

A INTRODUCTION

- A.1 A sustainable new urban extension to Cambridge is proposed at the Cambridge Southern Fringe. The urban extension crosses the South Cambridgeshire/Cambridge City boundary. Much of the built development lies within Cambridge City and is addressed in the Cambridge Local Plan. This Area Action Plan establishes an overall vision for that part of this new urban extension which lies within South Cambridgeshire including its relationship with Cambridge and surrounding countryside, and its countryside setting. It identifies the site within South Cambridgeshire for approximately 600 dwellings and associated development at Trumpington West as well as the off-site infrastructure needed to deliver and serve the urban extension as a whole. The Area Action Plan also includes landscape, biodiversity and access proposals for the countryside adjoining development areas at Trumpington East, Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Bell School where development will take place just within Cambridge City's area.
- A.2 The Area Action Plan will form part of the Development Plan for South Cambridgeshire District. It needs to be read in conjunction with the South Cambridgeshire Core Strategy. The Development Plan is made up of those plans which have been statutorily adopted and which cover the District. The other parts of the Development Plan are:
- Regional Planning Guidance for East Anglia – RSS6 (2001)
 - The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Structure Plan (2003)
 - The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Waste Local Plan (2003)
 - The Cambridgeshire Aggregates (Minerals) Local Plan (1991)
- A.3 The Area Action Plan comprises policies and plans which will:
- Establish a vision for the Cambridge Southern Fringe;
 - Set out the policies and proposals for the development of Trumpington West;
 - Set out the policies and proposals for the countryside adjoining all the development areas in the Cambridge Southern Fringe.
- A.4 The Area Action Plan includes plans comprising:
- The **Proposals Map** which identifies the area within which the part of the new urban extension in South Cambridgeshire will be developed and shows the proposed revisions to the Green Belt boundary, the extent of the built-up area of the new urban extension, including urban open space, together with areas of land within which any associated off-site infrastructure development, a proposed County Park and areas where landscape, recreation and access improvements will be provided.
 - A **Concept Plan** which shows in diagrammatic form the structure of the new urban extension which will provide the basis for subsequent masterplans, design guides and design codes. It shows the distribution

of the main uses and their inter-relationships to be developed in the new urban extension and how they link with the wider City. In the surrounding countryside it shows in diagrammatic form the principles which will guide the development of a Countryside Enhancement Strategy which will include landscape, recreation, biodiversity and access proposals.

- A.5 The Area Action Plan will provide a context for detailed plans to be prepared before and during the development process. This will include
- A Masterplan for the whole of the new urban extension, including land in both South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City, which will be prepared to accompany the outline planning application for the development at Trumpington West. This will show how the Concept Plan will be interpreted into development proposals on the ground by showing the disposition of development, roads, services, open space and landscaping.
 - A Design Guide will identify the particular character of Trumpington West and set out the general principles for good design of the urban extension as a whole and will be prepared to accompany any planning applications for individual phases of development, any applications which affect Trumpington village centre and any employment areas or areas of strategic recreation / open space.
 - Design Codes will set more detailed criteria to create a clear identity for individual areas, but will not replace the need for careful design of individual buildings and areas as proposals are brought forward as planning applications.
- A.6 A number of strategies are also required as part of the implementation of development at the Cambridge Southern Fringe to ensure that it is a high quality development which meets the needs of its residents.