

Appendix I: Outline of Supporting Documents

Consultation Statement

The Consultation Statement (Appendix C) sets out how Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council have undertaken consultation in preparing the Cambridge Northern Fringe Area Action Plan. It provides an overview on; who was invited to make representations; how they were invited to do so; a summary of the main issues raised by the representations, and how these have been addressed. It also sets out the approach to consultation planned for the upcoming Draft AAP consultation stage. The document is being updated at each stage of the plan making process and is therefore a live document. The full Sustainability Appraisal will be published ahead of the SCDC Scrutiny and Overview Committee on the 9th June 2020.

Joint Equalities Impact Assessment

This Joint Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA), prepared by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service, updates the previous separate Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council versions which were prepared for the Issues and Option consultation in 2019. It has been developed with the input from officers across both Councils to actively inform the AAP and Sustainability Assessment and other evidence documents. The Joint EqIA is attached as Appendix D.

Sustainability Appraisal

Each stage of the plan making process needs to be accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal (SA), which assesses the likely environmental, social and economic impacts (both positive and negative) of implementing the policies and proposals being put forward in the draft AAP. The SA informs the plan-making through an iterative process by helping to refine the plan's contents, ensuring we understand the sustainability impacts of proposals, and the reasonable alternatives, and then recommending changes to help mitigate negative impacts or optimise positive benefits. It is an integrated assessment, in that it includes Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equalities Impact Assessment, and Health Impact Assessment. This approach ensures broad consideration of all relevant impacts in the one assessment document. The SA identifies that the policies contained within the draft AAP would result in positive outcomes on each of the sixteen SA objectives.

The Interim Sustainability Appraisal, including Policy and Spatial Assessments and Recommendations, are provided at Appendix E to this report. The recommendations have been considered in the preparation of the Draft NEC AAP. The full Sustainability Appraisal will be published ahead of the SCDC Scrutiny and Overview Committee on the 9th June 2020.

Habitat Regulations Assessment

The Habitat Regulations Assessment (Appendix F) determines whether the draft NEC AAP policies and proposals might adversely affect the protected features of wildlife habitat sites that have international designations. At this stage, the HRA has identified that impacts from air pollution, recreation and water quantity and quality could result in 'likely significant effects' on Devil's Dyke Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Wicken Fen Ramsar and Fenland SAC and further engagement will be required with the Environment Agency and Natural England. Engagement on these issues has been undertaken and subsequently it is likely that no full HRA will be required for the AAP. The HRA is to be published alongside the draft NEC AAP and comments invited upon it.

Evidence Documents

An extensive evidence base is being prepared to inform the development of the Area Action Plan, including studies and Topic Papers. This covers a wide range of technical subjects and seeks to draw together the cross-cutting themes. The full list of evidence documents which are being prepared to inform the Area Action Plan, their purpose, their status, and whether it is envisaged that they will be published during the public consultation are set out in the table in Appendix J. Evidence documents which are 'completed' or 'in progress' have informed the preparation of the Draft AAP. Documents which are 'to be undertaken' will inform the proposed submission plan.