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1 Introduction

- 1.1** The Duty to Cooperate placed a legal duty on local planning authorities and county councils to engage on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries which they need to address in their local plans (paragraph 24 & 25, NPPF 2024).
- 1.2** Previously, a local planning authority would have to demonstrate how it has complied with the Duty to Cooperate at the independent examination of its local plan. In 2026 the legal requirements associated with the Duty to Cooperate were officially abolished ([MHCLG - Local plan reforms - Update to Duty to Cooperate](#)). Instead, local planning authorities will rely on revised national policy and the new tier of strategic planning to ensure effective co-operation between plan-making authorities. The Council has however, continued to cooperate within the spirit of the regulations to demonstrate effective cooperation and will still be required to demonstrate to a Planning Inspector that they have continued to collaborate across their boundaries and will examine Local Plans in line with the policies in the NPPF on 'maintaining effective co-operation'.
- 1.3** The purpose of this document is to set out how these requirements and outcomes concerning the Duty to Cooperate have been met with regard to the preparation of Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2046 and provides a narrative to the constructive and on-going engagement undertaken through the preparation of the Local Plan. It is accompanied by a series of Statements of Common Ground which can be used to demonstrate that the plan has been produced based on effective cooperation and that the Plan has been developed based on agreements with other authorities. These Statements of Common Ground can be found on the Council's [Evidence Library for the Local Plan Update](#) under 'Collaboration Documents'.
- 1.4** More specifically, the document:
- Provides an overview of the current national legislation and guidance (chapter 2)
 - Identifies Duty to Cooperate bodies including those who identified no further cooperation was necessary (chapter 3)
 - Sets out an overview of the key Duty to Cooperate methods of engagement and activities that have been undertaken throughout the course of the development of Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2046 (chapter 4)
 - Provides a summary of strategic cross boundary matters (chapter 5)
 - Provides commentary on Duty to Cooperate matters by topic area (chapter 6)
- 1.5** This document will be updated at various stages of the plan-making process.

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Statutory Requirements

- 2.1** The statutory provisions relating to the duty to cooperate were introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and set out in section 33A of the [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#). It placed a legal duty on local planning authorities such as Huntingdonshire District Council to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with specific named organisations on strategic cross boundary matters to maximise the effectiveness of local plan preparation so far as they are relevant. Named organisations include local planning authorities, County Councils and prescribed bodies. The prescribed bodies are set out in [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#).
- 2.2** A "Strategic matter" is defined as "sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, and"; is a county matter or has or would have a significant impact on a county matter (for example development involving waste disposal and related highways access)⁽¹⁾ A local planning authority and other Duty to Cooperate bodies must also have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State about how the Duty is to be complied with.
- 2.3** Previously, a local planning authority would have to demonstrate how it has complied with the Duty to Cooperate at the independent examination of its local plan. In 2026 the legal requirements associated with the Duty to Cooperate were officially abolished ([MHCLG - Local plan reforms - Update to Duty to Cooperate](#)). Instead, local planning authorities will rely on revised national policy and the new tier of strategic planning to ensure effective co-operation between plan-making authorities. The Council has however, continued to cooperate within the spirit of the regulations to demonstrate effective cooperation and will still be required to demonstrate to a Planning Inspector that they have continued to collaborate across their boundaries and will examine Local Plans in line with the policies in the NPPF on 'maintaining effective co-operation'.

National Guidance

- 2.4** The [National Planning Policy Framework \(2024\)](#) (the NPPF) includes guidance with regard to maintaining effective cooperation. It states that, amongst other criteria, "Local planning authorities and county councils (in two-tier areas) continue to be under a duty to cooperate with each other, and with other prescribed bodies, on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries" (paragraph 24).
- 2.5** The NPPF also says that "Strategic policy-making authorities should collaborate to identify the relevant strategic matters which they need to address in their plans. They should also engage with their local communities and relevant bodies including Local Nature Partnerships, the Marine Management Organisation, county councils, infrastructure providers, elected Mayors and combined authorities (in cases where Mayors or combined authorities do not have plan-making powers)." (paragraph 25).
- 2.6** Paragraph 26 notes that "Effective and on-going joint working between strategic policy-making authorities and relevant bodies is integral to the production of a positively prepared and justified strategy. In particular, joint working should help to determine where additional infrastructure is necessary, and whether development needs that cannot be met wholly within a particular plan area could be met elsewhere."
- 2.7** In order to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working, one or more statements of common ground should be prepared "documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these." These should be made publicly available throughout the plan-making process to provide transparency.

1 Section 33A Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2.8 Strategic matters on which cooperation is required is set out in paragraphs 20 to 23 of the NPPF. These include matters such as:

- a. homes (including affordable housing), employment, retail, leisure and other commercial development;
- b. infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, security, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);
- c. community facilities (such as health, education and cultural infrastructure); and
- d. conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscapes and green infrastructure, and planning measures to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.

(Paragraph 20 NPPF)

2.9 Other strategic matters may include cross-boundary issues, the time period of the plan, new settlements, infrastructure, broad locations, allocations for development and strategic priorities.

2.10 [National Planning Practice Guidance](#) (PPG) includes further information on the duty to cooperate in the section on 'Plan-making'. This reiterates the statutory requirements and elaborates on the guidance included in the Framework. Requirements include, but are not limited to the following:

- Strategic policy-making authorities are required to cooperate with each other, and other bodies, when preparing, or supporting the preparation of policies which address strategic matters. This includes those policies contained in local plans (including minerals and waste plans), spatial development strategies, and marine plans. (paragraph 009).
- One or more Statements of Common Ground should be produced and published to document co-operation (paragraph 009)
- Local planning authorities should make every effort to secure the necessary cooperation on strategic cross boundary matters before they submit their local plans for examination (paragraph 022).
- That strategic matters are set out in paragraphs 20-23 of the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 014)
- Effective cooperation enables strategic policy-making authorities and infrastructure providers to establish whether additional strategic cross-boundary infrastructure is required (paragraph 016)
- Local Enterprise Partnerships and Local Nature Partnerships are not subject to the requirements of the duty, but local planning authorities and county councils in England, and prescribed public bodies must cooperate with them. Local planning authorities must have regard to their activities when they are preparing their local plans, so long as those activities are relevant to plan-making (paragraph 030)
- The local plan examination will assess whether a local planning authority has complied with the duty to cooperate (paragraph 031)

3 Duty to Cooperate Bodies

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3.1 The [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#) and [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) identified the organisations and prescribed bodies that local authorities are considered to have a duty to cooperate with.

3.2 Prescribed Bodies

3.3 Part 2, Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out a list of prescribed bodies who are subject to the Duty to Cooperate, these are:

- Environment Agency;
- Historic England
- Natural England;
- the Mayor of London;
- the Civil Aviation Authority;
- Homes England
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System/ (each integrated care board established under Chapter A3 of Part 2 of the National Health Service Act 2006);
- NHS England
- the Office of Rail and Road;
- Transport for London;
- National Highways
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (Integrated Transport Authority);
- Cambridgeshire County Council (as the highways authority) each highway authority within the meaning of section 1 of the Highways Act 1980 M5 (including the Secretary of State, where the Secretary of State is the highways authority); and
- Marine Management Organisation.

3.4 Some of these bodies are less relevant to the district of Huntingdonshire however all bodies were contacted to offer opportunity to participate in Duty to Cooperate meetings, have meetings to discuss the content of the local plan, respond to consultations and were notified at each stage of local plan consultation. 'Appendix 1 - Consultations and responses' sets out the consultations undertaken for Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2046, which Duty to Cooperate bodies were contacted, and who replied to the consultation.

3.5 Transport for London responded in September 2024 noting that they do not need to be consulted as part of the Duty to Cooperate for Huntingdonshire.

3.6 Although the Mayor of London was contacted, no response was received. However there are considered to be no strategic cross boundary matters that will impact the authority due to the distance between these areas and the level of growth proposed.

3.7 The Civil Aviation Authority cite directly on their 'Scope of the CAA's role in planning consultations' webpage that:

"Specific issues upon which the CAA should not be consulted

- Other than any consultation required by [Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011](#), it is not necessary to consult us about:
- Strategic planning documents (such as Local Development Framework and Core Strategy documents) other than those with direct aviation involvement (for example, Regional Renewable Energy Plans)"

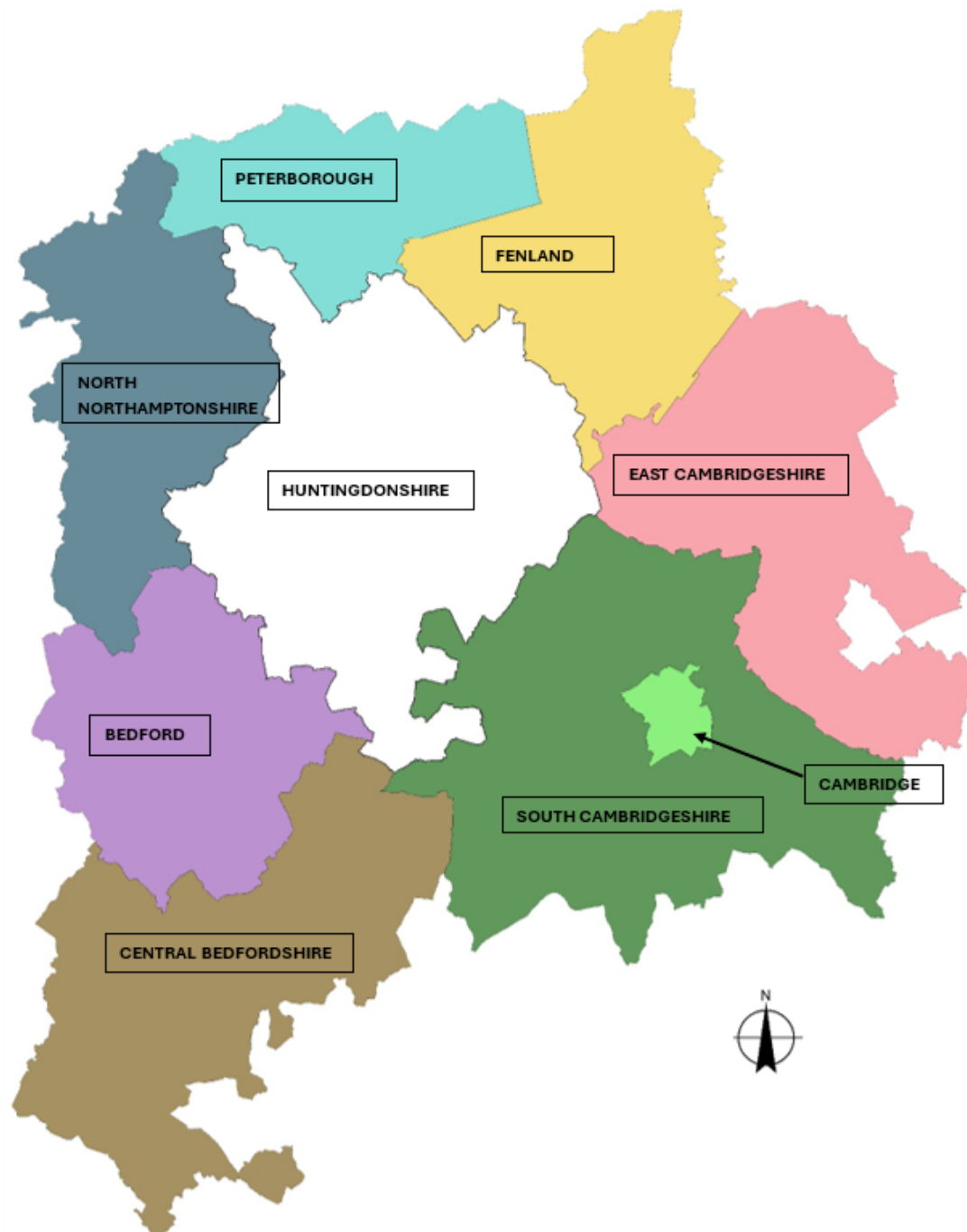
- 3.8** The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) provide guidance on their role as a prescribed body under the Duty to Cooperate. With regard to local plans it is noted that they will only respond to specific questions set out in a covering email referencing part(s) of the documentation which would require a response. That they will consider issues of railway safety, land disposal of Network Rail or other matters falling within ORR's remit. If there are clearly no implications for the railway, organisations do not need to consult ORR and they should remove them from the mailing list for that project or plan. If the application or plan relates to or is likely to impact the railway, it is considered that Network Rail should be consulted or the relevant railway infrastructure manager as part of the planning process. Huntingdonshire District Council do not consider that the local plan (in it's Preferred Options format) would impact on railway safety, land disposal of Network Rail or other matters falling within ORR's remit. A response from The ORR in February 2026 confirmed that they no longer wish to be contacted in relation to the progress of the development plan or participate in meetings. The Council have consulted Network Rail and are working with them as part of the development of the Infrastructure Delivery Study and discussions are ongoing with East West Rail regarding the allocation of land in St Neots. The Strategic Transport Assessment, notes that the preferred growth strategy is not reliant on the increase in rail provision.
- 3.9** The Marine Management Organisation have been regularly contacted as part of the Duty to Cooperate process. As part of the development of the Marine Plans officers attended training, workshops, provided survey responses and comments on the Marine Plans. Huntingdonshire District Council received a response to the Further Issues and Options Consultation (which took place between September and November 2024). The Council have included reference to the East Inshore and East Offshore Marine Plans within the Pre-Submission Local Plan within Chapter 1 and the policy 'Managing Flood Risk' to ensure that applications are effectively assessed. The Council have not been notified of any cross-boundary strategic matters as part of the development of the Local Plan.
- 3.10** Homes England have been regularly contacted as part of the Duty to Cooperate process. The Council have not been notified of any cross-boundary strategic matters as part of the development of the Local Plan.
- 3.11** Local Enterprise Partnerships (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Business Board) and Local Nature Partnerships (Natural Cambridgeshire) are not subject to the Duty to Cooperate requirements, but the NPPG notes that local planning authorities must cooperate with them and have regard to their activities when they are preparing their local plans. Further information can be found regarding engagement with these bodies throughout this document where relevant.

Neighbouring Authorities

- 3.12** Huntingdonshire District Council has also engaged with all surrounding local authorities. Huntingdonshire shares a boundary with seven local authorities, with Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority covering a wider area.
- Cambridge City Council (Part of Greater Cambridge Shared Planning and includes Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council),
 - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
 - Cambridgeshire County Council,
 - Central Bedfordshire Council,
 - Bedford Borough Council,
 - East Cambridgeshire District Council,
 - Fenland District Council,
 - North Northamptonshire District Council,
 - Peterborough City Council,
 - South Cambridgeshire District Council (Part of Greater Cambridge Shared Planning and includes Cambridge Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council)

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Figure 3.1 Neighbouring Authorities



- 3.13** Most of these authorities are connected to or have a relationship with Huntingdonshire through not only the strategic road network (A1, A14, A421, A428), but also through economic links. As a largely rural authority different parts of the district will have ties to the wider area outside of the administrative district. For example those living in Chesterton are more likely to connect to Peterborough for leisure, employment and retail than to Huntingdon.
- 3.14** Engagement and cooperation with these local authorities ensures that any cross boundary strategic matters can be considered during the preparation of the local plan.

- 3.15** The table in 'Appendix 1 - Consultations and responses' sets out when the above organisations were consulted and whether responses were made.

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- 4.1** Huntingdonshire District Council has undertaken a wide range of consultation and engagement in association with the Duty to Cooperate requirements. A list of key engagement activities including meetings discussions, consultation and engagement is provided in 'Appendix 2 - Key Duty to Cooperate Engagement'. This section provides an overview of some of the core methods of engagement used as part of the Duty to Cooperate including.

Local Plan Consultations

- 4.2** Huntingdonshire District Council has held a series of consultations. All neighbouring authorities, prescribed bodies, Natural Cambridgeshire, key stakeholders, statutory consultees and those registered on the Council's consultation database were notified of the consultations and invited to comment and shape the development of Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2046. The consultations are listed below and those who responded to the consultation can be found in 'Appendix 1 - Consultations and responses' , full Responses to the consultations can be found on the Council's [online consultation portal](#).

- **Statement of Community Involvement and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:** 1 February to 15 March 2023.
- **Land Availability Assessment Methodology and Settlement Hierarchy Methodology:** 29 March to 10 May 2023.
- **The Call for Sites:** 29 March to 7 June 2023.
- **The Issues Engagement Papers consultations:** 26 April to 5 July 2023, this included:
 - The Issues Engagement Paper
 - The Issues Easy Read Version
 - The Issues Summary Paper
- **Further Issues and Options:** 18 September 2024 to 27 November 2024
- **Land Availability Assessments:** 18 September 2024 to 27 November 2024
- **Sustainability Appraisal:** 18 September 2024 to 27 November 2024
- **Additional Sites Land Availability Assessments:** 1 August 2024 to 31 January 2025
- **Additional Sites Sustainability Appraisals:** 1 August 2024 to 31 January 2025
- **Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046:** 5 November to 17 December 2025
- **Sustainability Appraisal:** 5 November to 17 December 2025
- **Additional Proposed Site Allocations:** 13 May to 10 June 2026

- 4.3** The Council's [Statement of Consultation](#) sets out the key responses to Local Plan consultations to date and how we have responded to these.

Bilateral meetings

- 4.4** Between 2024 and throughout the preparation of Huntingdonshire's Local Plan meetings have been held with neighbouring local authorities and other Duty to Cooperate bodies. These meetings have been a mechanism to engage directly, provide progress updates on the local plan (and the local plans and strategies of the Duty to Cooperate Bodies), discuss relevant evidence documents and any strategic and cross boundary matters that require ongoing progress updates or agreement on strategic matters where this is considered appropriate. A list of many of the meetings can be found in 'Appendix 2 - Key Duty to Cooperate Engagement'.

Collaboration and input on evidence based documents

4.5 Huntingdonshire District Council have engaged and cooperated with a number of Duty to Cooperate Bodies as part of the development of the evidence base to inform the development of Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2046. These documents include:

- Gypsy and Traveller, Travelling Showperson, Boat Dwellers and Other Caravan Dwellers Accommodation Assessment 2024
- Habitats Regulations Screening Report, Ecological Constraints Assessment and Appropriate Assessment
- Heritage Impact Assessment
- Huntingdonshire Local Housing Needs Assessment
- Huntingdonshire Strategic Transport Assessment
- Sustainability of Settlements
- Infrastructure Delivery Study - Including workshops, questionnaires and meetings
- Integrated Water Management Studies - Strategic Flood Risk Assessments and Water Cycle Studies
- Whole Plan Viability Assessment - Including workshops, questionnaires and meetings

Gypsy and Traveller, Travelling Showperson, Boat Dwellers and Other Caravan Dwellers Accommodation Assessment 2024 (GTAA)

4.6 There has been ongoing engagement with a variety of Duty to Cooperate bodies since 2023 as part of the production of the GTAA. The relevant organisations that have been involved include neighbouring Local Authorities including Cambridgeshire County Council who participated with Huntingdonshire District Council in interviews with the consultants preparing the study to discuss levels of need arising across the wider area and concerns raised around literacy and access to education. Huntingdonshire District Council, neighbouring Local Authorities and Cambridgeshire County Council have agreed that discussions should continue on an ongoing basis, this is facilitated through the Planning Policy Forum (see below).

4.7 In addition to engagement with neighbouring Local Authorities, Huntingdonshire District Council has engaged with the Environment Agency who provided information and advice on marinas along the River Great Ouse, provision of residential moorings, demand for residential moorings, and characteristics of boat dwellers.

Habitats Regulations Scoping Report, Screening Report, Ecological Constraints Assessment and Appropriate Assessment

4.8 The Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) body of work includes the production of a HRA Scoping Report to shape strategy options, followed by a Screening Report on the Preferred Options Local Plan and an Ecological Constraints Assessment assessing impacts on nationally significant sites (SSSIs and NNRS). Following these an Appropriate Assessment on the Regulation 19 Local Plan was undertaken.

4.9 Engagement with Natural England has been undertaken throughout the production of the Habitats Regulation Assessment documents and is ongoing. Key periods of engagement include the following:

- November 2024 - a meeting was held with Natural England to discuss the HRA, this identified that functionally linked land was important to include where it is known and also that the HRA should consider the cumulative impact of development
- December 2025 - a meeting to discuss preferred options local plan and evidence base for the HRA and natural environment to date
- December 2025 - Natural England provided comments on the Preferred Options Local Plan including comments on the existing body of work for the HRA and comments to shape the Appropriate Assessment.

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- January 2026 - Following the meeting, Natural England provided data sources and resources on functionally linked land and SSSI (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) Impact Risk Zones areas to the Council to inform the HRA
- February 2026 - a meeting was held with Natural England, the Council and consultants (Lepus and JBA) to inform next steps on the HRA. Items of discussion included recreational pressures and urbanisation impacts on protected sites, functionally linked land, traffic modelling requirements, potential mitigations and enhancements that could be identified in the HRA and water quality and quantity modelling.
- March 2026 - a follow up meeting between Lepus, JBA and Natural England on water quality targets and modelling.

Heritage Impact Assessment

- 4.10** Huntingdonshire District Council has continued engagement with Historic England throughout the production of the Local Plan. Alongside the submission of consultation responses (see 'Appendix 1 - Consultations and responses') bilateral discussions have been ongoing since 2024. As part of these meetings and consultation responses Historic England raised the matter of Heritage Impact Assessments on sites. Huntingdonshire District Council assessed the heritage impacts of each site submitted as part of the Land Availability Assessments and Sustainability Appraisal. Historic England raised the issue that a more thorough assessment of the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan allocations was required through a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA). Discussions have been ongoing on the format and requirements of a Heritage Impact assessment throughout 2025 through meetings and email exchanges, with a draft HIA shared in November 2025. Further refinement in consultation with Historic England continued through late 2025/early 2026 with Historic England reviewing a selection of HIAs to ensure that they address the key issues raised.
- 4.11** The HIAs have been undertaken in consultation with HDC's Conservation Team and also with data provided by Cambridgeshire County Council's Historic Environments Team from the Historic Environment Record and archaeology.

Huntingdonshire Local Housing Needs Assessment

- 4.12** Throughout the production of Huntingdonshire's Local Housing Need Assessment (commencing in 2025) the Council have engaged with Cambridgeshire County Council Children's Services. Cambridgeshire County Council have been involved and engaged in the study through the provision of local information on looked after children and their specialist accommodation needs. They highlighted modern approaches to residential care placements, locational accessibility and provided projections of need. This has provided a cross authority strategic approach to looked after children and their specialist accommodation needs as a result of growth.
- 4.13** In addition, although not a Duty to Cooperate body the Council has been working alongside the Ministry of Defence and United States of America Air Force who have provided information on housing needs of service personnel and their impacts on the local housing market. Following on from this initial engagement a meeting was also held with RDN Economic Consulting on 08/01/2026 (on behalf of the USAAF) to support preparation of their 5 year forward plan for housing to meeting needs arising from RAF Alconbury.

Huntingdonshire Strategic Transport Assessment

- 4.14** Since 2024 Huntingdonshire District Council have been working with Cambridgeshire County Council - Strategic Transport Modelling Team to develop the Huntingdonshire's Strategic Transport Assessment. The role of Cambridgeshire County Council has been to input into the project brief prior to issuing invitation to tender and review of submissions to assist with decision-making on appointment. Joint participation has continued through technical review meetings, discussions with consultants on details of modelling and mitigation options, review of technical outputs and provision of advice and commentary at all stages.

This allows a cross boundary strategic response to Huntingdonshire's Strategic Transport Assessment with agreement across the two authorities throughout the process. Collaboration and engagement is ongoing.

Sustainability of Settlements

- 4.15** The Sustainability of Settlements document uses a series of indicators to assess the sustainability of the settlements in the district at a specific point in time. The methodology looked at individual settlements and the services and facilities available as at summer/autumn 2023 to provide a baseline for development of the local plan's strategy and is based on a series of indicators.
- 4.16** The methodology for the Sustainability of Settlements Report was consulted on as the 'Settlement Hierarchy Methodology' between 29 March and 10 May 2023. As a result of the responses to the consultation Huntingdonshire District Council arranged a series of meetings with the NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG, NHS Property Services, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System and Cambridgeshire County Council's Children, Education and Families Directorate to work towards developing an agreed set of indicators and data to assess sustainability in respect of health and education.

Infrastructure Delivery Study - Including workshops, questionnaires and meetings

- 4.17** Production of the Stage 1 (baseline assessment) and Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Study has involved extensive cooperation and engagement with a number of Duty to Cooperate Bodies. All bodies identified in 3 'Duty to Cooperate Bodies', with the exception of the Mayor of London, the Office of Rail and Road and Transport for London ⁽²⁾ were invited to attend workshops, complete questionnaires and attend meetings to discuss Infrastructure requirements to establish a baseline (Stage 1) and identify infrastructure required as a result of local plan growth. Those that participated by attending meetings are set out in 'Appendix 2 - Key Duty to Cooperate Engagement'.

Integrated Water Management Studies - Strategic Flood Risk Assessments (SFRA) and Water Cycle Studies (WCS)

- 4.18** The development of the Integrated Water Management Studies commenced in 2022. The Environment Agency (EA), Cambridgeshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and the Middle Level Commissioners were contacted to invite them to participate in the development of the studies. Agreement with the both EA and LLFA worked with Huntingdonshire District Council on the development of the project specification prior to the tender process.
- 4.19** A Memorandum of Understanding between Huntingdonshire District Council the EA and LLFA was agreed and signed agreeing data sharing and review of documents which is provided on the Council's [Evidence Library](#).
- 4.20** Cooperation continued with the review Level 1 SFRA and Stage 1 WCS, discussions on the update of the Level 1 SFRA and the methodology approach for the Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment whereby a Statement of Common Ground was signed ([Evidence Library](#)).
- 4.21** Further data sharing continued in the production of the Level 2 SFRA and Interim Stage 2 WCS, with comments made by the LLFA and amendments made to reflect those comments. Huntingdonshire District Council and Greater Cambridge Shared Planning have also worked closely on the development of their respective Water Cycle Studies, more information can be found in the [Statement of Common Ground](#) with Greater Cambridge and is also addressed in chapter 6 under 'Water, flood risk and coastal change'.

Whole Plan Viability Assessment - Including workshops, questionnaires and meetings

2 These organisations were excluded for the reasons set out in the chapter 3 'Duty to Cooperate Bodies'

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- 4.22** Production of the Whole Plan Viability Assessment (Stage 1) has been produced in tandem with the Infrastructure Delivery Study, relevant information and comments from stakeholders received through the Infrastructure Delivery Study (including infrastructure requirements and costs) was fed into the Whole Plan Viability Assessment where appropriate. In addition production of the Stage 1 Whole Plan Viability Assessment involved additional specific engagement with the Duty to Cooperate bodies listed in 3 'Duty to Cooperate Bodies' who were invited to participate in a viability workshop and complete a questionnaire. Further responses received by questionnaire can be found in the Stage 1 Whole Plan Viability Assessment.

CPCA Transport Programme Board

- 4.23** The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Transport Programme Board includes officers from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Cambridgeshire County Council and all Local Authorities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. National Highways are also invited to attend. The Board is held every two months and allows members to review the transport programme and proposed transport improvements (mostly highways in nature). This allows for ongoing cross boundary collaboration and engagement on strategic transport issues.

A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme Project Board

- 4.24** The A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme Project Board includes officers from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Cambridgeshire County Council and their consultants (Atkins) and HDC. It is held monthly to discuss progress on preparation of the scheme, engagement materials and outcomes and future work expectations and programming.

East of England Planning Officers Group

- 4.25** The East of England Planning Officers Group, led by Local Government East, discusses regional scale strategic issues such as infrastructure, water scarcity and relationships with the London Plan. It typically meets three to four times a year and is attended by local authority planning professionals.

Great Fen Steering Committee

- 4.26** The Great Fen is a strategic piece of green infrastructure located within the Huntingdonshire District Council Local Authority Area. The Great Fen is a strategically important project with a long-term vision to create a landscape for wildlife and people, covering the remaining deep peat soils around and connecting Woodwalton Fen and Holme Fen.

- 4.27** The Great Fen Steering Committee consists of members from Natural England, Environment Agency, Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, Middle Level Commissioners and Huntingdonshire District Council (an officer and Council Members). Other participants include a Cambridgeshire County Councillor representing the Ramsey Ward. The Steering Committee meets quarterly and amongst other matters:

- Oversees the strategic direction and development of the Great Fen
- Discusses and agrees policy on specific issues
- Agrees the expenditure of the contributions from Project Partners
- Considers funding options
- Commissions and receives reports from Working Groups
- Considers approaches from other interested parties
- Maximizes opportunities to promote and support the Great Fen

- 4.28** Huntingdonshire District Council has been involved in the Great Fen prior to the creation of the Great Fen Masterplan in 2010 and has continued to support the project to this day. The importance of the Great Fen as Strategic Green Infrastructure is set out in Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2036 and has been carried through into Huntingdonshire District Council's Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046. This is supported by the members of the steering committee.

Natural Cambridgeshire (Local Nature Partnership)

- 4.29** Huntingdonshire District Council has been a partner in the Local Nature Partnership (Natural Cambridgeshire) since its inception. Other partner Duty to Cooperate bodies include:
- Cambridge City Council
 - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
 - Cambridgeshire County Council
 - East Cambridgeshire District Council
 - Environment Agency
 - Fenland District Council
 - Natural England
 - Peterborough City Council
 - South Cambridgeshire District Council
- 4.30** The Council and partners have collaborated and engaged on the development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategies and development of Local Nature Recovery Networks. The Council continues to engage through two series of partner meetings. The Natural Environment Policy and Planning Forum and the wider Natural Cambridgeshire Partnership Forum which are attended variously by the Council's Senior Landscape and Biodiversity Officer, Ecology Officer and Planning Policy Team Leader.
- 4.31** The Partnership allows for continued engagement with duty to cooperate bodies on strategic matters of Green Infrastructure, biodiversity and natural capital. Reference to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and Huntingdonshire Local Nature Recovery Network Report is addressed through inclusion of the documents in the Local Plan policy on 'Green and Blue Infrastructure Priority Areas'.

Planning Officers Society

- 4.32** Huntingdonshire District Council's Planning Policy Officers attend the Planning Officers Society (POS) Local Plans Learning Group which includes local authorities across the whole of England. The group is a forum for like minded spatial planning professionals to get the support and advice from fellow professionals, draw on the expertise of leaders from the Planning Officers Society, share best practice, and collectively inform government policy and planning reform. The group meet regularly, around six times a year. The group enables Huntingdonshire District Council to discuss any strategic matters with a much wider spatial range of local authorities.
- 4.33** A Young POS Local Plans Group which covers the whole of England was also active during 2025 with Huntingdonshire District Council also a member. The group provided training, a chance to network with other young planners and to share the issues they are experiencing and to discuss the implications of national changes to plan making. This group met approximately 5 times within the year.
- 4.34** To date no additional cross boundary strategic matters to those set out within this document have been identified from either group.

