

APPENDIX B

INFORMATION ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

- B.1 South Cambridgeshire District Council has already produced a number of these documents. The Development Plan Documents consist of:

The Core Strategy sets out the vision, objectives and strategy for the spatial development of South Cambridgeshire.

Development Control Policies DPD sets out the policies that will be used when planning applications are considered by the Council.

Site Specific Policies DPD allocates sites for particular uses such as housing, employment and other development or other site-specific policies for the use of land where Area Action Plans are not being prepared.

Gypsy and Traveller DPD will allocate sites and contain policies for the provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

- B.2 The Council has a number of **Area Action Plans (AAP)**; the AAPs provide detailed planning policy guidance for specific sites on the urban fringe of Cambridge and Northstowe. These are for areas where major developments are proposed within the district: and include the following:

Northstowe AAP is a new settlement proposed to the north west of Cambridge.

Cambridge East AAP (prepared jointly with Cambridge City Council) this is for an urban extension largely using the Cambridge Airport site.

Cambridge Southern Fringe AAP is for an urban extension to the south of Cambridge. It adjoins an area within Cambridge City where major development is also proposed.

North West Cambridge AAP (prepared jointly with Cambridge City Council) this is for an urban extension to provide for the development needs of Cambridge University.

- B.3 **Proposals Map** shows in a spatial format all site-specific policies and allocations in all the relevant adopted planning documents. This document identifies the boundaries of the Cambridge Green Belt and the boundaries of other special areas, such as village frameworks, identified in adopted policies in DPDs. It is not a Development Plan Document.

- B.4 **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)** expands on policies contained in adopted DPDs. They provide additional details on how policies will be implemented. These documents are taken into account as 'material planning considerations' when assessing planning applications. The process

for preparing a SPD is similar to the process for a DPD but they are not subject to independent examination. However they still require community involvement in their production. The Council has produced a number of SPDs on a range of subjects, see the Council's website for more information. www.scambsgov.uk/ldf.

B.5 The LDF consists of other documents. These are as follows:

Statement of Community Involvement - (this document) sets out how the community should be involved in the preparation of the LDF and on planning applications.

Annual Monitoring Report - provides an annual review of the progress on the preparation of the plans as set out in the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which policies are being achieved.

Sustainability Appraisal - these are required to be undertaken by the planning authority for each DPD to identify and evaluate any likely economic, social and environmental effects of the policies and site allocations. The aim is to enhance the positive effects whilst minimising any potentially adverse impacts. A Scoping Report has to be produced as the first stage of the preparation of an appraisal, which sets out the context and establishes the sustainability objectives against which documents will be considered. This includes the requirements of the European Union Directive of Strategic Environmental Assessments

Habitat Regulations Assessment - all Local Development Documents (LDDs) must also be subject to a Habitat Regulation Assessment, which assess the policies within any planning document to see if they are cumulatively likely to affect internationally recognised nature conservation sites – Natura 2000 sites. Such assessments must be subject to consultation with environmental specialists such as Natural England.

Equalities Impact Assessment as a public authority the Council is required to undertake an Equality Impact Assessments (EQIAs) to promote equality in policy making, service delivery, regulation, enforcement and employment to meet our legal obligations; as part of the specific requirements of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 an EQIA must be prepared for all planning documents prepared by the Council. It should be noted that they should not only be applied to LDF documents but also to all of the documents /strategies /policies prepared by the Council.