

(CCC) Local Plan

According to your records, can you please confirm the following information:

1. Does the council have a Local Plan, which has been developed and/or updated in the past seven years (i.e. from January 2016 to date)?
2. Has any area(s) been identified as suitable for wind energy development in the latest Local Plan?
3. Has the council explicitly considered and has been unable to identify a suitable area for wind energy development in the latest Local Plan?
4. Does the council have a Neighbourhood Plan(s), which has been developed and/or updated in the past seven years (i.e. from January 2016 to date)?
5. Has any area(s) been identified as suitable for wind energy development in the latest Neighbourhood Plan?
6. Has the council explicitly considered and has been unable to identify a suitable area for wind energy development in the latest Neighbourhood Plan?
7. Please confirm how many (if any) onshore wind farm applications have been granted planning approval by the local authority during the past seven years (i.e. January 2016 to date)?
8. Please confirm how many (if any) solar farm (i.e. large-scale ground-mounted solar PV system) applications have been granted planning approval by the local authority during the past seven years (i.e. January 2016 to date)?

Response

1. Yes, current Adopted Local Plan for Cambridge City council area was adopted in October 2018, although the majority of the work to develop the plan took place prior to 2014. You can view the document at [Local Plan 2018 - Cambridge City Council](#)
2. No. Although policy 29: Renewable and low carbon energy generation, refers to other forms of energy it explicitly excludes wind turbines:
'Note that this policy does not apply to applications for wind turbines, which would be considered against the requirements set out in the Local Planning Written Ministerial Statement, dated 18 June 2015

Further, the supporting text states:

'4.17 The wind resource in Cambridge is highly constrained due to the relatively modest raw resource and the urban characteristics of the area. To this end, this local plan does not seek to allocate areas of land as being suitable for wind turbines. This approach will be reviewed as part of any subsequent review of the local plan.' (Page 120).

3. Not as part of the 2018 Local Plan, although work is currently underway to assess the suitability of areas suitable for onshore wind as part of the development of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

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Response sent

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4. No

5. None

6. None

7. None

8. None

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk