



Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Statement of Consultation

Background

The purpose of the draft [Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document](#) (SPD) is to guide the delivery of affordable housing in Cambridge. The draft SPD has been prepared to support Policy No. 45: Affordable housing and dwelling mix as set out in the Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission (as amended¹). This will also assist the council at the local plan examination, by providing extra detail to the policy and highlighting how the policy will work in practice. The policy is included in Appendix 1 of the draft SPD.

Once adopted, the new Affordable Housing SPD will replace the council's current [Affordable Housing SPD \(January 2008\)](#).

The SPD builds upon the current Affordable Housing SPD (2008), by applying lessons learnt during implementation.

The intention is that this SPD, when adopted, will help all parties involved (such as the council, developers, landowners and registered providers) deliver affordable housing through new development. The draft SPD seeks to provide greater clarity and certainty, particularly in terms of:

- the planning process leading to submission of a planning application;
- when the policy applies;
- the specification sought;
- the type/mix of housing required.

Document Production

The draft SPD has been prepared in consultation with the Housing Development Team, Legal Services, City Development Management, Urban Design and New Neighbourhoods.

The draft SPD was approved for consultation at [Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 25 March 2014](#).

¹ Through the *Addendum to the Cambridge Local Plan 2014 Proposed Submission Document (July 2013): Schedule of Proposed Changes Following Proposed Submission Consultation (February 2014)*

In addition to the draft SPD, Dixon Searle Partnership has provided the council with recommendations for calculating affordable housing contributions through their paper:

- [Considering Affordable Housing Contributions – Small sites calculations: Review of potential calculation mechanisms \(March 2014\)](#)

A Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report has been carried out and consulted upon for the [Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission](#). This consultation took place between 19 July and 30 September 2013. These documents, along with other supporting documents will also be available to view during this consultation. As the draft SPD supports the Cambridge Local Plan, there is no further need to undertake a separate Sustainability Appraisal or Habitats Regulations Assessment for this document.

Consultees

The following organisations (overleaf) have been directly notified of the draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in accordance with the Town and County Planning (Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012 via email or post where no email address is available (individuals are not listed).

The draft Affordable Housing SPD is being consulted upon in tandem with the Draft Planning Obligations Strategy SPD, joint notification letters and emails will be sent out as part of the consultation procedure. Therefore it should be noted that any organisation who is identified as a consultee for the draft Planning Obligations Strategy SPD, will also be notified about the Draft Affordable Housing SPD.

SPECIFIC CONSULTATION BODIES²

- English Heritage
- Environment Agency
- Highways Agency
- Marine Management Organisation
- Natural England
- Network Rail
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service
- Cambridge Crown Court
- South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council (Highways)
- Cambridgeshire County Council (Strategic Planning)
- Comberton Parish Council
- Coton Parish Council
- Cottenham Parish Council
- Fen Ditton Parish Council
- Fulbourn Parish Council
- Girton Parish Council
- Grantchester Parish Council
- Great Shelford Parish Council
- Hauxton Parish Council
- Histon & Impington Parish Councils
- Horningsea Parish Council
- Maddingley Parish Council

- Milton Parish Council
- Orchard Park Community Council
- Teversham Parish Council
- National Grid
- UK Power networks
- Cambridgeshire Association to Commission Health
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group
- Cam Health
- Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundations Trust (Addenbrookes)
- NHS Property Services
- CATCH
- East of England Strategic Health Authority
- British Gas
- EDF Energy
- E.On Energy
- Npower Renewables
- Scottish Power
- Scottish & Southern Electric
- BT Openreach
- BT Group Plc
- Cambridge Water Company
- Anglian Water
- Homes and Communities Agency
- Office of Rail Regulation
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership

COUNCILLORS

- 42 x City Councillors
- All County Councillors (City Wards)

REGISTERED PROVIDERS

- 2 Care
- Accent Nene Ltd
- Aldwyck Housing Group Ltd
- Argyle Street Housing Co-op Ltd
- Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association
- Cambridge Housing Society
- Cherry Hinton Almshouse Charity
- Circle Thirty Three Housing Trust
- Granta Housing Society Ltd
- Hereward Housing
- Home Group
- Housing 21
- Housing Partnership (London) Ltd
- Hundred Houses Society
- King Street Housing Society
- Luminus Homes Ltd
- Mary Hatch Almshouses and Diamond Jubilee Cottages
- Metropolitan Housing Trust Ltd
- Origin Housing Ltd
- Papworth Trust
- Paradise Housing Cooperative Ltd
- Places for People Homes Ltd
- Springboard Housing Association
- Suffolk Housing Society Ltd
- The Riverside Group Ltd.

