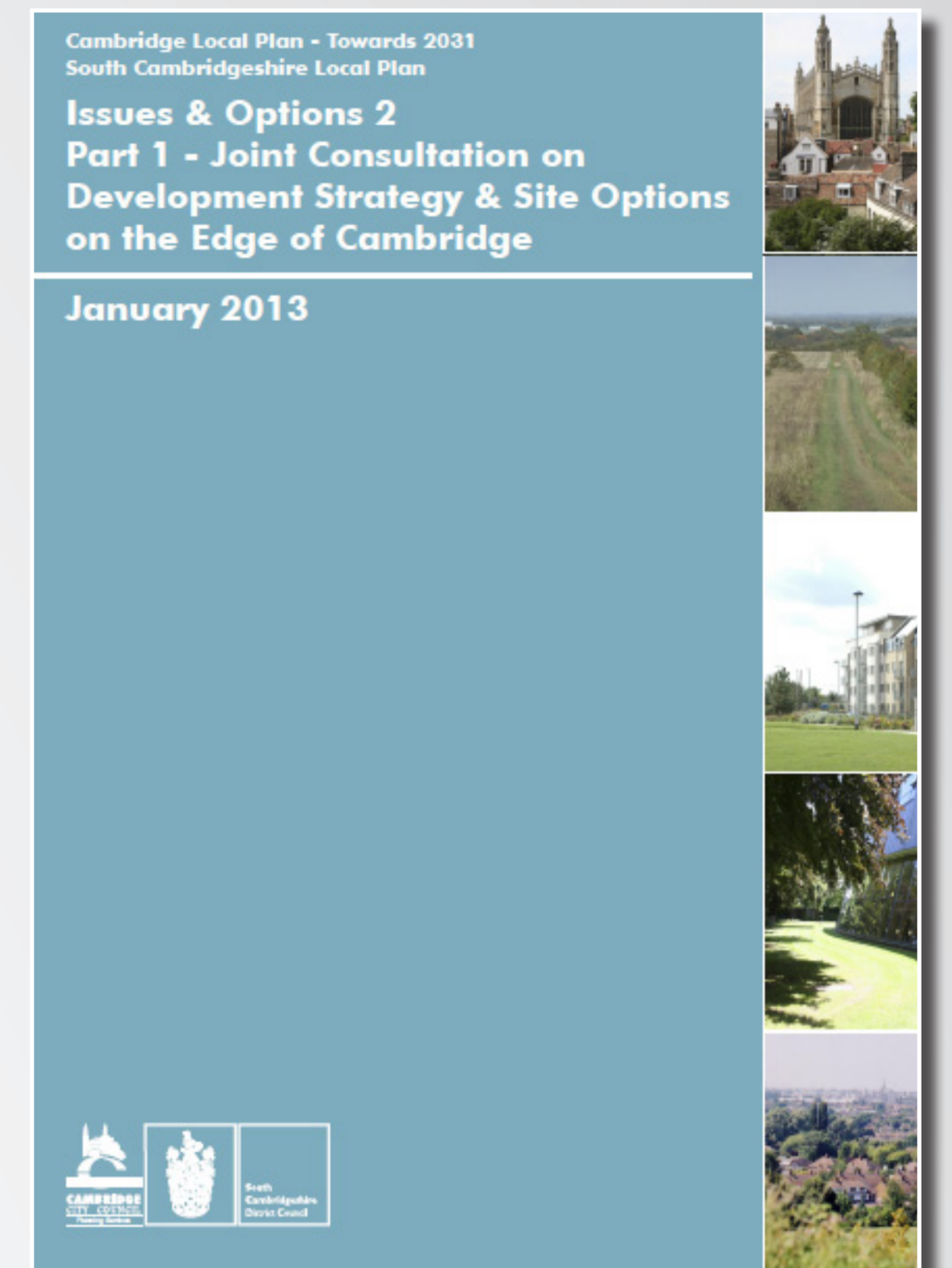


# THE ISSUES & OPTIONS 2 CONSULTATION



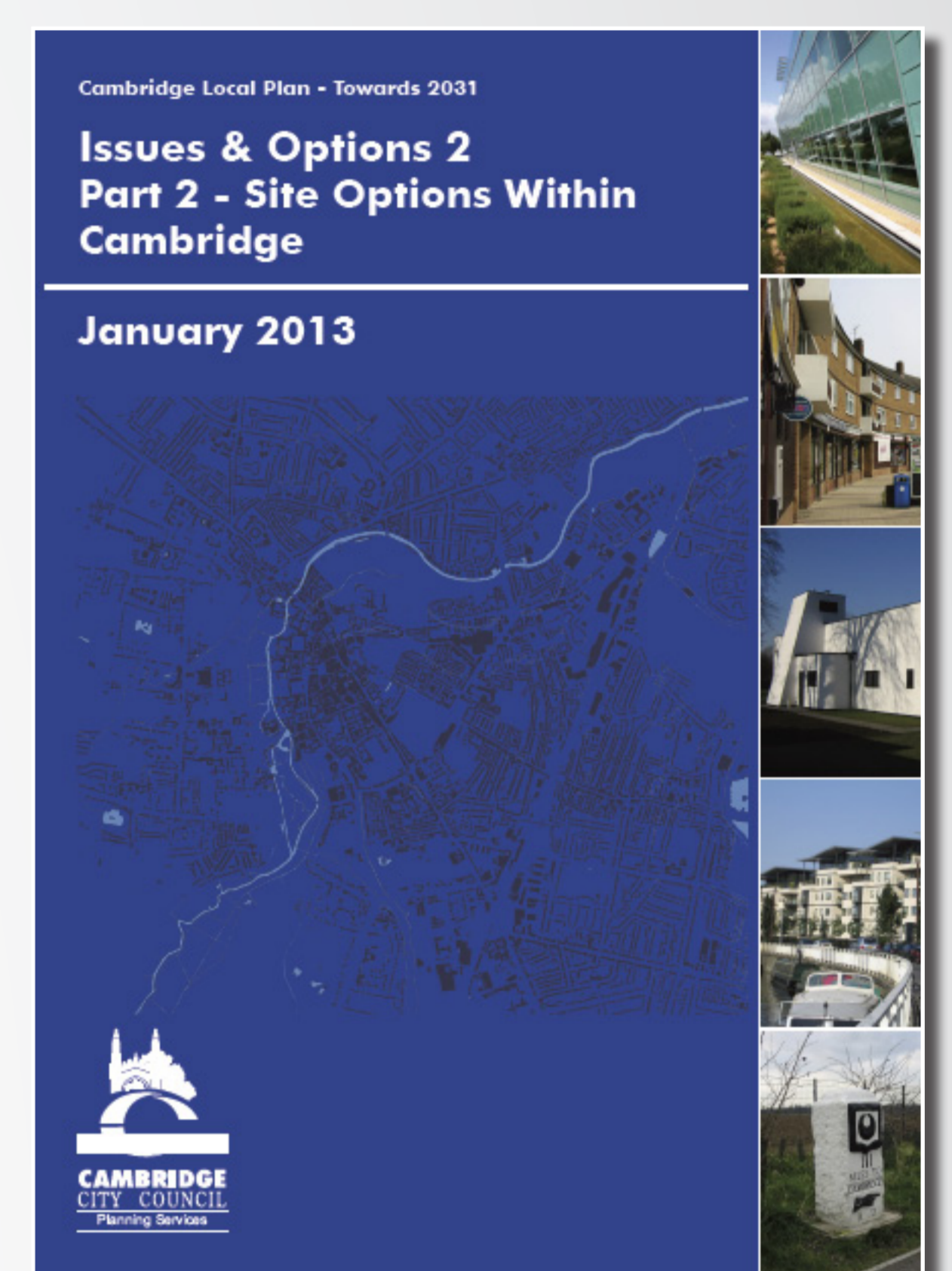
## WHAT IS THE LOCAL PLAN?

The Cambridge Local Plan is a statutory document which sets out a vision for growth and strategic policies, and identifies sites for development and infrastructure provision. It identifies the quantity and location of land required for new housing, community facilities, shops and employment. It also identifies land to be protected from development, such as the Green Belt and open space. It is used when decisions on planning applications are made.



## WHY DO WE NEED A NEW LOCAL PLAN?

- We need an up-to-date Local Plan to set local policies, guide decisions about new development and to protect the quality of life of residents, workers, students and visitors.
- The City Council has to decide how many new houses and jobs should be planned for in the city to 2031. The Local Plan is the means to do this.
- The existing Local Plan needs to be updated (it was adopted in 2006). If it is not up to date, the National Planning Policy Framework will determine future development decisions without local people having a say on setting local policies.



## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT AND HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

Planning is important as it affects many aspects of our lives, from where we live and work, to where we shop and spend our free time. It is important that we get the Local Plan right so that Cambridge continues to be a place where people enjoy living, working, studying and visiting.

## JOINT WORKING

Joint working arrangements have been developed between the City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and the County Council in order to address strategic cross boundary issues and transport related issues.

## WHAT IS THE ISSUES AND OPTIONS 2 CONSULTATION ABOUT?

The Issues and Options 2 Consultation follows on from the Issues and Options Consultation held in June/July 2012. The Issues and Options 2 consultation documents are split into two parts:

- Part One - Produced in partnership with South Cambridgeshire District Council, the document includes potential sites at the edge of Cambridge which could be allocated for residential and employment uses in the Local Plan. It also includes site options for a community stadium. It builds on the Issues and Options consultations that the Councils have already undertaken and provides background information in relation to the housing and employment needs for the area as a whole, as well as outlining what that means for the future development strategy.
- Part Two - Includes site options within Cambridge for a range of uses, new residential car parking standards, cycle parking standards, residential space standards, and site designations which we would also like your views on. The site allocations focus on strategic sites that are considered central to the achievement of the development strategy for Cambridge, for example achievement of housing requirements or land for employment development. The designations include areas of protection, such as Protected Open Space, and land-use designations such as District and Local Centres.