Planning Policy Forum

- 4.35** The Planning Policy Forum meet once every two months. The forum consists of members from Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and nearby neighbouring authorities:
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
 - Cambridgeshire County Council
 - East Cambridgeshire District Council
 - Fenland District Council

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- Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council)
- Huntingdonshire District Council
- Peterborough City Council
- West Norfolk and Kings Lynn Borough Council
- West Suffolk Council
- Uttlesford District Council

4.36 The Forum provides a facility for continuous and ongoing discussion on cross boundary strategic matters and areas of joint interest. Updates on plan preparation and key projects are shared by each authority. Key issues of cross-boundary interest and national policy changes are discussed and collaborative responses such as to national planning policy changes are often shared. External speakers are frequently invited to the Forum to present on topics of cross-boundary interest as diverse as public health, the role of the marine management organisation and flooding.

Statements of Common Ground

- 4.37** Paragraph 10 of the National Planning Practice Guidance (Plan-making) notes that "A statement of common ground is a written record of the progress made by strategic policy-making authorities during the process of planning for strategic cross-boundary matters. It documents where effective co-operation is and is not happening throughout the plan-making process, and is a way of demonstrating at examination that plans are deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working across local authority boundaries. In the case of local planning authorities, it also forms part of the evidence required to demonstrate that they have complied with the Duty to Cooperate."
- 4.38** Huntingdonshire District Council has and will continue to engage with Duty to Cooperate bodies on an ongoing basis during the production of the Local Plan. Statements of Common Ground that have been produced and agreed can be found on the Council's [Evidence Library](#) under '*Collaboration Documents*'. A list of those published and being produced (as at 22/07/2026) can also be found in '*Appendix 3 - Statements of Common Ground & Memorandums of Understanding*'.

5 Summary of Strategic and Cross Boundary Matters

- 5.1** The table below provides a summary of strategic and cross-boundary matters that have been identified through ongoing engagement with Duty to Cooperate bodies. Those bodies that have noted that they do not wish to comment or be involved in the development of the local plan as set out in 3 'Duty to Cooperate Bodies' have been removed from the table. Some organisations have been combined in a single row, such as organisations that form part of health care provision and health infrastructure due to their integrated nature, engagement with these organisations have been on a joint and individual basis depending on the issues being discussed.
- 5.2** Where the table indicates 'ongoing', this identifies that Huntingdonshire District Council and the Duty to Cooperate Body have agreed that whilst topic area is not currently not considered a strategic cross boundary issue, they have agreed to keep each other updated on the progress in this topic area to ensure that this does not change, or if it does, to commence further more detailed discussion. Where the table indicates 'strategic' this identifies that a there is a strategic-cross boundary matter/impact and a Statement of Common Ground will be, or has been entered into. More information will then be found in 6 'Duty to Cooperate by Topic' under the relevant topic area.

Table of Strategic Cross Boundary Matters

Table 1

Duty to Cooperate Organisation	Housing	Gypsy and Travellers	Employment, retail, leisure and commercial development	Transport & Infrastructure	Homelessness and security	Minerals and Waste	Water, flood risk and coastal change	Community facilities health, education and cultural infrastructure	Natural environment, landscapes and green infrastructure	Historic environment	Climate change	Local Plan strategy growth strategy etc	Other
Bedford Borough Council	No	No	No	Strategic	No	No	Ongoing	Ongoing	No	No	No	Ongoing	None
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP (Integrated Transport Authority)	No	No	No	Strategic	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ongoing
Cambridgeshire County Council (multiple specialisms)	No	No	No	Ongoing	No	Ongoing	Strategic	Ongoing	No	No	No	No	No
Central Bedfordshire	No	No	No	Strategic	No	No	Ongoing	No	No	No	No	No	None
East Cambridgeshire District Council	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ongoing	No	No	No	None
Environment Agency	No	No	No	No	No	No	Strategic	No	No	No	No	No	None
Fenland District Council	No	No	Ongoing	Ongoing	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	None
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	No	No	Strategic	No	No	No	Strategic	No	No	No	No	No	None
Historic England	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ongoing	No	No	None
Homes England	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	None
Local Nature Partnership	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	None
Marine Management Organisation	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	None
National Highways (Highways Agency)	No	No	No	Ongoing	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	None
Natural England	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ongoing	No	Ongoing	No	No	No	Ongoing
NHS Central East Integrated Care Board and NHS Property Services	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ongoing	No	No	No	No	None
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ongoing	No	No	No	No	None
North Northamptonshire	No	No	No	Ongoing	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	None
Peterborough City Council	No	No	Strategic	Strategic	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ongoing

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Housing and homes

- 6.1** Ongoing engagement with the neighbouring local authorities of Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, North Northamptonshire District Council and Peterborough City Council confirmed that all authorities are currently expecting to meet their own housing need and do not require assistance to meet their housing need from other authorities. Huntingdonshire District Council also confirmed to all neighbouring authorities that it will meeting its own housing need in full.
- 6.2** Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (which includes South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council) agree with Huntingdonshire District Council that they do not require assistance to meet their housing need. This is set out in a [Statement of Common Ground](#).

Gypsy, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople, Boat Dwellers and Other Caravan Dwellers

- 6.3** Ongoing engagement with the neighbouring local authorities of Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, , Peterborough City Council, North Northamptonshire District Council, West Suffolk Council and Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Council has confirmed that all authorities are currently expecting to meet their Gypsy, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople, Boat Dwellers and Other Caravan Dwellers need within their own boundaries and do not require assistance to meet this from other authorities. Huntingdonshire District Council also confirmed to all neighbouring authorities that it will be meeting its own need.
- 6.4** Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (which includes South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council) agree with Huntingdonshire District Council that they do not require assistance to meet their their Gypsy, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople, Boat Dwellers and Other Caravan Dwellers need. This is set out in a [Statement of Common Ground](#).

Employment, retail, leisure and commercial development

- 6.5** North Northamptonshire Council identified a need for strategic logistics in their local authority area through their Strategic Logistics Study. Huntingdonshire District Council have also identified a need for strategic logistics within their local authority area through their Economic and Employment Needs Assessment. Discussion between the authorities concluded that there is no cross boundary strategic impact and that both authorities can meet their identified need.
- 6.6** Ongoing engagement with Fenland District Council raised no significant strategic cross boundary matters. Responses to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan consultation welcomed continued engagement in relation to future growth and infrastructure planning and how this may positively support access, recreation and associated economic opportunities linked to the Fens Reservoir. Although no significant strategic cross-boundary impacts or issues have been identified, the Councils will continue engagement in relation to these issues.
- 6.7** Peterborough City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council agree that employment land proposed south of the A605 / Peterborough Services is acceptable, as traffic from this site would likely enter and exit the city using the network of Parkways e.g. along Fletton Parkway. Both Council's have agreed that they are meeting their own employment need in full and although the site could also be considered more functionally linked to Peterborough that as an employment site located adjacent to the A1(M) it is considered that employees/users of this site would be much more transient and would cover a much wider/dispersed geography. The Council's are working on a Statement of Common Ground which confirms this approach.

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- 6.8** Bedford Borough Council in their response to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan and ongoing engagement, Bedford Borough Council noted that there is a need in the future for a coordinated sub-regional approach to the development of a wider piece of evidence to address the future approach to logistics and that this should be undertaken at a regional or sub-regional scale ideally guided by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. This has been addressed in a [Statement of Common Ground with Greater Cambridge](#).
- 6.9** A joint meeting facilitated by Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCP) was held to discuss the wider issue of strategic logistics and distribution. The meeting was attended by: Greater Cambridge Shared Planning, West Suffolk Council, North Herts Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Peterborough City Council, Braintree District Council, Fenland District Council. Discussion was centred on the approach to strategic logistics within the wider area and employment need. A [Statement of Common Ground with Greater Cambridge](#) was prepared to set out the cross boundary implications, understand the wider employment offer across multiple authorities and the appropriate geography to address the issue.

Transport

- 6.10** The A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme has been the subject of extensive collaborative working between HDC, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and Cambridgeshire County Council. The scheme is crucial to delivery of the North Huntingdon Opportunity Zone growth area which was established through the CPCA's Local Growth Plan. Collaboration on the scheme has recognised the importance of the Local Plan as a delivery vehicle for this element of the Local Growth Plan. Engagement has included a series of ongoing meetings of the A141 Project Board, along with more topic specific meetings primarily between HDC and CPCA regarding business cases and deliverability. A Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to identify progress and areas of agreement on the project along with a prospective timetable for the full business case and scheme delivery.
- 6.11** Engagement with Bedford Borough Council highlighted areas of ongoing cooperation including East West Rail and whether the safeguarded route would imply more housing to the east of the route. Huntingdonshire District Council confirmed that no housing east of the East West Rail route is planned in Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2046. Other issues raised include the potential transport impacts as a result of the proposed Tempsford new town and Universal studios. At the request of Bedford Council, HDC contacted National Highways and MHCLG to understand potential trip generation of Universal Studios and Tempsford New Town. A response was received from AECOM on behalf of National Highways who provided guidance about inclusion of Nectarine trips in strategic models. This was forwarded to Cambridgeshire County Council's Transport Modelling Manager who manages the model. HDC will share the results of the modelling with BBC to understand the potential impacts of Universal UK across Huntingdonshire. HDC cannot at this point in time incorporate specific details of the Tempsford New Town Scheme into the CAPCAM transport modelling as these details are not yet available. Details are available for the current planning application at Little Barford which will in due course enable a preliminary assessment of the early phase of the new town. The Councils have agreed to continue discussions on the findings of Huntingdonshire's Transport Strategy.
- 6.12** Engagement with Central Bedfordshire Council has focussed predominantly on the strategic cross-boundary impacts of transport and travel. Discussions have centred on whether development of East West Rail will result in increased growth around St Neots. The Council also provided comment and input into Huntingdonshire's Infrastructure Delivery Study. Huntingdonshire District Council has confirmed that no housing east of the East West Rail route is planned in Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2046. Further concerns raised by Central Bedfordshire Council centre around future capacity along the A1 corridor and A428 and how this has been assessed as part of Huntingdonshire's Strategic Transport Strategies. Huntingdonshire District Council is sharing further information with Central Bedfordshire to confirm the findings of the Strategic Transport Study on the wider area - including Central Bedfordshire. The Council's have agreed to produce a Statement of Common Ground which sets out areas of agreement and disagreement (if required) in relation to Huntingdonshire's transport modelling and Tempsford New Town.

Minor amendments have been made to policy 'Transport, Travel and Connectivity' as a result of Central Bedfordshire Council's consultation response to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan Consultation. The policy now includes reference to 'appropriate transport and travel mitigation measures will be delivered in agreement with the relevant transport authorities including neighbouring authorities where a cross boundary impact is anticipated'.

- 6.13** North Northamptonshire Council identified key transport pressures within their local authority area on the A14, A43/45 and potentially the A605. In their response to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan North Northamptonshire Council noted that there are some strategic and non-strategic allocations proposed on or near to main routes that go through North Northamptonshire. At this stage, it was confirmed that no cross-boundary issues were raised in relation to these allocations. It is agreed that North Northamptonshire Council and Huntingdonshire District Council will continue to engage as the plan progresses to ensure that there is collaboration and discussion on any potential cumulative impacts on infrastructure (including the strategic road network) of any development. In particular, the effects on road capacities and junctions from the additional traffic accessing and using the A14 major trunk road and the A605 (as a route to gain access to the A14) if required.
- 6.14** Ongoing engagement with Fenland District Council raised no significant strategic cross boundary matters, however the District Council confirmed that they would be supportive of a site such as Wyton Airfield that could provide critical mass to promote an upgrade to A141 and public transport corridor. The A141 upgrade is identified by both Fenland District Council and Huntingdonshire District Council as project that will benefit both local authority areas, increase capacity and improve connectivity for residents and to the proposed Fens Reservoir, which will also provide additional an leisure and recreation venue for residents. Responses to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan consultation welcomed continued engagement on relation to infrastructure, strategic transport interventions and corridors and cross-boundary connectivity. Although no significant strategic cross-boundary impacts or issues have been identified, the Councils will continue engagement in relation to these issues.
- 6.15** Discussions with Peterborough City Council identified a strategic cross boundary impact relating to transport impact on Oundle Road. Peterborough City Council's Transport Assessment denotes that there are significant challenges to mitigating issues along Oundle Road and that new active travel networks would be required. A number of sites were put forward for consideration as part of Huntingdonshire District Council's Strategic Growth Options. Chesterton Garden Village, Sibson Garden Community and Alwalton 1 (North of 23-33 Oundle Road) were identified as being of significant concern. As a result of this information (amongst other factors) and further engagement Huntingdonshire District Council did not take forward the following sites: Chesterton Garden Village, Sibson Garden Community into the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan. Alwalton 1 was taken forward but was removed as a result of further engagement and discussion not only relating to transport but also impact on the natural environment. See 'The natural environment, landscapes and green infrastructure'. Peterborough City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council agree that employment land proposed south of the A605 / Peterborough Services is acceptable, as traffic from this site would likely enter and exit the city using the network of Parkways e.g. along Fletton Parkway. The Council's are working on a Statement of Common Ground which confirms this approach.
- 6.16** Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council) (GCP) and Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) have continued engagement in relation to transport and traffic and the impact of Local Plans allocations on the wider transport network including the A14. Engagement has focussed on transport models and mitigation packages which are required to support both plans. For HDC this includes the A141 and St Ives Improvement Scheme. For Greater Cambridge this includes City Deal and the Greater Cambridge Partnership Busway. Both Councils are using the CAPCAM transport model and are collaborating with Cambridgeshire County Council and National Highways to ensure a joined up approach. Cambridgeshire County Council confirms that both GCP and HDC strategies can work without adverse impacts on each other.

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- 6.17** Huntingdonshire District Council have been engaging with National Highways as part of the development of the local plan. Responses to local plan consultations were received from Highways England relating to the Draft Land Availability Assessment Methodology and the Draft Settlement Hierarchy Methodology in 2023, the Land Availability Assessments of sites in 2024, Additional Sites Assessments in 2025 and the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan in 2025. The Council has used the responses received from National Highways to inform the development of the Local Plan. Huntingdonshire District Council is working with National Highways, providing information from the Transport Strategy to ensure a joined up approach to transport.
- 6.18** National Highways have engaged with HDC in the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Study. National Highways identified that known congestion at Brampton Hut Interchange and Buckden Roundabout and sub-standard junction design at Alwalton may limit operational capacity and resilience of the SRN, particularly under future growth scenario option 1. It was anticipated that mitigation would be required as part of the tested growth strategy option 1 including, capacity enhancements at Brampton Hut Interchange and Alwalton junction (A1) to support the level of growth proposed. Sibson Garden Community's proximity to the A1 raised particular concern, as a grade-separated junction would be required to maintain SRN safety and performance. Huntingdonshire District Council resolved to not to proceed with growth strategy option 1 based on the comments received.
- 6.19** National Highways provided specific comments to inform site allocations at Tithe Farm (St Neots), West of Great North Road (Little Paxton), The Lattenburys (Hemingford Abbots), North of Wintringham Hall (Abbotsley), and Alwalton.
- 6.20** Huntingdonshire District Council have been working with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) - Strategic Transport Modelling Team to develop the Huntingdonshire's Strategic Transport Assessment. This is using the CPCA's CAPCAM strategic transport model. The role of Cambridgeshire County Council has been to input into the project brief prior to issuing invitation to tender and review of submissions to assist with decision-making on appointment. Joint participation has continued through technical review meetings, discussions with consultants on details of modelling and mitigation options, review of technical outputs and provision of advice and commentary at all stages. This allows a cross boundary strategic response to Huntingdonshire's Strategic Transport Assessment with agreement across the two authorities throughout the process. Collaboration and engagement is ongoing. Continued engagement with CCC continued in relation to transport and growth options, where CCC confirmed that they are confident in the modelling approach and collaboration on the work. CCC noted that the A141 upgrade will assist with development at Lodge Farm and Wyton Airfield in particular. The Councils discussed the delivery of strategic sites and the need for phasing, noting that logistics sites have different shift patterns and tend to avoid am/pm peaks. CCC noted that A141 upgrade would remove transport pressure on the A1123 and A1307 and in St Ives and that they are working with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) on the development of the A141 and St Ives transport improvement scheme. CCC remain engaged with HDC to advise on transport and travel issues throughout preparation of the local plan, including being committed to providing support through the examination in public.
- 6.21** CCC and HDC discussed transport policy requirements for the local plan including car and cycle parking standards, requirement for safe highways access and agreement to incorporate these into policy. Suggestions for minor amendments to the wording on electric vehicles and how the Local Plan can facilitate East West Rail was also discussed and incorporated. Concerns were also raised about the deliverability of access requirements for promoted site CfS 207 - Emanuel Knoll.
- 6.22** Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) has worked with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and Cambridgeshire County Council on an ongoing basis to inform the development of the A141 and St Ives transport Improvement Scheme. As part of the Local Growth Plan a North Huntingdon Opportunity Zone was developed, a major component of this ambition is improvements to the A141 to improve the road network, unlock growth and increase community well-being. As a result the CPCA and HDC agreed that the scale and speed of growth envisaged in the Local Growth Plan will rely on extensive collaborative working across local authorities, central government, infrastructure providers, private investors

and financial institutions and that there is opportunity for the Local Plan to play a part in this growth by setting out a policy framework to support growth and identify key site allocations for delivery to start on. Alongside collaborative meetings such as the CPCA Board and the CPCA Transport Programme Board (see 4 'Duty to Cooperate Activities') the CPCA and HDC are collaborating on the development of a Statement of Common Ground which set out the timeline for delivery of the A141.

- 6.23** Although not Duty to Cooperate Bodies, Huntingdonshire District Council have actively engaged with Network Rail and East West Rail as part of the development of the Local Plan and the Infrastructure Delivery Study. Responses were also received from consultants Adams Henry on behalf of East West Rail Co. to HDCs Further Issues and Options Consultation, in relation to Land Availability Assessments in the areas of Abbotsley and St Neots and to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan Consultation. Engagement has continued post Preferred Options Draft Local Plan through the refinement of housing allocation 'St Neots : East of Loves Farm (Tithe Farm)' and on the development of a policy Enabling Strategic Infrastructure, both of which have been jointly refined and accepted by East West Rail Co and HDC. HDC also continues to engage with EWRail as a consultee as part of the development of the East West Development Consent Order.

Telecommunications and security,

- 6.24** Ongoing engagement through the Infrastructure delivery included engagement with Cambridgeshire County Council's Digital Infrastructure Team. Information was provided to inform the study including an overview of digital infrastructure in the district, further information was also provided to including on fibre optic rollout, Project Gigabit, mobile coverage and costs associated with mobile provision. There are no outstanding identified issues identified at this time.

Minerals and Waste

- 6.25** Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council Minerals and Waste (CCCMW) have continued to engage through consultation responses, meetings and through input into HDC's Infrastructure Delivery Study. CCCMW have responded to multiple local plan consultations including the draft methodology for the Land Availability Assessments (which includes reference to consultation areas), the Issues Engagement Papers, Further Issues and Options Consultations and the Land Availability Assessments (in 2024 and 2025). CCCMW provided a grading system to indicate which sites were viewed as more sustainable in minerals and waste terms, alongside bespoke comments and advice on what should be taken into account in the formulation of any sites that may be allocated for development. Sites that were proposed for allocation in the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan were further commented on by CCCMW with revisions made following the consultation.
- 6.26** In person meetings included the discussion of site 'Hemingford Abbots 1: The Lattenburys', which includes a minerals and waste site at New Farm. CCCMW confirmed that there is no issue with the presence of the minerals and waste site, however further wording was agreed and included within the allocation to address the removal or provision of an appropriate buffer zone around the waste management area at New Farm.
- 6.27** As part of engagement through the Infrastructure Delivery Study CCCMW identified two waste management sites planned for Huntingdonshire: Warboys Energy Recovery Facility which aims to process 87,500 tonnes of residual waste per year and a dry anaerobic digestion facility at St Ives, currently being developed with an expected capacity of 70,000 tonnes per annum, which will accept co-mingled food and garden waste. Future requirements to facilitate growth would include a new waste transfer station to receive and transfer collected waste and recyclables is likely required to manage the additional housebuilder's bulky waste and additional Household Waste Recycling Centre capacity/site(s) which has been included within HDC's Infrastructure Delivery Schedule. Discussions will continue post local plan adoption to determine the location of the new Household Waste Recycling Centres (HRC) or incorporate the identification of new or expanded HRC provision through the preparation of the new Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

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Water, flood risk and coastal change

- 6.28** Engagement with Bedford Borough Council highlighted areas of ongoing cooperation including the impacts of infrastructure requirements as a result of the new town proposal at Tempsford and the proposed development at Little Barford. It was agreed that the Council's would continue to work together with Bedford Borough Council feeding any further information into the Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Study (IDS) to take into account any infrastructure implications. This would include any additional information on water recycling centre capacity. Due to the Early nature of Tempsford new town and the fact that it is in the early stage of consideration, with no information provided as to the boundary or final size of the new town it was agreed that this would be a matter for future local plans. The Council's agreed to update each other if anything changes in the future or new information comes to light. Anglian Water have provided feedback in relation to water supply and water recycling centre capacity as part of the Infrastructure Delivery Study and Water Cycle Study that has helped to inform the local plan evidence base. Bedford Borough Council welcomed Huntingdonshire District Council's approach to water efficiency especially as both authorities are in areas of severe water stress.
- 6.29** Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) received comments from Central Bedfordshire Council relating to Huntingdonshire's Integrated Water Management Strategies. Minor amendments were made to the documents where relevant and Central Bedfordshire confirmed support for Huntingdonshire District Council's approach to water efficiency. Huntingdonshire District Council shared Site Specific Strategic Flood Risk Assessments in proximity to Central Bedfordshire who confirmed that there were no objections to these sites based on water related issues. There are no outstanding cross boundary strategic issues in relation to water, flood risk and coastal change. The Council's will continue engage and provide updates if any further information of relevance arises.
- 6.30** Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council) (GCP) and Huntingdonshire District Council have continued engagement in relation to water related issues and the impact of Local Plans allocations. Engagement has focussed on water supply, waste water management, water quality and water efficiency. GCP has been active in responding to and providing comments on HDCs Water Cycle Studies. Anglian Water is the statutory undertaker for Water Recycling for Huntingdonshire and GCP area and the statutory undertaker for water supply for most of Huntingdonshire. Cambridge Water is responsible for water supply in part of Huntingdonshire and the GCP area. There are also three Water Recycling Centres that serve the local authority areas of Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire, these are Waresley, Papworth Everard and Over. Proposed allocations for both the HDC and GCP Local Plans have been incorporated into Huntingdonshire's Water Cycle Studies; similarly, GCP reflected Huntingdonshire's proposed development trajectory, including its emerging allocations, in the Greater Cambridge Water Cycle Study (2026), published July 2026 to support the Reg 19 Proposed Submission consultation. Both Councils confirm that there is no anticipated growth within these WRC areas that would impact the status of the WRC. Huntingdonshire District Council have also been collaborating with GCP to provide housing and employment figures to inform the GCP water cycle studies to assess water supply in the Cambridge Water area. Ongoing discussions regarding water related issues have included the subject of water efficiency where Huntingdonshire District Council have committed to a water efficiency target of 90 l/p/d for new residential development. As a result of discussions GCP have amended their local plan policy to identify 90l/p/d as the upper limit as reflected in Policy CC/WE of the Proposed Submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan. A [Statement of Common Ground](#) has been produced to set out the strategic cross-boundary matters relating to Water across the three local authority areas.
- 6.31** The Marine Management Organisation have been regularly contacted as part of the Duty to Cooperate process. As part of the development of the Marine Plans officers attended training, workshops, survey responses and comments on the Marine Plans. Huntingdonshire District Council received a response to the Further Issues and Options Consultation (which took place between September and November 2024). The Council have included reference to the East Inshore and East Offshore Marine Plans within

the Pre-Submission Local Plan within Chapter 1 and the policy 'Managing Flood Risk' to ensure that applications are effectively assessed. The Council have not been notified of any cross-boundary strategic matters as part of the development of the Local Plan.

- 6.32** Ongoing engagement with Natural England has covered a variety of areas including flooding, water management and water quality and retrofitting of SuDs. Huntingdonshire District Council has also worked alongside Natural England to provide and develop assessments within the Habitats Regulations Assessment to address impacts in relation to water quality, both parties are in agreement with the approach taken. Natural England confirmed in December 2025 as part of the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan consultation that they support the Local Plan policies on 'Managing Flood Risk', strongly support the approach to 'Managing Waste Water' to support potential impact on the Ouse Washes SAC and support additional policies on 'Managing Surface Water' and 'Water Efficiency'. There are currently no outstanding issues identified in relation to the cross boundary strategic issue of water, flooding, or water quality. Huntingdonshire District will continue to work with Natural England on the production of the Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- 6.33** The development of the Integrated Water Management Studies (IWMS) commenced in 2022. The Environment Agency (EA), Cambridgeshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and the Middle Level Commissioners were contacted to invite them to participate in the development of the studies. The EA and LLFA worked together with Huntingdonshire District Council on the development of the project specification prior to the tender process. A [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between Huntingdonshire District Council the EA and LLFA was agreed and signed agreeing data sharing and review of documents. Cooperation continued with the review Level 1 SFRA and Stage 1 WCS, discussions on the update of the Level 1 SFRA and the methodology approach for the Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment whereby a [Statement of Common Ground](#) was signed. Further data sharing continued in the production of the Level 2 SFRA and Interim Stage 2 WCS, with comments made by the LLFA and amendments made to reflect those comments. Ongoing engagement through consultation responses, meetings and engagement through evidence base production (including on the Infrastructure Delivery Study and IWMS), have resulted in the refinement of policies relating to flooding and water, this has included the inclusion of reference to Critical Drainage Areas at the request of the Environment Agency and LLFA. This will allow for the correct assessment of planning applications if Critical Drainage Areas are designated in the future.
- 6.34** Ongoing engagement with Cambridgeshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority noted that development on some sites could help to improve drainage in the Offords and lessen the impact of flooding as recorded in 2020. Additional reference to irrigation and flood storage reservoirs has also been included at the request of the Middle Level Commissioners to facilitate future flood storage and irrigation for agricultural purposes. A review of all flood and water related policies was undertaken by the LLFA and EA in HDC June 2026 with both organisations confirming that they are happy with the policy revisions, with a few minor amendments made for clarity. HDC, the LLFA and EA will continue to engage proactively as the Local Plan progresses to Pre-Submission and Submission stage.

Community facilities, health, education and cultural infrastructure

Health

- 6.35** Huntingdonshire District Council held a series of meetings addressing the issue of health. As part of the development of the 'Settlement Hierarchy Methodology' to inform the Local Plan meetings were held with the NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG, NHS Property Services, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System and Cambridgeshire County Council's Children to identify an agreed set of indicators and data to assess sustainability in respect of Health. Work has continued through specific responses received to multiple local plan consultations, which has helped to inform the direction of policies such as providing flexibility to allow for the relocation of healthcare facilities in line with published strategies

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or transformational plans (as set out in the policies on 'Supporting Local Centres' and 'Services and Facilities Outside Designated Areas'), the requirement for Health Impact Assessments and the need to addresses vibration within the design amongst others.

- 6.36** Production of the Stage 1 (baseline assessment) and Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Studies has also involved extensive cooperation and engagement with healthcare organisations including Cambridgeshire County Council - Public Health, NHS, NHS Property Services, NHS Central East Integrated Care Board, North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust and East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust. Discussions throughout the development of the Infrastructure Delivery Studies have provided a baseline of infrastructure within the district and the services required to support growth as a result of the Local Plan, with review of health related chapters by the NHS. This information has been recorded in the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Schedule and has informed the Council's approach to developer contributions. In addition, these discussions have led to the allocation of Hinchingsbrook Hospital (Huntingdon 1) as a site for health related uses including redevelopment of the hospital, including necessary enabling works and its associated buildings for provision of a replacement hospital, affordable key worker housing and medical care and student accommodation, training facilities and an ambulance station. Requirement for an enhanced ambulance facility/ambulance hub was identified specifically through the Infrastructure Delivery Study and conversations with the East of England Ambulance Service.
- 6.37** Cambridgeshire County Council (Public Health) identified through the Stage 1 Infrastructure Delivery Study consultation an area of increasing concern to Public Health regarding the ease of access to hot food take ways. Huntingdonshire District Council has included reference to hot food takeaways within their policies on retail.
- 6.38** There are no identified outstanding matters in relation to health at this moment in time. The Council will continue to update and engage with the relevant organisations on matters relating to health.

Education

- 6.39** Cambridgeshire County Council's Children, Education and Families Directorate to worked together with HDC to develop an agreed set of indicators and data to assess sustainability in respect of education for the methodology for the Sustainability of Settlements Report. Ongoing collaboration and discussion included how development as part of the local plan could assist in sustaining local schools with low pupil numbers especially in Little Paxton. Cambridgeshire County Council have actively engaged in the development of the Infrastructure Delivery Study and Infrastructure Delivery Schedule providing information on infrastructure required to support growth. A Statement of Common Ground is currently being produced to outline the response to education infrastructure.

Libraries and Community Facilities

- 6.40** Through engagement on HDC's Infrastructure Delivery Studies Cambridgeshire County Council identified library infrastructure requirements in relation to the population increase as a result of the Local Plan including upgrades to static libraries or increased mobile library provision and community centre requirements. Cambridgeshire County Council have actively engaged in the development of the Infrastructure Delivery Study and Infrastructure Delivery Schedule providing information on infrastructure required to support growth.

General

- 6.41** Engagement with Bedford Borough Council highlighted areas of ongoing cooperation including the impacts of infrastructure requirements as a result of the new town proposal at Tempsford and the proposed development at Little Barford. Due to the Early nature of Tempsford new town and the fact that it is in the early stage of consideration, with no information provided as to the boundary or final size of the new town it was agreed that this would be a matter for future local plans. The Council's agreed to update each other if anything changes in the future or new information comes to light.

The natural environment, landscapes and green infrastructure

- 6.42** Huntingdonshire District Council has been a partner in the Local Nature Partnership (Natural Cambridgeshire) since its inception. The Council and partners have collaborated and engaged on the development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategies and development of Local Nature Recovery Networks. The Partnership allows for continued engagement with Duty to Cooperate bodies on strategic matters of green infrastructure. Reference to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and Huntingdonshire Local Nature Recovery Network Report is addressed through inclusion of the documents in the Local Plan policy on '*Green and Blue Infrastructure Priority Areas*', reference in '*Supporting carbon capture through nature*', '*Managing Surface Water*', '*Protecting our nature conservation sites*' and '*Enhancing Biodiversity and Geodiversity*'. There are no outstanding issues or cross boundary impacts identified at this moment in time relating to green infrastructure and compatibility with Local Nature Recovery Strategies and development of Local Nature Recovery Networks. This is supported by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.
- 6.43** North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) identified a number of cross boundary green corridors of strategic significance, these included the Nene corridor (NNC & PCC) and Gravel Pits SPA (NNC). North Northamptonshire Council, Peterborough City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council agreed that to address the matter of strategic cross boundary green infrastructure in both local plans that reference to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (2025) including a requirement to ensure that a development proposal is consistent with the objectives of these documents would satisfactorily address the issue. Proposed allocation 'Alwalton 1 - North of 23 to 33 Oundle Road', which was located near the boundary for Peterborough City Council and was in proximity to the Nene Corridor has now been removed from future iterations of the Local Plan.
- 6.44** A discussion on potential Impact Risk Zones with North Northamptonshire Council was also raised, which is addressed through policy '*Protecting our nature conservation sites*'. The policy includes the requirement for a development proposal that may have a significant effect on an internationally designated site either alone or in combination with other plans and programmes to assess their impact in line with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). The policy text expands on this to identify that the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA and Ramsar, located in North Northamptonshire, could be one of the internationally designated sites impacted due to its proximity with Huntingdonshire's border. The site is a wetland of international importance or breeding, feeding, wintering or migration of rare and vulnerable species of birds. The supporting text for HDC's nature policy links to the The Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area Technical Guidance and Mitigation Strategy (2026) and sets out its requirements for proposals within the zones of influence for the site. The Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA and Ramsar and its zones of influence are shown on HDC's policies map. Site allocation Bythorn 1 (Home Farm) falls within the 10km zone of influence for this protected nature site, the requirement for appropriate assessment on the potential impact of development on functionally linked land has been identified in the supporting text to the policy.
- 6.45** North Northamptonshire Council agreed to identify whether there were any cross boundary impacts from development that may impact Huntingdonshire, none were identified. In their response to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan consultation North Northamptonshire Council supported the principles of draft Policy LP12: Green and Blue Infrastructure and its intent to make Nene Valley and Fowlshay-Elton-Ashton Wold as priority areas as these cross into North Northamptonshire and present an opportunity for cross-boundary enhancements. There are no outstanding issues or cross boundary impacts identified at this moment in time relating to strategic cross-boundary matters concerning green infrastructure between North Northamptonshire Council, Peterborough City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council.
- 6.46** Discussions with East Cambridgeshire District Council have resulted in very few strategic cross boundary matters. As with North Northamptonshire, East Cambridgeshire contains an Impact Risk Zone specifically related to the Ouse Washes SPA and geese and swans. The Ouse Washes SPA ranges from Earith in Huntingdonshire, north east across parts of Fenland, East Cambridgeshire and into Norfolk. The Ouse Wases is home to many waterfowl and wading birds. In response to comments received from East

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Cambridgeshire District Council, Pre-Submission Local Plan policy 'Protecting our nature conservation sites' now addresses the cross boundary strategic nature of the Ouse Washes and the need for development proposals to assess the impact of development on sites in neighbouring authorities such as the Swan and Goose Impact Risk Zone which is functionally linked land (and located in parts of Huntingdonshire, Fenland, East Cambridgeshire and Norfolk) to the Ouse Washes SPA. There are no outstanding issues or cross boundary impacts identified at this moment in time relating to the natural environment, landscapes and green infrastructure.

- 6.47** Natural England raised through its comments to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan the need to also consider potential impact on Eversden and Wimpole Wood SAC. This is now addressed through HDC's policy 'Protecting our nature conservation sites'. The policy includes the requirement for a development proposal that may have a significant effect on an internationally designated site either alone or in combination with other plans and programmes to assess their impact in line with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). The policy text expands on this to identify that Eversden and Wimpole Woods SAC, located in South Cambridgeshire, could be one of the internationally designated sites impacted due to its proximity with Huntingdonshire's border. The site is protected habitat for the Barbastelle Bat. The supporting text to the policy now provides a link to Greater Cambridge's Biodiversity SPD (2022) which provides development guidance and establishes a conservation area around the site reflecting Natural England's SSSI Impact Risk Zones. The supporting text also includes the need to comply with ecologically sensitive lighting, in line with the Institute of Lighting Professionals' Guidance Note 8 - GN08 Bats and Artificial Lighting (2023) or successor documents as suggested by Natural England. Eversden and Wimpole Woods SAC and its zones of influence are shown on HDC's policies map. Site allocations Great Gransden 1 and Waresley 1 fall within the 10km zone of influence for this protected nature site, the requirement for appropriate assessment on the potential impact of development on the site and bats have been identified in the supporting text to the policy.
- 6.48** Ongoing engagement with Natural England has covered a variety of areas in relation to the natural environment. Key areas of discussion have included, green infrastructure, the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, Biodiversity Net Gain, climate change, recreational pressure on SSSIs and National Nature Reserves, Impact Risk Zones and Functionally linked Land. Natural England have also engaged proactively with the Council in the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Study and the Appropriate Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment. Natural England raised concerns regarding the impact of potential developments near to Monks Wood SSSI such as Alconbury Weston 6 and 8 (as identified in the Council's [Land Availability Assessments](#)) due to the sites being a centre for ecology and the impact that development could have on air, light, air and noise pollution levels and increases in parking and recreational pressure. As a result these sites were removed from consideration as potential sites for allocation. Natural England agreed that reference to Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (2025) and Huntingdonshire Nature Recovery Network Report (2024) should be included within the Local Plan. Impact Risk Zones and functionally linked land was also raised, especially in relation to the Ouse Washes and Earith/ lakes at Colne, as a result the Huntingdonshire District Council has ensured that this is addressed through policy 'Approach to renewable energy schemes' and 'Enhancing Biodiversity and Geodiversity'. Huntingdonshire District Council has also worked alongside Natural England to provide and develop assessments within the Habitats Regulations Assessment to address impacts in relation to water quality, recreational pressure and air pollution, both parties are in agreement with the approach taken. Both Natural England and Huntingdonshire District Council agreed that the impact of a site on the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA and Ramsar in North Northamptonshire should be addressed. This is reflected in policy 'Protecting our nature conservation sites'. There are currently no outstanding issues identified in relation to the natural environment, landscapes and green infrastructure. Huntingdonshire District will continue to update and engage with Natural England on the production of the Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- 6.49** There has been ongoing engagement with Historic England including discussions on the setting of sites with regards to landscaping. Discussions included requests for advice on ridge and furrow and how to address this in the local plan. Further discussion post the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan consultation resulted in the removal of draft site allocation Bluntisham 1: South of Rectory Road due to the impact of

development on the landscape and the wider setting of the grade II* listed Bluntisham House and the Bluntisham Conservation Area. The Council and Historic England have agreed to continue to discuss the issue of heritage and landscape if any further issues arise.

- 6.50** There are no further outstanding matters in relation to the the natural environment, landscapes and green infrastructure at this moment in time. The Council will continue to update and engage with the relevant organisations on matters relating to the natural environment, landscapes and green infrastructure if relevant.

The historic environment

- 6.51** There has been ongoing engagement with Historic England including discussions on specific sites and heritage that may be impacted. Historic England has continued to provide comment on Huntingdonshire's Growth Strategy options, preferred growth strategy and sites through consultation responses, bi-lateral meetings and through the development of the Infrastructure Delivery Study. Discussion and agreement on revisions to the Preferred Options draft Local Plan Heritage Strategy have also taken place with amendments made to address concerns.
- 6.52** As part of ongoing meetings and consultation responses Historic England raised the matter of [Heritage Impact Assessments](#) on sites. Huntingdonshire District Council assessed the heritage impacts of each site submitted as part of the Land Availability Assessments and Sustainability Appraisal. Historic England raised the issue that a more thorough assessment of the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan allocations was required through a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA). Discussions have been ongoing on the format and requirements of a Heritage Impact assessment throughout 2025 through meetings and email exchanges, with a draft HIA shared in November 2025. Further refinement in consultation with Historic England continued through late 2025/early 2026 with Historic England agreeing to a review of a selection of sites to ensure that the Heritage Impact Assessment addresses the key issues raised. Continued engagement on all matters will continue as part of Duty to Cooperate engagement.
- 6.53** The HIAs have been undertaken in consultation with HDC's Conservation Team and also with data provided by Cambridgeshire County Council's Historic Environments Team from the Historic Environment Record and archaeology.

Climate change

- 6.54** Engagement with Historic England included discussions on matters relating to climate change and heritage. Huntingdonshire District Council provided an overview of the climate change policies, with further discussion specifically on draft policy LP 17. Huntingdonshire District Council will review the policy in relation to the comments received by Historic England to clarify the relationship of this policy with heritage assets. Discussions are ongoing.

Local Plan Strategy, Growth Strategy etc

- 6.55** Engagement with Bedford Borough Council highlighted areas of ongoing cooperation including East West Rail and whether the safeguarded route would imply more housing to the east of the route. Huntingdonshire District Council confirmed that no housing east of the East West Rail route is planned in Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2046. Bedford Borough Council responded to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan noting that "Whilst it is understood that the safeguarding position limits the immediate availability of the East of St Neots strategic sites, we would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with Huntingdonshire in relation to the future use of these sites (should they be proposed to come forward as an allocated land use) particularly in relation to their potential ability to provide connectivity to the emerging Little Barford site (and its integration into the emerging new town proposals)." The Council's agreed to update each other on this issue if anything changes in the future.

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- 6.56** Discussions have been ongoing with Greater Cambridge Shared Planning on sites that are close to the boundaries of South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, these include The Lattenburys and Galley Hill in Huntingdonshire and Cambourne North in South Cambridgeshire. There are no objections from the Councils regarding the allocation of sites. Further information on Cambourne North can be found in the [Statement of Common Ground](#) with Greater Cambridge which sets out that "Transport evidence work prepared to-date demonstrates that the sites included within the proposed development strategy can be accommodated on the transport network, subject to appropriate mitigation of key developments."
- 6.57** There has been ongoing engagement with Peterborough City Council through Duty to Cooperate meetings and collaboration/input into respective Infrastructure Delivery Studies. Responses from Peterborough City Council to the Stage 1 Infrastructure Delivery Study and the testing of Strategic Growth Options identified disagreement with growth option 1 due to the impact of traffic in Peterborough, especially on Oundle Road. Peterborough City Council's Transport Assessment denotes that there are significant challenges to mitigating issues along Oundle Road and that new active travel networks would be required. Sites within tested strategic growth option 1 relevant to Peterborough included - Chesterton Garden Village, Sibson Garden Community, Alwalton 1 (North of 23-33 Oundle Road) and the employment allocation at Peterborough Services. However, there was confirmation that employment land proposed south of the A605 / Peterborough Services is acceptable, as traffic from this site would likely enter and exit the city using the network of Parkways e.g. along Fletton Parkway. As a result of this information (amongst other factors) and further engagement Huntingdonshire District Council has not taken forward the following sites: Chesterton Garden Village, Sibson Garden Community into the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan. Alwalton 1 was taken forward but was removed as a result of further engagement and discussion not only relating to transport but also impact on the natural environment. A Statement of Common Ground is currently being produced to outline these matters. See 'The natural environment, landscapes and green infrastructure'.
- 6.58** National Highways have engaged with HDC in the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Study. The IDS identifies infrastructure to support new development to deliver sustainable communities, particularly the infrastructure required for the plan period. Infrastructure includes roads and other transport and travel facilities. National Highways has continued to work with HDC to ensure the appropriate level of mitigation is secured as part of the Local Plan to accommodate the proposed allocations and growth across the district. National Highways identified that known congestion at Brampton Hut Interchange and Buckden Roundabout and sub-standard junction design at Alwalton may limit operational capacity and resilience of the SRN, particularly under tested growth strategic scenario option 1. It is anticipated that mitigation would be required as part of growth strategy option 1 including, capacity enhancements at Brampton Hut Interchange and Alwalton junction (A1) to support the level of growth proposed. National Highways identified that known congestion at Brampton Hut Interchange and Buckden Roundabout and sub-standard junction design at Alwalton may limit operational capacity and resilience of the SRN, particularly under future growth scenario option 1. It was anticipated that mitigation would be required as part of growth strategy option 1 including, capacity enhancements at Brampton Hut Interchange and Alwalton junction (A1) to support the level of growth proposed. Sibson Garden Community's proximity to the A1 raised particular concern, as a grade-separated junction would be required to maintain SRN safety and performance. Huntingdonshire District Council resolved to not proceed with growth strategy option 1 based on the comments received. As part of the response to the Stage 2 IDS National Highways noted that the A141 bypass scheme would join the Strategic Road Network at the junction of the A1307 and A141 and that the Local Growth Plan sites are not too close to the Strategic Road Network and so may not have a significant impact on the SRN, cumulative impact will need to be assessed and agreed to review the transport modelling and identify any relevant costs. Engagement is ongoing.
- 6.59** Historic England has continued to provide comment on Huntingdonshire's Growth Strategy Options, preferred growth strategy and sites through consultation responses, bi-lateral meetings and through the development of the Infrastructure Delivery Study. Discussions were also held regarding the Local Plan draft site allocations, with Historic England noting their agreement that some of the large sites with significant heritage impacts had not been taken forward as draft allocations. Further discussions resulted in the removal of draft site allocation Bluntisham 1: South of Rectory Road due to the impact of development on the

landscape and the wider setting of the grade II* listed Bluntisham House and the Bluntisham Conservation Area. The Council and Historic England have agreed to continue to discuss the matter of heritage if any further issues arise. In addition, conversations relating to specific policies and the Heritage Strategy contained in the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan took place which resulted in amendments to the wording to provide additional clarity and inclusion of Heritage at Risk. The Council and Historic England agreed to update each other and continue discussions on matters relating to heritage.

- 6.60** Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) has worked with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) on an ongoing basis to inform the development of the Local Growth Plan. As part of the Local Growth Plan a North Huntingdon Opportunity Zone was developed. The Opportunity Zone includes six key projects and aims to support a growing and evolving economy. It addresses development, with investments in housing, commercial and connectivity and looks to develop existing resources in defence and life sciences tied together through strategic interventions in connectivity. A major component of this ambition is improvements to the A141 to improve the road network, unlock growth and increase community well-being. As a result the CPCA and HDC agreed that the scale and speed of growth envisaged in the Local Growth Plan will rely on extensive collaborative working across local authorities, central government, infrastructure providers, private investors and financial institutions and that there is opportunity for the Local Plan to play a part in this growth by setting out a policy framework to support growth and identify key site allocations for delivery to start on. This place-based approach aligns well with the Huntingdonshire Futures Place Strategy to 2050 which has helped shape this Local Plan overall; it also aligns well with residents' feedback during earlier engagement phases on the Local Plan which supported concentrating growth in and around our larger towns to maximise the benefits of their existing infrastructure and services and reduce the need for people to travel.

Other

- 6.61** Ongoing engagement with Natural England has covered a variety of areas in relation to the natural environment, one such area includes air quality. Huntingdonshire District Council have proactively engaged with Natural England with the Council in the production of the Infrastructure Delivery Study and the Appropriate Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment. Huntingdonshire District Council has also worked alongside Natural England to provide and develop assessments within the Habitats Regulations Assessment to address impacts in relation to air pollution on protected sites, both parties are in agreement with the approach taken. There are currently no outstanding issues identified in relation to the cross boundary strategic issue of air quality. Huntingdonshire District will continue to update and engage with Natural England on the production of the Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- 6.62** Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) have collaborated with Peterborough City Council to help inform an evidence base regarding electrical infrastructure and energy supply. Both Huntingdonshire District Council and Peterborough City Council have been engaging with UK Power Networks (UKPN) as part of their infrastructure evidence bases. The area discussed was Peterborough and North Huntingdonshire especially along the A1(M) corridor. HDC have provided information on sites relevant to the study including commitments, proposed allocations and CPCA sites that have been identified in the Local Growth Plan but are not included in HDC's local plan. Huntingdonshire District will continue to update and engage with Peterborough City Council if further information or action is required. [A Statement of Common Ground](#) has also been entered into with UKPN to demonstrate the deliverability of energy infrastructure.
- 6.63** HDC and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority have been working collaboratively to provide information relating to growth to inform the transitional Regional Energy Strategic Plan which aims to ensure that local areas have the energy infrastructure required to meet local and national goals. HDC is actively involved in the NESO (National Energy Systems Operator) Strategic Energy Planning Forum for Central England which will be responsible for the development of the Regional Energy Strategic Plan and a Strategic Spatial Energy Plan to map potential electricity and hydrogen generation and storage infrastructure for Great Britain. The electricity distribution network operators (DNOs) will use the tRESP

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alongside Ofgem's business planning guidance, to develop their plans for the third electricity distribution price control period, known as ED3, which covers 2028-33. This engagement and information will continue to help inform the final Regional Energy Strategic Plan.

