridge.gov.uk or ldf@scams.gov.uk

Or to either:

Proposed Modifications Consultation
Planning Policy
Cambridge City Council
PO Box 700
Cambridge
CB1 0JH

Jo Mills, Director of Planning & New
Communities
South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cambourne Business Park
Cambourne
Cambridge
CB23 6EA

Find out more: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/proposed-modification-consultation> or
www.scams.gov.uk/localplanmods-dec2015

2. YOUR DETAILS

Please note that we cannot register your representation without your details

Please tick if you are an Agent

If you are an agent, who are you representing? _____

Contact Name: Genevieve Dalton on behalf of Little Abington Parish Council

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Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk

Signature: _____

Genevieve Dalton

Date: 25 January 2016

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Representor ID	Agent ID	Modification Number	Representation Number

Your Response

Please note that comments must relate only to the proposed modifications to address the issues raised by the Inspectors or the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum Report.

3. Modification Number / Section of the Sustainability Appraisal:
Annex 2 Parish Council led allocations for residential development

4. Do you support or object?
(i.e. do you think the modification is necessary to make the plan(s) sound and/or legally compliant)

Support
 Object

5. If you object, why?

Tick which options apply	
It doesn't comply with the law	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is not positively prepared i.e. strategy will not meet development needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
It isn't justified i.e. there is no evidence to justify the modification	<input type="checkbox"/>
It won't work i.e. not effective	<input type="checkbox"/>
It isn't consistent with national policy	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. What would you like to happen?

Delete modification?
Amend modification?
(Please give further details in section 8)

7. Would you like to verbally express your views to the independent inspectors? This will be at the Inspectors' discretion.

Yes
 No

Note: additional hearings for this consultation and appearance at them will be at the discretion of the Planning Inspectors. It may be decided that written representations are sufficient. Please ensure you provide full details with this representation.

8. Your Comments: additional information may be provided on separate sheets if necessary

See attached response.

Note: If you wish to comment on more than one modification please use another form.

Little Abington Parish Council Response to modifications to draft Local Plan

Overall Approach

Little Abington Parish Council (LAPC) fully supports the 6 key objectives of the Local Plan. It recognises the importance of the development of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire as a major centre and hub for bio-scientific research and biomedical industry. This includes genomics and precision medicine. These important scientific developments contribute not only to economic growth in Cambridgeshire but also to wealth generation for the UK. Nevertheless every effort should be made to ensure development is not at the expense of existing Green Belt, including land near Addenbrookes. There must be consideration of protecting or even creating new open space for the benefit and enjoyment of local communities and of environmental sustainability.

Parish Council Led Allocations for Residential Development

Looking specifically at the proposed developments in Great and in Little Abington; they were included in the draft plan following a local housing needs survey and consultation on several options with the community. All three sites were supported and LAPC continues to support them. A key element of all three development sites is the provision of housing to enable intergenerational living. That is the provision of housing for young and growing families, some have whom will have grown up in the village, with a significant proportion of affordable housing, and for older people, possibly with declining mobility, who have lived within the community for some time and who are now looking to downsize. This implies a significant proportion of single or 1½ storey houses, with downstairs bathrooms. LAPC does not consider that there will be much need for any additional large executive style housing, in part because larger houses will be freed up by those downsizing.

We wish to emphasise the importance of maintaining the character of both villages. Any developments should be in keeping with the existing environment and housing density. They must include adequate provision of open space on each development site and the preservation of existing Open Green Spaces.

The Abingtons together comprise a vibrant, cohesive community. We would also be keen to support development schemes that further encourage community cohesion. A significant proportion of the allotments in Great Abington are used by residents from Little Abington. We feel it is imperative that current allotment provision is at least preserved and that development should not be at the expense of reducing the Abingtons' amenities. LAPC also supports the development of a Community Orchard close to the village centre i.e. in Linton Road. We believe that both amenities - the allotments and the Community Orchard - would be for the benefit and enjoyment of the communities of both villages.

There are already concerns about volumes of traffic and speeding in both villages. Local planners must address the concerns of local communities about the growing volume of traffic and hazards on the A1307.

With regard to traffic within the villages LAPC has recently supported the re-establishment of a Speedwatch campaign. Clearly the development of 50+ new dwellings across the villages will increase traffic volume and there needs to be some consideration of methods to manage traffic speed and the volume of traffic. This may be through the provision of cycle routes to local hubs such as Linton and Sawston for local shops and for primary care and dental services, Whittlesford Station, and centres of employment such as the Genome campus at Hinxton, the Babraham Institute, the Addenbrookes Biomedical campus and onwards into Cambridge. Provision of public transport to local hubs must be adequate.

The local primary school is already oversubscribed. Its capacity will need to be increased and, as the community grows, there should be some consideration of improving access to health care services.

The parish council would be keen to ensure there is adequate provision for pedestrians not only to improve access but also to encourage healthy styles of living. Provision of sporting facilities and the protection of, or even the development of new Public Rights Of Way will help to encourage and support health and well-being strategies.

Looking specifically at the proposed development at the old farmyard area at Bancroft Farm in Church Lane, Little Abington ; This small development is included in the Local Plan because it was a Parish Council led proposal with demonstrable local support .It should be no more than six dwellings within the existing boundary of the old farmyard and retaining the existing the flint wall. As the draft local plan states, any developments on this site should ensure the enhancement of the Conservation Area with a high quality development of cottages with generous room sizes suitable for 'downsizers'.

The Parish Council considers it is a priority to preserve the existing open green space behind the proposed site, which has until quite recently been used as open grazing land. This meadow area with trees and wildflowers has been enjoyed by residents as a large open area for many decades and is now designated as a Local Green Space. Fencing has recently been erected by the landowner, somewhat spoiling the openness of the site. This fence should not be understood to define the boundary of any proposed development. It does not. The expectation of the creation of a landscape buffer along the rear of the site to provide a soft green village edge should not be disregarded.

LAPC is unlikely to support any applications to develop the site that do not fulfil the aspirations of the Parish Council and local residents.

Genevieve Dalton
Clerk
On behalf of Little Abington Parish Council
25 January 2016

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Monitoring Information

It would help us if you could complete this section on monitoring and return it with your representation(s). You only need to fill this form in once if you are sending back multiple copies of the Response Form. The information supplied will help us to ensure that we are reaching a cross section of the local community.

Please tick all which are applicable to you.

Age:	Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	16-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	25 - 34	<input type="checkbox"/>	35-44	<input type="checkbox"/>	45-54	<input type="checkbox"/>
	55-64	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	65+	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Gender:	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

Status:

Economically Active							
Employed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Self-employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full-time Student	<input type="checkbox"/>

Economically Inactive							
Retired	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Looking after home/family	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanently sick/disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Ethnicity:

To which of these groups do you consider that you belong?

A) White	British	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Any other White Background	<input type="checkbox"/>
B) Mixed	White and black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
	White and black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
	White and Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Any other mixed background	<input type="checkbox"/>
C) Asian or Asian British	Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Any other Asian background	<input type="checkbox"/>
D) Black or Black British	Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
	African	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Any other Black background	<input type="checkbox"/>
E) Chinese	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
F) Gypsies and Travellers	Roma	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Irish Travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Any other Travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Travelling Show People	<input type="checkbox"/>
G) Other Ethnic Background	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Religion:

To which of these groups do you consider that you belong?

A) None	<input type="checkbox"/>
B) Christian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C) Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>
D) Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>
E) Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>
F) Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>
G) Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
H) Any other (Please state religion: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have a disability?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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