

Strategic policies in South Cambridgeshire

According to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) a local planning authority should set out clearly the strategic policies for their area (para 184). There is guidance provided at national level for identifying strategic policies both within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – paragraph 156 and the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) (paragraph 074 -077 Ref ID: 41-074-20140306). The Council has used this to identify the strategic policies in the Submission Local Plan.

The Criteria used for identifying Strategic Policies

Extract from NPPF

Local planning authorities should set out the strategic priorities for the area in the Local Plan. This should include strategic policies to deliver:

1. the homes and jobs needed in the area;
2. the provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development;
3. the provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);
4. the provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities; and
5. climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.

Extract from NPPG

When reaching a view on whether a policy is a strategic policy the following are useful considerations:

- A. whether the policy sets out an overarching direction or objective
- B. whether the policy seeks to shape the broad characteristics of development
- C. the scale at which the policy is intended to operate
- D. whether the policy sets a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced
- E. whether the policy sets a standard or other requirement that is essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan
- F. in the case of site allocations, whether bringing the site forward is central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the Local Plan
- G. whether the Local Plan identifies the policy as being strategic

These criteria have been used to identify why a policy is considered to be strategic – for NPPF criteria from 1- 5 and for NPPG from A-G. The following table identifies the strategic policies in the Submission Local Plan.

Table identifying Strategic Policies in the Submission Local Plan

All policies in the Submission Local Plan are listed with Strategic Policies highlighted in grey.

Policy in Proposed Submission Local Plan	NPPF Guidance (Para 156)	NPPG Defining strategic policies	Comments
S/1 Vision		A	Overarching vision of plan
S/2 Objectives of the Local Plan	1,2,3,4,5	A	Overarching objectives of plan
S/3 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development		ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
S/4: Cambridge Green Belt		AC	Policy setting out an overarching objective. Essential to delivery of development strategy of plan
S/5 Provision of New Jobs and Homes	1	AC	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs
S/6 The Development Strategy to 2031	1	ABCEF	Policy setting out an overarching objective
S/7 Development Frameworks	1	BCE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
S/8 Rural Centres		BCE	Strategic to deliver development strategy of Local Plan
S/9 Minor Rural Centres		BCE	Strategic to deliver development strategy of Local Plan
S/10 Group Villages		BCE	Strategic to deliver development strategy of Local Plan
S/11 Infill Villages		BCE	Strategic to deliver development strategy of Local Plan
S/12 Phasing, Delivery and Monitoring	1	A	Policy setting out an overarching objective of plan
SS/1 Orchard Park	1,2,3,4,5	DFG	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
SS/2 North West Cambridge - Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road	1,2,3,4,5	DFG	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
SS/3 Cambridge East	1	DFG	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation. Needs to be read with Cambridge East Area Action Plan.
SS/4 Cambridge Northern Fringe East and land surrounding the proposed Cambridge Science Park Station	1,2,3,4,5	DFG	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
SS/5 Waterbeach New Town	1,2,3,4,5	DFG	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
SS/6 New Village at Bourn Airfield	1,2,3,4,5	DFG	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
SS/7: Northstowe Extension	1	DFG	Strategic to delivery of homes and

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SS/8: Cambourne West	1,2,3,4,5	DFG	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
CC/1 Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change	5	ABEG	Strategic to deliver climate change mitigation and adaption
CC/2 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Generation	5	BE	Strategic to deliver climate change mitigation and adaption
CC/3 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy in New Developments	5	BE	Strategic to deliver climate change mitigation and adaption
CC/4 Sustainable Design and Construction	3,5	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective. Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
CC/5 Sustainable Show Homes	5	E	Strategic to deliver climate change mitigation and adaption
CC/6 Construction Methods		AC	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
CC/7 Water Quality	5	ABDE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
CC/8 Sustainable Drainage Systems	5	ABDE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
CC/9 Managing Flood Risk	3,5	ABCDE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
HQ/1 Design Principles		ABCE	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
HQ/2 Public Art and New Development			Policy that local community could review to be specific for their area.
NH/1: Conservation Area and Green Separation at Longstanton	5	B	Strategic to the setting of new town of Northstowe
NH/2 Protecting and enhancing Landscape Character	5	ABDE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
NH/3 Protecting Agricultural Land	5	ADE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
NH/4 Biodiversity	5	ADE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
NH/5 Sites of Biodiversity or Geological Importance	5	ADE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
NH/6 Green Infrastructure	5	ABCE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
NH/7 Ancient Woodlands and Veteran Trees	5	ADE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
NH/8 Mitigating the Impact of Development in and adjoining the Green Belt	5	ABDE	Policy setting out an overarching objective.