- 6.64** In addition in partnership with districts in Cambridgeshire officers at HDC participated in the production on the Cambridgeshire Local Area Energy Plan (LEAP), an evidence base to inform strategies and plans for local energy infrastructure requirements. The document was submitted to relevant partners including UKPN and NESO via the Regional Energy System Plan (RESP) to inform future energy planning. Peterborough City Council has also produced an LAEP. The LAEP provides Huntingdonshire with a clear, evidence-based plan to transition to net zero whilst supporting growth, priority status for electricity network reinforcement, especially at Huntingdon, a defensible framework to secure external funding (UK Power Network - UKPN, National Energy Systems Operator - NESO, DESNZ, Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - LEVI, CPCA) and tools to reduce inequality, address fuel poverty and deliver healthier, more resilient homes.

7 Next Steps

- 7.1** Huntingdonshire District Council will continue to positively engage with Duty to Cooperate Bodies through further development of the Local Plan and its supporting evidence base. This document will be updated at various stages of the plan-making process to highlight any further engagement, matters or issues that arise.
- 7.2** Statements of Common Ground have been and will continue to be produced to demonstrate at examination that the Local Plan is deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working across local authority boundaries.
- 7.3** A list of Statements of Common Ground, completed and active as at 20/07/2026 can be found in 'Appendix 3 - Statements of Common Ground & Memorandums of Understanding'. Published Statements of Common Ground can also be found in the Council's [Evidence Library](#) under the title 'Collaboration Documents'

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9.1 The following table sets out when organisations were consulted on published documents and whether consultation responses were received. Responses can be found by visiting our [online consultation portal](#).

Methodology and Scoping 2023 (Regulation 18)

Duty to Cooperate Organisation Invited to Comment	Statement of Community Involvement - 1 feb - 15 mar 2023	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report - 1 feb - 15 mar 2023	Draft LAA Methodology - 29 mar - 10 may 2023	Draft Settlement Hierarchy Methodology - 29 mar - 10 may 2023
Bedford Borough Council				
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP				
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System				
Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA			17/05/2023	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Archaeology/Heritage				
Cambridgeshire County Council - Digital Infrastructure				
Cambridgeshire County Council - Education				
Cambridgeshire County Council - Libraries				
Cambridgeshire County Council - Minerals and Waste			10/05/2023	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Other	General - 02/03/2023			Rural Assets - 10/05/2023
Cambridgeshire County Council - Public Health				General - 09/05/2023
Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways				
Central Bedfordshire	15/03/2023	15/03/2023	03/05/2023	03/05/2023
Civil Aviation Authority				
East Cambridgeshire District Council				
Environment Agency				
Fenland District Council				
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning		15/03/2023		
Highways Authorities				
Historic England	27/02/2023	27/02/2023	09/05/2023	26/04/2023
Homes England				

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Integrated Transport Authorities				
Local Nature Partnership				
Marine Management Organisation				
Mayor of London				
National Highways (Highways Agency)			04/05/2023	27/04/2023
Natural England	13/02/2023	15/03/2025	28/04/2023	28/04/2023
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCB				18/05/2023
NHS / NHS Property				18/05/2023
North Northamptonshire				
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust				
Office of Rail and Road				
Peterborough City Council				
Transport for London				

Issues Consultation (Regulation 18)

Duty to Cooperate Organisation Invited to Comment	Issues Engagement Paper - 29 mar - 7 jun 2023	Issues Summary Paper - 29 mar - 7 jun 2023	Issues Easy Read - 29 mar - 7 jun 2023
Bedford Borough Council	04/07/2023		
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP			
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System			
Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA			
Cambridgeshire County Council - Archaeology/Heritage			
Cambridgeshire County Council - Digital Infrastructure			
Cambridgeshire County Council - Education			
Cambridgeshire County Council - Libraries			
Cambridgeshire County Council - Minerals and Waste	04/07/2023		
Cambridgeshire County Council - Other	Rural Assets - 03/07/2023 General - 04/07/2023		

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Cambridgeshire County Council - Public Health			
Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways			
Central Bedfordshire			
Civil Aviation Authority			
East Cambridgeshire District Council			
Environment Agency	19/07/2023		
Fenland District Council	05/07/2023		
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	05/07/2023		
Highways Authorities			
Historic England	03/07/2023		
Homes England			
Integrated Transport Authorities			
Local Nature Partnership			
Marine Management Organisation			
Mayor of London			
National Highways (Highways Agency)			
Natural England	27/06/2023		
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCB			
NHS / NHS Property	21/07/2023		
North Northamptonshire			
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust			
Office of Rail and Road			
Peterborough City Council			
Transport for London			

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Further Issues and Options (Regulation 18)

Duty to Cooperate Organisation Invited to Comment	Further Issues and Options - 18 sept - 27 nov 2024	Land Availability Assessments - 18 sept - 27 nov 2024	Sustainability Appraisal - 18 sept - 27 nov 2024
Bedford Borough Council	26/11/2024	26/11/2024	
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP			
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System			
Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA		12/11/2024	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Archaeology/Heritage	27/11/2024	27/11/2024	27/11/2024
Cambridgeshire County Council - Digital Infrastructure			
Cambridgeshire County Council - Education		27/11/2024	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Libraries			
Cambridgeshire County Council - Minerals and Waste	27/11/2024	27/11/2024	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Other	Climate Change and Energy Services - 27/10/2024 Biodiversity and Greenspaces - 27/11/2024 Rural Assets - 27/11/2024	Rural Assets - 27/11/2024 Climate Change and Energy Services - 27/11/2024 Biodiversity and Greenspaces - 27/11/2024	Rural Assets - 27/11/2024 Climate Change and Energy Services - 27/11/2024 Biodiversity and Greenspaces - 27/11/2024
Cambridgeshire County Council - Public Health	27/11/2024		27/11/2024
Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	27/11/2024		27/11/2024
Central Bedfordshire	25/11/2024		
Civil Aviation Authority			
East Cambridgeshire District Council			
Environment Agency	27/11/2024		27/11/2024
Fenland District Council	26/11/2024		
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	25/11/2024		
Highways Authorities			
Historic England	25/11/2024	25/11/2024	25/11/2024
Homes England			

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Integrated Transport Authorities			
Local Nature Partnership			
Marine Management Organisation	22/11/2024		
Mayor of London			
National Highways (Highways Agency)		25/11/2024	
Natural England	02/11/2024		
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCB			
NHS / NHS Property			
North Northamptonshire	27/11/2024		
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust		27/11/2024	
Office of Rail and Road			
Peterborough City Council			
Transport for London			

Additional Sites Consultation (Regulation 18)

Duty to Cooperate Organisation Invited to Comment	Additional Sites LAA - 23 apr - 4 jun 2025	Additional Sites SA - 23 apr - 4 jun 2025
Bedford Borough Council		
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP		
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System		
Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	28/04/2025	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Archaeology/Heritage		
Cambridgeshire County Council - Digital Infrastructure		
Cambridgeshire County Council - Education	22/05/2025	

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Cambridgeshire County Council - Libraries		
Cambridgeshire County Council - Minerals and Waste	22/05/2025	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Other		
Cambridgeshire County Council - Public Health		
Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	04/06/2025	
Central Bedfordshire		
Civil Aviation Authority		
East Cambridgeshire District Council		
Environment Agency		
Fenland District Council		
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning		
Highways Authorities		
Historic England	04/06/2025	04/06/2025
Homes England		
Integrated Transport Authorities		
Local Nature Partnership		
Marine Management Organisation		
Mayor of London		
National Highways (Highways Agency)	28/05/2025	
Natural England		04/06/2025
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCB		
NHS / NHS Property		
North Northamptonshire		
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust		
Office of Rail and Road		
Peterborough City Council		
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Preferred Options Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18)

Duty to Cooperate Organisation Invited to Comment	Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 - 5 nov - 17 dec 2025	Sustainability Appraisal - 5 nov - 17 dec 2025
Bedford Borough Council	16/12/2025	
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	17/12/2025	
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System		
Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	17/12/2025	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Archaeology/Heritage		
Cambridgeshire County Council - Digital Infrastructure		
Cambridgeshire County Council - Education	17/12/2025	17/12/2025
Cambridgeshire County Council - Libraries		
Cambridgeshire County Council - Minerals and Waste	17/12/2025	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Other	17/12/2025	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Public Health	17/12/2025	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	17/12/2025	
Central Bedfordshire	17/12/2025	
Civil Aviation Authority		
East Cambridgeshire District Council	16/12/2025	
Environment Agency	17/12/2025	
Fenland District Council	17/12/2025	
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	17/12/2025	
Highways Authorities	17/12/2025	
Historic England	12/12/2025	12/12/2025
Homes England		
Integrated Transport Authorities		
Local Nature Partnership		
Marine Management Organisation		
Mayor of London		
National Highways (Highways Agency)	17/12/2025	

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Natural England	16/12/2025	
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCB		
NHS / NHS Property	16/12/2025	
North Northamptonshire	12/12/2025	
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust	17/12/2025	
Office of Rail and Road		
Peterborough City Council	16/12/2025	
Transport for London		

Additional Proposed Site Allocations (Regulation 18)

Duty to Cooperate Organisation Invited to Comment	Additional Proposed Site Allocations 13 May to 10 June 2026
Bedford Borough Council	
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System	
Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	10/06/2026
Cambridgeshire County Council - Archaeology/Heritage	10/06/2026
Cambridgeshire County Council - Digital Infrastructure	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Education	10/06/2026
Cambridgeshire County Council - Libraries	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Minerals and Waste	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Other	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Public Health	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	10/06/2026
Central Bedfordshire	
Civil Aviation Authority	
East Cambridgeshire District Council	
Environment Agency	09/06/2026
Fenland District Council	
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	
Highways Authorities	
Historic England	08/06/2026
Homes England	
Integrated Transport Authorities	
Local Nature Partnership	
Marine Management Organisation	
Mayor of London	
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NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCB	
NHS / NHS Property	
North Northamptonshire	

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Transport for London	

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25/01/2022	Email	LLFA and EA	Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor – Environment Agency Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – Flood Risk Team - CCC, LLFA	Email request for suitable contact(s) to discuss the following: - comment on the proposed scope of the SFRA - advice on the availability of any relevant data and information - highlight relevant information in other strategic flood risk documents that may be useful in preparing the SFRA - help identify the need to commission any further modelling work
24/02/2022	Email	LLFA and EA	Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor – Environment Agency FCRM Senior Advisor, Growth and Regulations – Environment Agency Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency - Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – Flood Risk Team - CCC, LLFA Flood Risk Programme Coordinator – CCC LLFA	Sharing of first draft of IWMS brief for comment ahead of meeting on 7 March 2022 for further discussion
07/03/2022	Meeting	LLFA and EA	Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor – Environment Agency FCRM Senior Advisor, Growth and Regulations – Environment Agency Assistant Planning Policy Officer - Huntingdonshire District Council Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency - Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – Flood Risk Team - CCC, LLFA Flood Risk Programme Coordinator n – CCC LLFA Senior Planning Policy Officer - Huntingdonshire District Council	- comment on the proposed scope of the SFRA & IWM - advise on the availability of any relevant data and information - highlight relevant information in other strategic flood risk documents that may be useful in preparing the SFRA - help identify if we need to commission any further modelling work etc. - AOB

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28/03/2022	Email	LLFA and EA	Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor – Environment Agency FCRM Senior Advisor, Growth and Regulations – Environment Agency Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency - Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – Flood Risk Team - CCC, LLFA Flood Risk Programme Coordinator – CCC LLFA	Sharing of draft SFRA tender documents and brief for comment
11/04/2022	Email	Environment Agency	Sustainable Places Planning Specialist – Environment Agency	Comments received on Flooding and water brief
13/04/2022	Workshop	Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation Huntingdonshire District Council	East Marine Plan monitoring interview and survey
13/04/2022	Meeting	Bedford Borough Council	Team Leader – Planning Policy, Bedford Borough Council Planning Policy Officer, Bedford Borough Council Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Senior Planning Policy Officer, HDC Chief Planning Officer, HDC	Duty to cooperate discussion on local plans
27/05/2022	Meeting	LLFA and EA	Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor – Environment Agency FCRM Senior Advisor, Growth and Regulations – Environment Agency Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency - Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – Flood Risk Team - CCC, LLFA Flood Risk Programme Coordinator – CCC LLFA Principal Planning Policy Officer - HDC	•Memorandum of Cooperation •Joint working position •Terminology – Integrated Water Management Study or Integrated Water Cycle Study? Any further issues with Terminology within the document. •Comments on the revised brief – Work through brief in order and discuss final approach and amendments where necessary •Address final comments from LLFA and agree approach – See overleaf •Next steps and timeframe including development of a Memorandum of Understanding
07/06/2022	Email	Environment Agency	Environment Agency – Sustainable Places Planning Specialist	Comments received on updated brief emailed prior to meeting 23/05/2022
14/06/2022	Email	Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – Flood Risk Team - CCC, LLFA Flood Risk Programme Coordinator – CCC LLFA	Comments received on updated brief emailed prior to meeting 23/05/2022

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22/06/2022	Email	Environment Agency	Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor – Environment Agency FCRM Senior Advisor, Growth and Regulations - Environment Agency	Comments received on updated brief emailed prior to meeting 23/05/2022, additional comments received on 23/06/2022 relating to the OXCAM Arc
30/09/2022	Email	LLFA and EA	FCRM Senior Advisor, Growth and Regulations – Environment Agency Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency - Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – Flood Risk Team - CCC, LLFA Flood Risk Programme Coordinator – CCC LLFA Principal Planning Policy Officer - HDC	Professional review of tender submissions by the EA and LLFA

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11/11/2022	Meeting	LLFA and EA	Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor – Environment Agency FCRM Senior Advisor, Growth and Regulations – Environment Agency Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency - Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – Flood Risk Team - CCC, LLFA Flood Risk Programme Coordinator – CCC LLFA Principal Planning Policy Officer - HDC JBA consultants	Integrated Water Management Strategies - Inception Meeting with HDC, JBA consultants, LLFA and EA. Included discussion on: Water Cycle Study • Data Identification • Recommendation for Water Quality Modelling and Baseline Data# • AOB • Data Gap Analysis • Confirmation of Strategic Documents to be referred to SFRA • Data Identification • Current Flood Risk Studies • Enhancements to the Scope • Functional Floodplain • SWFR mapping • Sequential Test Approach • Agreement of Cumulative Impact Assessment Options • Impacts of Climate Change Clarification • Peak Rainfall Allowances • Parish Wide Assessments • Growth Scenario Options • Mapping • Reporting on uncertainty Project Management
21/11/2022	Workshop	Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation Huntingdonshire District Council	Marine Plan user training for Local Authorities
16/02/2023	Workshop	Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation Huntingdonshire District Council	Enhancing Marine Plan Engagement, survey and discussion
15/08/2023	Meeting	NHS	NHS CCG NHS Property NHS ICB HDC - Team Leader and Senior Planning Policy Officer	Meeting to discuss Health indicators and sustainability of settlements methodology. Discussion of sustainability of settlement methodology and approaches to indicators in relation to access to healthcare by settlement. Discussion of data available.