² Specific consultation bodies and duty to cooperate bodies required under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

- Age Concern Cambridgeshire
- Cambridge Citizens Advise Bureau
- Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum
- Cambridge Federation of Residents' Associations
- Cambridge Interfaith Group
- Cambridgeshire Older Peoples Enterprise (COPE)
- Cambridgeshire Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Consortium (CVSIC)
- Camsight
- Disability Cambridgeshire
- East of England Faiths Council
- Encompass Network
- National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
- The Church of England Ely Diocese
- The East Anglian Gypsy Council
- The GET Group
- The Irish Traveller movement in Britain
- The Traveller Solidarity Network

DEVELOPERS

- Argyle Street Housing Cooperative
- Artek Design House
- Barratt Eastern Counties
- Barton Wilmore
- Beacon Planning Ltd
- Bellway Homes
- Berkeley Homes
- Bidwells
- Bovis Homes Ltd
- Brookgate
- Carter Jonas
- Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologist
- Cheffins
- Countryside Properties
- Countryside Properties
- Estate Management and Building Service, University of Cambridge
- Grosvenor USS
- Home Builders Federation
- Januarys
- Liberty Property Trust
- RPS
- Savills
- Skanska UK Plc
- The Home Builders Federation
- Unex

BUSINESSES

- Marshalls Airport

- Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce
- Cambridge Network

EDUCATION

- Anglia Ruskin University
- All Colleges of the University of Cambridge
- The Bursars Committee
- Sixth Form Colleges
- Private Schools
- Cambridge Regional College

OTHERS

- Cambridge Cycling Campaign
- Design Council/CABE
- Cambridgeshire Campaign for Better Transport
- Cambridge Federation of Tenants and Leaseholders
- Sport England

CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Other methods of notification included notifying the public through:

- a public notice in the Cambridge Evening News;
- a press release in Cambridge Matters (Summer Edition, 2014): <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-matters>;;
- through the council's webpages: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/affordable-housing-spd>;
- via facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/camcitco>;
- twitter: <https://twitter.com/camcitco> and;
- the council's local plan blog: <http://cambridgelocalplan.wordpress.com/>.

Consultation Methodology

A six-week consultation period for the Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document will take place from:

9am on 2 June 2014 to 5pm on 14 July 2014

The draft Affordable Housing SPD will also be made available for inspection along with the other relevant documents at the following locations:

- online on the council's website <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/affordable-housing-spd>;
- at the council's Customer Service Centre at Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY from 8am-5.15 pm Monday and 9am-5.15pm Tuesday to Friday.

The draft Affordable Housing SPD will also be available for purchase from the Customer Service Centre (phone 01223 457200).

Comments can be made using:

- the online consultation system <http://cambridge.jdi-consult.net/localplan/> or;
- the printed response form which is available from Customer Service Centre (details above) or can be downloaded and filled in electronically by visiting website <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/affordable-housing-spd>

Completed forms can be returned to:

- Planning Policy, Cambridge City Council, PO Box 700, Cambridge, CB1 0JH
- Or emailed to policysurveys@cambridge.gov.uk

Respondents can request to be notified of the adoption of the document.

Contact details for further information were also made available as follows:

- Tel: 01223 457200

- Email: policysurveys@cambridge.gov.uk

Key Issues Raised

After the close of consultation, the key issues raised by respondents will be summarised below including details of how the issue was dealt with.

The Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission has not yet been adopted and is currently subject to examination by the Secretary of State. Consequently, if changes to the Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission policies are made as part of the examination, the SPD will also be updated to reflect these changes. For more information on the Local Plan examination visit: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-plan-review-examination>

With this in mind, the planned adoption of the Affordable Housing SPD will take place at the same time as the Cambridge Local Plan 2014.