14th June 2012

Dear Consultee,

**Consultation on Cambridge Local Plan Issues & Options Report 2012**

The Local Plan is used to guide decisions on matters ranging from the location of housing, schools, parks and open spaces to the design requirements of new buildings. Policies in the Local Plan are used when decisions on planning applications are made. The current Local Plan for Cambridge was adopted in 2006 and it is now time to review it. The Issues and Options consultation marks the start of the process and the consultation is asking for your views on the Issues and Options that should be covered in the Local Plan.

The Issues and Options Report has been prepared to invite you to comment on key issues that have been identified, and our suggested policy options to address them. It also provides you with an opportunity to suggest any issues that you feel should be addressed, comment on which of the options you think are most appropriate, or tell us about any other options you may have thought of.

The Issues & Options Report and its associated Sustainability Appraisal is now subject to public consultation for a six-week period from:

**9am on 15th June 2012 to 5pm on 27th July 2012**

A copy of the draft Issues & Options Report, its Sustainability Appraisal, background documents and response forms can be found at the following address, and a copy of the Local Plan Review timetable is attached overleaf. More information can be found by visiting our webpage [http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/issuesandoptions](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/issuesandoptions) or our blog [http://cambridgelocalplan.wordpress.com/](http://cambridgelocalplan.wordpress.com/).

Please send us any representations using our online consultation system [http://cambridge.jdi-consult.net/ldf/](http://cambridge.jdi-consult.net/ldf/). This is the Council’s preferred method for receiving representations, but if you prefer to fill in a response form please return electronically wherever possible. If you do not have access to a computer, a paper form can be completed and sent to the Council. The response form can be downloaded from the Council’s website (details below) or obtained by contacting the Council.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the planning policy team.

Yours sincerely

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Local Plan Review Timetable

DEVELOPMENT OF EVIDENCE BASE AND PREPARATION OF ISSUES AND OPTIONS REPORT
March 2011 – May 2012

CONSULTATION ON ISSUES AND OPTIONS REPORT AND INTERIM SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL
June – July 2012

CONSIDERATION OF REPRESENTATIONS AND PREPARATION OF SUBMISSION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN
August 2012 – January 2013

CONSULTATION ON SITE OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT
Autumn/Winter 2012

CONSULTATION ON SUBMISSION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL
March – April 2013

SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
July 2013

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION
November 2013 – January 2014

ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL PLAN
April 2014