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05/10/2023	Workshop	UKPN	Head of Network Planning – UKPN Senior Planning Policy Officer - HDC	Update on National context electricity infrastructure, future network blueprints and the network in East Anglia. UKPN – Regional focus, examples of work underway, understanding connections, ambition for future connections, business plans
09/11/2023	Email	Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	Flood Risk Programme Coordinator – CCC LLFA	Comments as a result of the review of SFRA Level 1 and WCS Stage 1
21/11/2023	Email	Environment Agency	Environment Agency	Comments as a result of the review of SFRA Level 1 and WCS Stage 1
23/11/2023	Meeting	NHS	NHS CCG NHS Property NHS ICB HDC - Team Leader and Senior Planning Policy Officer	Meeting to discuss Health indicators and sustainability of settlements methodology Review of data, sustainability of settlement methodology and approaches to indicators in relation to access to healthcare by settlement
18/01/2024	Webinar	Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation Huntingdonshire District Council	East Marine Plan launch event
16/02/2024	Meeting	Peterborough City Council	Senior Strategic Planning Officer – Peterborough City Council Planning Policy Manager – Peterborough City Council Planning Policy Team Leader – Huntingdonshire District Council Senior Planning Policy Officer – Huntingdonshire City Council	Update on both local plans progress. Discussion on growth options, employment land, transport impacts, Yaxley and Farcet. Discussion on Sibson Garden Community proposals, concerns regarding transport. Identification of green wedges.
10/09/2024	Meeting	LLFA and EA	Head of Water Management Technical Services – Middle Level Commissioners (MLC) Planning Engineer – MLC Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor – Environment Agency FCRM Senior Advisor, Growth and Regulations – Environment Agency Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency Principal Planning Policy Officer - HDC	- Development Management approach to Ramsey – discussion and way forward (EA, MLC, HDC) - Strategic Planning approach to Ramsey – discussion and way forward (EA, MLC, HDC) - MLC agree to provide comments on Land Availability Assessments, feed into the infrastructure delivery study. Inclusion of new modelling data from the MLC would need to be checked and approved by EA for inclusion of flood assessments. - new modelling data - Discussion on approach by Development Management

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11/09/2024	Meeting	Peterborough City Council	Senior Strategic Planning Officer – Peterborough City Council Planning Policy Manager – Peterborough City Council Planning Policy Team Leader – Huntingdonshire District Council Senior Planning Policy Officer – Huntingdonshire City Council	Local Plan updates and timetables. Discussion on further issues, topics and housing numbers. No request for housing 'take'. Agreed to keep informed on Gypsy and Traveller evidence bases. No issues identified at the moment. No employment or transport strategic issues at the moment, decided to keep under review. Keep infrastructure under review. Agree to address River Nene as Green Infrastructure in both plans.
12/09/2024	Meeting	East Cambridgeshire District Council	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Strategic Planning Manager, East Cambridgeshire District Council	Local Plan updates and timetables. Discussion on further issues topics and areas of strategic matters No issue with sites near to boundary G&T not a cross boundary issue - keep under review LNRS continue to keep under review
12/09/2024	Meeting	Fenland District Council	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Policy Manager – Fenland DC Planning Policy Team Leader - Fenland DC Planning Policy Officer - Fenland DC	Fenland questioned whether they may have some unmet need. Support for Wyton Airfield to help leverage A141. Keen on improved connectivity. May need further discussion on healthcare provision. Keen to engage on strategic green infrastructure. No cross boundary G&T issues
12/09/2024	Meeting	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader – Greater Cambridge Senior Planning Policy Officer - Greater Cambridge	Update on both local plans progress. Water as a strategic matter. Discussion on Cambridge 2050. Greater Cambridge and transport issues. Update on North East Cambridge WWTW. No housing number requirements including also for G&T and employment. Impact of East West Rail and Transport to be kept under review. Discussion of site South of Croxton.

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04/10/2024	Meeting	Bedford Borough Council	Team Leader – Planning Policy, Bedford Borough Council Planning Policy Officer, Bedford Borough Council Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Senior Planning Policy Officer, HDC	Update on Local Plans and timetables BBC delivering standard method Discussion on Universal Studios Improvements to A421 No big issues - continue updating on position of LP, EW Rail and Little Barford
07/10/2024	Meeting	North Northamptonshire	Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Senior Planning Policy Officer, HDC Policy Manager Strategic Policy, Design & Delivery – North Northamptonshire	- Transport pressures in North Northamptonshire - Already committed development - Reviewing of delivery assumptions - Development Strategies - Settlement hierarchies - Employment and logistics including need and locations - Agreement that both authorities are not looking for other Local Authorities to meet unmet need - Green corridors include the Nene corridor, gravel pits SPA present an opportunity to join up thinking/policies
27/11/2024	Meeting	Natural England	Principal Planning Policy Officer – HDC Senior Planning Policy Officer -HDC Higher Officer for Sustainable Development, Natural England Natural England Officer	concerns regarding the impact of potential developments near to Monks Wood SSSI such as Alconbury Weston 6 and 8 and Colne 7 Discussion on HRA, air quality, green space requirements and ratios, LNRS, BNG, Trees. Water infrastructure and pollution. Soil health.
05/12/2024	Meeting	Historic England	Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Senior Planning Policy Officer, HDC Historic Environment Planning Adviser: East Region - Historic England	Overview of Further Issues and Options and call for sites. Heritage Impact Assessments, Historic Landscapes, Ridge and Furrow

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20/01/2025	Meeting	LLFA and EA Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Sustainable Places Planning Advisor - Environment Agency Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency JBA Consulting	Discussion on approach to Level 2 SFRA including: • Approach to sites in flood zone 1 with Surface water flood risk • Approach to large scale sites predominantly in flood zone 1 with a small portion of Flood zone 3 (nominal risk) – sequentially locating development • Approach to sites within the Middle level who have modelling and how this should be approached within the Level 2 assessment – are their modelling standards approved? • Approach to new flood maps for planning and impact on the SFRAs
23/01/2025	Meeting	Middle Level Commissioners Planning Engineer – Middle Level Commissioners Head of Water Management Technical Services – Middle Level Commissioners Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC	Provided land availability assessments of sites in the MLC area for comment Provided information on how MLC can get modelling approved by the Environment Agency so it can be used in the Assessment of Flood Risk
23/01/2025	Email	Environment Agency HDC	Confirmation of meeting notes from 20/01/2025 and sharing of information from the Middle Level Commissioners meeting held on 23/01/2025
18/02/2025	Meeting	UKPN Lead Planning Engineer – UKPN Senior Planning Policy Officer – HDC Planning Policy Team Leader - HDC	UK Power Networks investment plan for the period 2028-2033. Discussion on local plan prioritisation, emerging sites, future aspirations to feed into proposals to OFGEM (the Regulator).
06/03/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP CCC, SCDC, ECDC, Cambridge City Council, Fenland DC, NHS, Peterborough Council, CPCA, HDC	Combined Authority Chief Executive group and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Place Strategic Board meeting
07/03/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP CPCA, CCC, HDC - Corporate Director - Place	External Stakeholders Panel Service: Transport and Connectivity
21/03/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways CCC Strategic Transport Modelling Manager, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader	Bid evaluation and reconciliation for Strategic Transport Study tender evaluation

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04/04/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	CCC Strategic Transport Modelling Manager, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader	Strategic Transport Study inception meeting
08/04/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	All Local Authorities in Cambridgeshire	Discussion on future of Cambridgeshire Flooding and Water SPD
08/04/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA, CCC, HDC - Corporate Director - Place	North Huntingdonshire & Growth Meeting: Growth Opportunities, Local Growth & Road/Rail Connectivity, A141, Alconbury Railway Station
17/04/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire DC, East Cambridgeshire DC, Cambridge City Council, Fenland DC, Peterborough Council, CPCA, HDC	Place Directors Monthly meeting
17/04/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire DC, East Cambridgeshire DC, Cambridge City Council, Peterborough Council, CPCA, HDC Corporate Director - Place	Local Growth Plan
25/04/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	CCC Strategic Transport Modelling Manager, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader	Start of a series of fortnightly progress discussions on phase 1 of the Strategic Transport Study

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12/05/2025	Workshop	Multiple	- Duty to Cooperate bodies listed only: • Planning Policy –Peterborough City Council • Strategic Planning Officer - Peterborough City Council • Fenland District Council S106 officer • Interim Consultant in Public Health, CCC • rea Education Officer (Huntingdonshire), Cambridgeshire County Council • Transport Cambridgeshire County Council • Flood Risk Programme Coordinator - Cambridgeshire County Council • Development and Policy Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council • Minerals and Waste, Cambridgeshire County Council • Education, Place Planning, Cambridgeshire County Council. • Strategic Planning – Cambridgeshire County Council • Minerals and Waste – Cambridgeshire County Council • Historic England • Higher Officer for Sustainable Development, Natural England • Environment Agency, Strategic Flood Risk Planning • Town Planning Partner, NHS Property Services, (On behalf of C&P ICB) • Cambridgeshire & Peterborough ICB • National Highways	Attendance at Infrastructure Delivery Study Workshop to introduce the Infrastructure Delivery Study, Local Plan Progress. Agenda: 1. Housekeeping, 2. Welcome and Introductions, 3. Workshop Aims & Objectives, 4. Background and Context including Local Plan progress, growth strategies and sites and relationship with the Viability Assessment 5. Baseline Assessment Example, 6. Introducing the IDS Consultation, 7. Spatial Strategy Options, 8. Strategic Site Allocation Options, 9. Next Steps, 10. Questions
12/05/2025	Meeting	NHS	NHS system-wide estates board, including NHS services and stakeholders and Local Authorities	NHS system-wide estates board, including NHS services and stakeholders and Local Authorities. HDC attendance at NHS system-wide estates board by to provide and update on the development of the Local Plan, with the opportunity to ask questions and share knowledge.

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15/05/2025	Workshop	Multiple	Duty to Cooperate bodies listed only: • Education, Cambridgeshire County Council • Education Capital & Place Planning, Cambridgeshire County Council • Strategic Planning, Cambridgeshire County Council • Development and Policy Manager - Cambridgeshire County Council • North West Anglia Foundation Trust	The event was divided into two parts: a) A recap of viability testing in the context of the updated NPPF and PPG. b) The main assumptions for the viability assessments were set out including 'development values, development costs, land prices, developers' and landowners' returns. The consultants and consultees talked through the main points The presentation can be found in the Stage 1 Whole Plan Viability Assessment
16/05/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA, HDC Corporate Director - Place	Strategic Stakeholder Consultation with Huntingdonshire District Council - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Investment Fund (Gainshare). On local economic development capacity and partnership working
19/05/2025	Meeting	East of England Ambulance Service	Head of Business Relations, East of England, Ambulance Service DAC Planning consultants Principal Planning Policy Officer - Huntingdonshire District Council	Introduction to key documents and strategies Update on current infrastructure provision Transport Ambulance Stations Hospitals Funding
20/05/2025	Meeting	Historic England	Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Senior Planning Policy Officer, HDC Historic Environment Planning Adviser: East Region - Historic England DAC Planning consultants	Infrastructure Delivery Study, discussion of sites and growth options and approach to heritage
04/06/2025	Consultation response	Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	CCC Transport Assessment Team	Response to Additional Sites Land Availability Assessments
09/06/2025	Meeting	NHS	NHS Property Services NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB Huntingdonshire District Council DAC consultants	Discussion on Infrastructure Delivery Study Feedback on baseline report GP Capacity and other health services Required infrastructure calculations Update on local plan progress and policy development

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11/06/2025	Meeting	Central Bedfordshire	Principal Policy Planner, HDC) Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC DAC Planning consultants Principal Policy Planner, Central Beds Principal Policy Planner, Central Beds Strategic Plan Partnership Manager, Central Beds Policy and Planning Manager, Central Beds	Updates on Local Plans Strategic Development proposals including EWRail, Tempsford New Town and Universal Studios. Discussion on cross boundary impacts. Feedback on Stage 1 IDS
11/06/2025	Meeting	Bedford Borough Council	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC DAC Planning consultants Principal Planner, Bedford BC	Local Plans updates, evidence bases and timetables Discussions on transport, Little Barford, new railway stations, healthcare, water, strategic sites. All information has informed the IDS.
12/06/2025	Consultation response	Cambridgeshire County Council - Education	Cambridgeshire County Council - Education	Review of baseline assessment. Identification of relevant strategies or plans including the 'Review of Policies and Working Practices', Nearly Zero Energy Buildings Requirements for new public buildings, Estimating demand for education provision arising from new housing developments, Child yield multipliers for early years and children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), Childcare motion, DfE scorecards. Identification of current or planned infrastructure projects including expansion of Ermine Street Church Academy and project for additional capacity at Abbey College. Identification of infrastructure constraints. Comments on Strategic Growth Options.

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12/06/2025	Consultation response	Cambridgeshire County Council - Public Health	Review of baseline assessment including recommended updates. Identification of relevant strategies or plans including The Healthy Homes Principles, NHS Putting Health in Place Principles and Putting Health into Place. Identification of Healthcare, play spaces and green infrastructure, Transport and Health and Wellbeing. Identification of current or planned infrastructure projects including transport statements and EV charging, travel hubs, encouraging modal shifts and concern over hot food takeaways. Identification of infrastructure constraints. Comments on Strategic Growth Options.
12/06/2025	Consultation response	Cambridgeshire County Council - Libraries	Provision of revisions to text within the Infrastructure Delivery Study relating to static library provision and ownership and services provided. Identification of new library strategy which is in development. Comments on Strategic Growth Options.
12/06/2025	Consultation response	Cambridgeshire County Council LLFA	Review of baseline assessment. Identification of current or planned infrastructure projects including a proposal to improve A14 drainage between Thrapston and Swavesey. Identification of infrastructure constraints. Comments on Strategic Growth Options.