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NH/9 Redevelopment of Previously Developed Sites and Infilling in the Green Belt	5	ABDE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
NH/10 Recreation in the Green Belt	5	ABDE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
NH/11 Protected Village Amenity Areas			Local communities may have parish specific policy for protecting green spaces within their area.
NH/12 Local Green Space			Local communities may have parish specific policy for protecting green spaces within their area.
NH/13 Important Countryside Frontage			Local communities may have parish specific policy to protect views for their area.
NH/14 Heritage Assets	5	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
NH/15 Heritage Assets and Adapting to Climate Change	5	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/1 Allocations for Residential Development at Villages	1	CF	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
H/2 Bayer CropScience Site, Hauxton	1	F	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
H/3 Papworth Everard West Central			Local community may have parish specific aspirations for this area
H/4 Fen Drayton Former Land Settlement Association Estate			Local community may have parish specific aspirations for this area.
H/5 South of A1307, Linton			Local community may have parish specific aspirations for this area.
H/6 Residential Moorings	1		Site allocation
H/7 Housing Density	1	ABC	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
H/8 Housing Mix	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/9 Affordable Housing	1	ACDE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/10 Rural Exception Site Affordable Housing	1	ACDE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/11 Residential Space Standards for Market Housing	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/12 Extensions to Dwellings in the Countryside	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/13 Replacement Dwellings in the Countryside	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/14 Countryside Dwellings of Exceptional Quality	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective

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H/15 Development of Residential Gardens	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/16 Re-use of Buildings in the Countryside for Residential Use	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/17: Working at Home	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/18 Dwellings to Support a Rural-based Enterprise	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/19 Provision for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	1	ACE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/20 Gypsy and Traveller Provision at New Communities	1	ABE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/21 Proposals for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Sites on Unallocated Land Outside Development Frameworks	1	AE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
H/22 Design of Gypsy and Traveller Sites, and Travelling Showpeople Sites	1	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/1 New Employment Provision near Cambridge – Cambridge Science Park	1	F	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
E/2 Fulbourn Road East (Fulbourn)	1	F	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
E/3 Allocations for Class B1 Employment Uses	1	F	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
E/4 Allocations for Class B1, B2 and B8 Employment Uses	1	F	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
E/5 Papworth Hospital	1	F	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
E/6 Imperial War Museum at Duxford	2,4,5	B	Museum as special case as nationally important.
E/7 Fulbourn and Ida Darwin Hospitals	1,5	ABF	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
E/8 Mixed-use development in Histon & Impington Station area			Local community may have parish specific aspirations for this area.
E/9 Promotion of Clusters	1	ABD	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/10 Shared Social Spaces in Employment Areas	1	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/11 Large Scale Warehousing and Distribution Centres	1	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/12 New Employment	1	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective

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Development in Villages			objective
E/13 New Employment Development on the Edges of Villages	1	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/14 Loss of Employment Land to Non Employment Uses	1	AD	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/15 Established Employment Areas	1	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/16 Expansion of Existing Businesses in the Countryside	1	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/17 Conversion or Replacement of Rural Buildings for Employment	1	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/18 Farm Diversification	1	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/19: Tourist Facilities and Visitor Attractions	1,2	AD	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/20 Tourist Accommodation	1,2	AD	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/21 Retail Hierarchy	1,2	A	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/22 Applications for New Retail Development	1	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
E/23 Retailing in the Countryside	2	ACE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
SC/1 Allocation for Open Space			Only proposed sites put forward by parish councils allocated in local plan. Did not use results of Recreation Study to allocate sites in villages where under provision of open space. Local community may have parish specific aspirations.
SC/2 Health Impact Assessment	4	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
SC/3 Protection of Village Services and Facilities	2,4	ABD	Policy setting out an overarching objective
SC/4 Meeting Community Needs	2,4	ABD	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
SC/5 Hospice Provision	2,4	ABD	Policy setting out an overarching objective
SC/6 Indoor Community Facilities	2,4	ABE	Strategic as minimum standard to ensure provision in new developments
SC/7 Outdoor Play Space, Informal Open Space and New Developments	2,4	BCE	Strategic as minimum standard to ensure provision of open space in new developments
SC/8 Open Space Standards	2,4	BCE	Strategic as minimum standard to

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			ensure provision of open space in new developments
SC/9 Protection of Existing Recreation Areas, Allotments and Community Orchards	2,4	AB	Policy setting out an overarching objective
SC/10 Lighting Proposals	5	BD	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
SC/11 Noise Pollution	5	BD	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
SC/12 Contaminated Land	5	BD	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
SC/13 Air Quality	5	BD	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
SC/14 Hazardous Installations	5	BD	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
SC/15 Odour and other fugitive emissions to air	5	BD	Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
TI/1 Chesterton Rail Station and Interchange	3	F	Strategic to delivery of homes and jobs. Site allocation
TI/2 Planning for Sustainable Travel	3	ABC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
TI/3 Parking Provision	3	ABE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
TI/4 Rail Freight and Interchanges	3	AC	Policy setting out an overarching objective
TI/5 Aviation-Related Development Proposals	3	AC	Policy setting out an overarching objective. Policy seeking to shape broad characteristics of development
TI/6 Cambridge Airport Public Safety Zone	3	AC	Policy setting out an overarching objective. Essential to have public safety zone around airport
TI/7 Lord's Bridge Radio Telescope	3	AC	Policy setting out an overarching objective. Essential to protect operation of internationally important telescope.
TI/8 Infrastructure and New Developments	2,3,4	ABCE	Policy setting out an overarching objective. Vital for delivery of development strategy of plan.
TI/9 Education facilities	4	ACE	Policy setting out an overarching objective
TI/10 Broadband	3	ACE	Policy setting out an overarching objective

Area Action Plans:

The adopted Area Action Plans (AAP) that are part of the Local Development Framework for the district are considered to be strategic to the delivery of homes and jobs within the district and therefore all policies within them are considered strategic. The adopted AAPs are Northstowe AAP; Cambridge East AAP; Cambridge Southern Fringe AAP; and NW Cambridge AAP. Policies in any new Area Action Plans prepared and adopted will also be considered strategic.