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Comments received from Parish Councils during the consultation on Strategic Policies

Parish Councils	Comments made	SCDC Response
Foxton PC	<p>Found it difficult to make a constructive response as all policies appear to be viewed as Strategic and, by the time we get to producing our Neighbourhood Plan, we would expect SCDC to have a new plan in place with potentially different strategic policies.</p> <p>Suggest following are not Strategic; SF 6, SF 7, DP 6, HG 4, HG 6, HG 7, ET 9, TR 5.</p>	<p>Policies not considered as strategic by Foxton PC:</p> <p><i>Policy SF6- Public Art and New Development</i> Has not been identified by SCDC as strategic. Response: No change required.</p> <p><i>Policy SF7 - Underground Pipes, Wires, Fibres And Cables</i> As this policy was not carried forward into Submission Local Plan (SLP) as not frequently used this could be excluded from strategic list. Response: Recommend change. Consider as non strategic policy</p> <p><i>Policy DP/6 Construction Methods</i> Disagree as policy seeks to shape characteristics of development and was carried forward into SLP. Response: No change recommended</p> <p><i>Policies HG4,6 &7 Affordable housing policies</i> Policies set an overarching objective. Policies amended and was carried forward into SLP with changes Response: No change recommended</p> <p><i>Policy ET/9 Farm Diversification</i> Overarching objective and was carried forward into SLP. Response: No change recommended</p> <p><i>Policy TR5 – Rail Freight Interchanges</i> Overarching objective Policy carried forward into SLP. Response: No change recommended</p>
Cottenham PC	<p>We believe that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paper presented as Appendix A to Agenda Item 3 of the Planning Portfolio Holder’s meeting on 25th November demonstrates that 	Noted

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	<p>the process used by SCDC to select these policies complies with relevant criteria in National Planning Policy Framework and/or National Planning Policy Guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appears little to argue with list of selected policies, especially as it is unlikely that SPs in adopted plan are more stringent than those in the emerging plan. <p>Will endeavour to prepare our draft Neighbourhood Plan to be consistent with both versions to minimise risk of rework later.</p>	
Gamlingay PC	<p>Thank you for inviting us to comment on your Neighbourhood Plan strategic policies documentation. Group at Gamlingay found document most helpful.</p> <p>Would have been useful for all sites which were identified under SP/14 Allocations for Open Space to be identified district wide in this document.</p> <p>Would also be useful to have list of all Conservation areas by village and show date when adopted and when they have been updated or reviewed subsequently.</p> <p>Also useful to have list of all village Frameworks, date when adopted, and when subsequently reviewed-district wide.</p> <p>A list of all Tree Preservation orders by village.</p> <p>Also helpful to have reference to SCDC Housing Strategy- in relation to general policies on public and private housing initiatives, Empty Homes Strategy, adopted policies on provision of Lifetime Homes, Disabled/wheelchair housing and adaptations policies, as well as Local Housing Needs Surveys by village, date when completed and subsequently reviewed. Also Council Housing Stock information and Housing Association stock</p>	<p>A NP has to be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the <i>adopted development plan</i>. This response From Gamlingay PC is asking for additional information about the different polices some of which is available in the relevant development plan documents in the supporting text to the policies. Other documents referred to are not part of the adopted development plan and therefore a NP would not have to specifically consider to meet the basic conditions test. The consultation was targeted at the local plan strategic polices.</p>

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	<p>information. Also Economic Development Strategy policies specifically relating to villages with identified Business /Industrial Estates.</p> <p>Possibly a link to Cambridgeshire County Councils Transport Strategy would also be useful to reference. Also City Deal work which has a direct effect on villages, including referencing additional rural housing agreement has also a direct effect on villages of South Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>I understands that some of these documents are not strictly 'strategic planning policies' but they are documents which directly affect villages and are produced by SCDC and other local authorities in partnership</p>	
Melbourn PC	<p>Melbourn PC has reviewed the documentation including the individual strategic policies and in our view we would urge the council to make them more robust. We also appreciate that leaving room for interpretation can work to the benefit of the communities when preparing their Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>We also note the Government's desire to encourage development, however in practice the advantage unfortunately lies with the developer and our experience suggests they do not necessarily have the community's best interest as a priority or outcome.</p>	Noted