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12/06/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	Planning Policy Team Leader - HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer - HDC Strategic Planning Manager - CPCA Assistant Director – CPCA (Local Growth Plan) Transport Programme Manager (A141) - CPCA	Update on Local Plan and evidence bases. CPCA are looking into what will be required as part of the development of the Spatial Development Strategy. More information is expected next year. Local Nature Recovery Strategy update on progress. A141 and St Ives transport improvement programme will be going out for public consultation in the Autumn. A review of the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan may be required and is under review. CPCA will be looking at energy requirements as a result of growth. The Local Growth Plan will be looking at including a section on economic growth and Infrastructure, this is shared with HDC.
16/06/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	Planning Policy Team Leader - HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer - HDC Transport Programme Manager (A141) - CPCA	Discussion on the next stages for the A141 and St Ives transport improvement scheme, noting that the A141 is a priority for the CPCA. Agreement to share relevant evidence
16/06/2025	Email	East West Rail	Adams Henry on behalf of EWR Co.	Response to stage 1 IDS and questionnaire
17/06/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	Peterborough Council, CPCA, HDC - Corporate Director - Place	Investment Pipeline and Local Growth Plan

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19/06/2025	Meeting	Peterborough City Council	Planning Policy Manager – Peterborough City Council Principal Strategic Planning Officer – Peterborough City Council Senior Strategic Planning Officer – Peterborough City Council Planning Policy Team Leader – Huntingdonshire District Council Principal Planning Policy Officer – Huntingdonshire City Council	Discussion on HDC sites and chosen package. Sites north of the A605 present concerns regarding transport and energy. Transport issues such as impact on Oundle Road is set out in the Peterborough Transport Study. HDC and PCC agree the strategic sites should not be taken forward. Discussion on Energy - PCC undertaking an energy feasibility study, welcome fact that strategic sites in HDC are north of the A605 will not be taken forward. Discussion on Employment - PCC agree that the employment site Peterborough Services proposed as an allocation by HDC is the more preferable location for employment and makes sense from a planning perspective. Update on Transport Strategies and mitigation required.
19/06/2025	Email	East West Rail	Adams Henry on behalf of EWR Co.	follow up on response to stage 1 IDS
20/06/2025	Meeting	North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust	Metropolis on behalf of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital (NHS) Project Director NHS Foundation Trust Implementation Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC	Update on Hinchingsbrooke Hospital redevelopment, project timelines, facilities needs
20/06/2025	Meeting	Environment Agency	Senior Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor, Environment Agency Principal Policy Planner, HDC DAC Planning consultants	Meeting with Environment Agency for Infrastructure Delivery Study and response to questionnaire. Discussion included •Proper implementation of SUDs •Critical Drainage Areas •Spatial Strategy Options •Strategic Sites Assessments and sensitive areas Local Plan update Key Constraints and challenges data and mapping
20/06/2025	Meeting	NHS	Metropolis on behalf of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital (NHS) Huntingdonshire District Council	Update on Hinchingsbrooke Hospital redevelopment, project timelines, facilities needs
23/06/2025	Email	East West Rail	Adams Henry on behalf of EWR Co.	Query on safeguarded land - response from EWRail Co.

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25/06/2025	Email	Peterborough City Council	Response from Peterborough City Council	The response noted disagreement with growth option 1 due to the impact of traffic in Peterborough, especially on Oundle Road. Peterborough City Council's Transport Assessment denotes that there are significant challenges to mitigating issues along Oundle Road and that new active travel networks would be required especially as 'The Green Wheel' which passes Chesterton and crosses the A1 is dangerous and has been deemed unsuitable for inexperienced cyclists. Sites within Growth Option 1 relevant to Peterborough included - Chesterton Garden Village, Sibson Garden Community, Alwalton 1 and the employment allocation at Peterborough Services. However, there was confirmation that employment land proposed south of the A605 / Peterborough Services is acceptable, as traffic from this site would likely enter and exit the city using the network of Parkways e.g. along Fletton Parkway.
02/07/2025	Email	UKPN	Strategic Planning Engineer and Lead Planning Engineer – UKPN	Comments on growth strategy options
08/07/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	CCC Strategic Transport Modelling Manager, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader	Start of a series of fortnightly progress discussions on phase 2 of the Strategic Transport Study
16/07/2025	Meeting	LLFA and EA	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Sustainable Places Planning Advisor - Environment Agency Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency JBA Consulting Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – LLFA (CCC)	Clarifications on scoping and methodology to inform Level 2 SFRA And discussion on formulation of Statement of Common Ground to document agreement of the methodology
22/08/2025	Email	Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	Principal Planning Policy Officer - Huntingdonshire District Council Cambridgeshire County Council LLFA	Input into scope for Cambridgeshire Flooding and Water SPD update

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08/09/2025	Email	Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	LLFA	Response to Infrastructure Delivery Study questionnaire and provision of information on Flooding and flood management infrastructure, projects and constraints, future requirements, growth options and strategic sites
08/09/2025	Email	Environment Agency	Senior Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor, Environment Agency	Provided information on flooding and flood management infrastructure, projects and constraints, future requirements, growth options and strategic sites to inform the Infrastructure Delivery Study
13/10/2025	Workshop	NHS	Multiple Organisations including but not limited to: Public Health Cambridgeshire County Council, NHS Crosskeys Home, HDC; NHS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH CCG; Cambs Acre, CHS group, NHS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH ICB, Accent Group, CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY SERVICES NHS TRUST; CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST, NORTH WEST ANGLIA NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	Attendance at the Housing and Health Joint Strategic Workshop and presentation on Local Plan and Progress by Clare Bond
05/11/2025	Email	Central Bedfordshire	Head of Strategic Growth - Central Beds	Comments received relating to sites in proximity to Central Bedfordshire and confirmation that there are no objections to these sites based on water related issues. Comments provided on Huntingdonshire's Integrated Water Management Strategies. Changes made to the documents where relevant, agreement from Central Beds on the approach to water efficiency. Written response to Stage 2 IWMS from Central Beds. Taken into account in final document
24/11/2025	Meeting	Historic England	Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Senior Planning Policy Officer, HDC Historic Environment Planning Adviser: East Region - Historic England	Policies discussion on renewable energy, electric vehicle charging and Heritage Strategy. Further discussion on heritage assessments and HDC heritage note
24/11/2025	Email	North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust	North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust	Introduction to local plan, identification of health related policies and allocations. Update on stage 2 IDS and who in NHS is involved.

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02/12/2025	Meeting	NHS	NHS Property Services NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB Huntingdonshire District Council	Discussion on policies for the Local Plan including: How infrastructure will be provided, Securing infrastructure provision, Health and well-being, Ensuring accessible and adaptable homes, Supporting specialist housing, Site Allocation - Huntingdon 1: Hinchbrook Hospital
02/12/2025	Meeting	East Cambridgeshire District Council	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Strategic Planning and Development Management Manager, East Cambridgeshire District Council	Update on Local Plan and timetable Discussion on Gypsy and Traveller Needs Impact Risk Zones and potential impact on Goose and Swan area in East Cambs
02/12/2025	Meeting	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader – Greater Cambridge (GC) SPPO Strategy, transport - GC Planning Policy Team Leader – Greater Cambridge (GC) Principal Planning Policy Officer, GC Cambourne Lead, GC Transport Strategy and policy and working on GC Transport Strategy (CPCA) Transport Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council Transport Strategy, Cambridgeshire County Council Transport Modelling Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council	Update on Local Plans and timelines Discussions on Transport and update on transport models and mitigation packages which are required to support both plans. For HDC this includes the A141 and St Ives Improvement Scheme. For Greater Cambridge this includes City Deal and the Greater Cambridge Partnership Busway. Both Councils are using the CAPCAM transport model and are collaborating with Cambridgeshire County Council to ensure a joined up approach. Cambridgeshire County Council confirms that both GC and HDC strategies can work without adverse impacts on each other. Agreement to collaborate and keep informed of measures to mitigate Cambourne North. Discussion on water related policies, water efficiency and water supply. HDC to provide updated housing and employment trajectories to feed into Greater Cambridge Studies. Discussion on cross boundary WRCs. Discussion on Logistics both Council's meeting their own employment need. LNRS - Council's to link policies to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

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02/12/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	Discussion on Local Growth Plan, move towards Spatial Development Strategies, water including the CPCA feeding into Water Resource East, approval of Local Nature Recovery Strategy progress on the A141 and St Ives Improvement Scheme
02/12/2025	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council Planning Policy Team Leader - HDC Principal Planning Officer – HDC CCC Strategy CCC - Principal Planning Officer CCC Minerals and Waste CCC Principal Transport Engineer CCC Transport CCC Education LLFA CCC Transport	Update on responses to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan. Approach to responding to the consultation Discussion on transport and growth options - CCC are confident in HDC modelling approach and that HDC are working with them. Noted A141 upgrade will assist with development at Wyton Airfield. Discussion of delivery of strategic sites and the need for phasing, noting that logistics sites have different shift patterns and tend to avoid am/pm peaks. Noted that A141 update would remove transport pressure on the A1123 and A1307 and in St Ives. Discussion on EWR and approach to growth. Discussion on transport policy requirements including car and cycle parking standards, requirement for safe highways access and agreement to incorporate of these into policy. Suggestions for minor amendments to wording on electric vehicles and how the Local Plan can facilitate East West Rail. Discussion on Minerals and Waste. No issue with location of minerals and waste site suggestion to include agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council to address removal or provision of an appropriate buffer zone around the waste management area at New Farm in the allocation. Discussion of Transport issues at Emanuel Knoll. Education - discussion on how development can assist in sustaining local schools with low pupil numbers especially in Little Paxton. Flooding and Water - Noted that development on some sites could help to improve drainage in the Offords and lessen the impact of flooding as recorded in 2020. CCC - welcomed inclusion of Developer Contributions within the Local Plan instead of a standalone SDP.

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05/12/2025	Meeting	Fenland District Council	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer Policy Manager – Fenland DC	Updates on Local Plans progress Sports Infrastructure and Sports England Calculator Fens Reservoir Transport and connectivity - A141 Approach to Employment
05/12/2025	Meeting	Peterborough City Council	Planning Policy Manager – Peterborough City Council Principal Strategic Planning Officer – Peterborough City Council Principal Policy Officer – Peterborough City Council Planning Policy Team Leader – Huntingdonshire District Council Principal Planning Policy Officer – Huntingdonshire City Council	Local Plans update Habitats Regulations Assessments and cross boundary Impact Risk Zones Discussion on respective transport evidence. Discussion on sites including Peterborough Services 1 and Alwalton 1. Update on respective Infrastructure Delivery Studies/Plans and findings
10/12/2025	Meeting	Bedford Borough Council	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Principal Planner – Bedford Borough Council Transport Planner – Bedford Borough Council Minerals and Waste, Bedford Borough Council	Discussions on respective Local Government Reorganisation and options submitted to Government Links to Local Plan and CPCA Local Growth Plan Discussion on Employment and Economy New town proposals & Universal Studios Status of site at Little Barford Discussion on transport modelling Housing and economic growth targets Discussion on climate change policy approaches Councils to provide updates and continue engagement on EW Rail, Tempsford & Universal. No flooding or water related cross boundary impacts identified
15/12/2025	Meeting	North Northamptonshire	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Policy Manager Strategic Policy, Design & Delivery – North Northamptonshire Strategic Planning Policy Officer, – North Northamptonshire	Updates and discussion on Local Plans progress, employment, housing, Gypsies and Travellers, Transport, Green and Blue Infrastructure

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15/12/2025	Meeting	Natural England	Principal Planning Policy Officer – HDC Senior Planning Policy Officer -HDC Higher Officer for Sustainable Development, Natural England Natural England Officer Natural England Higher Officer – Protected Sites in Cambridgeshire West Anglia Area Team – Natural England	Discussion on Impact Risk Zones and access to mapping Discussion on functionally linked land and the Ouse Washes and Earith/ lakes at Colne Discussion on water quality and water related policies Notification that Natural England looking to produce a diffuse water pollution plan and have standing advice on air quality Discussion around the Habitats Regulations Assessment and next steps
17/12/2025	Consultation response	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA Strategic Planning Manager	Response to Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 consultation focusing on policies relating to the overall growth strategy and transport and travel issues
18/12/2025	Meeting	Central Bedfordshire	Principal Policy Planner, HDC) Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Strategic planning partnership manager, Central Beds Principle planner, Central Beds	Updates on Local Plans progress and timelines Transport and impact of Tempsford new town and East West Rail
05/01/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - Other	Principal Planning Officer – HDC Coordinator, Cambridgeshire County Council Principal Planning Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council Area Education Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council Library Support Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council Implementation Team Leader, Huntingdonshire District Council DAC Planning consultants	Discussion on Education, updates to baseline report. Identification of site size and educational requirements for Primary and Secondary Schools, costs and developer contributions. Request from HDC for more information on SEND provision. Discussion on Library provision infrastructure requirements in relation to population increase including upgrades to static libraries or increased mobile library provision. Discussion on provision of community infrastructure including the aim for a shared use Family Hub for each authority and identification of an emerging policy on youth provision.
06/01/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	Implementation Team Leader, Huntingdonshire District Council DAC Planning consultants Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Study discussion LLFA (Cambridgeshire County Council): Local Plan update, IDS update, IDS questionnaire Overview and discussion and infrastructure requirements
07/01/2026	Email	North Northamptonshire	Response from - North Northamptonshire Council	Information provided in relation to transport

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07/01/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - Digital Infrastructure	Principal Planning Officer – HDC Planning Policy Team Leader - HDC DAC Planning consultants CCC, Digital Infrastructure	Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Study discussion Digital Infrastructure: Local Plan update, IDS update, Digital Infrastructure Overview, IDS questionnaire Overview and Discussion and infrastructure requirements needs, location, cost and timescales to support proposed growth. Further information provided to include fibre optic rollout, Project gigabit, mobile coverage, costs associated with mobile provision.
07/01/2026	Email	East West Rail	Adams Henry on behalf of EWR Co.	Further information to inform stage 2 IDS
08/01/2026	Meeting	NHS	NHS Property Services NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB Interim Consultant, Public Health, Cambridgeshire County Council Public Health, Cambridgeshire County Council Huntingdonshire District Council	Update on Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Study, Local Plan update, Infrastructure Delivery Study Update, Updates to IDS baseline, Infrastructure Needs, Location, Cost, Viability and Timescales Update on NHS restructuring Discussion Regarding Health hubs, floorspace models, floorspace requirements and developer contributions
09/01/2026	Consultation response	Cambridgeshire County Council - Education	Cambridgeshire County Council - Education	Response to Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Study questionnaire including review of the baseline study, update on scorecard costs. Provision of a summary of the education position for each site, and outline of the infrastructure which is likely to be required, based on current projected demand. Provision of costs and funding sources. Update on funded projects in the last 5 years including the expansion of Ermine Street Church Academy, Alconbury Weald (providing a further 1FE/210-places), capital works at Sawtry Infant School to enable the infant school to accommodate the increase in children, until Saltbrook Academy opens and a new Area Special School at Alconbury Weald, known as Prestley Wood Academy.
12/01/2026	Meeting	UKPN	Strategic Planning Engineer - UKPN Lead Planning Engineer – UKPN Principal Planning Policy Officer – HDC Implementation Team Leader – HDC DAC consultancy	Update on Local Plan and timetable Update on Infrastructure Delivery Study Discussion on comments submitted to the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan consultation and requirements and costs required to support growth

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13/01/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - Minerals and Waste	Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC DAC Planning consultants Development and Policy Manager (CCC) Principal Planner (CCC) Waste Strategy Manager (CCC) Waste Partnership Manager (CCC)	Update on Local Plan and timetable, update on Infrastructure Delivery Study. IDS questionnaire Overview and Discussion and infrastructure requirements. Waste Strategy is being prepared to address medium-long term projects. Signposting to design guidance. Identification of household waste recycling centres, ownership and management. Discussion on HWRC capacity
14/01/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	Implementation Team Leader - Huntingdonshire District Council Planning Policy Team Leader - Huntingdonshire District Council Development and Policy Manager (CCC) Principal Planner (CCC) Transport/Highways (Cambridgeshire County Council) Transport Modelling Manager, Transport Strategy and Funding (Cambridgeshire County Council) DAC Planning consultants	Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Study discussion Cambridgeshire County Council (Transport): 2. HDC Local Plan update, IDS Update, IDS Questionnaire Overview and Discussion, Huntingdonshire Transport Assessment and mitigation, A141
14/01/2026	Consultation response	Cambridgeshire County Council - Libraries	Cambridgeshire County Council - Libraries	Response to Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Study questionnaire including a review of the baseline study, provision of draft service level policy and identification of infrastructure requirements as a result of proposed growth to inform the infrastructure delivery schedule. Key areas for enhancement include Sawtry, St Neots, Huntingdon, St Ives and Wyton and enhanced mobile library provision. Guidance on how to identify costs associated with infrastructure, funding partners and delivery.
14/01/2026	Email	East West Rail	Adams Henry on behalf of EWR Co.	Update on route and consultation on EWRail

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14/01/2026	email	UKPN	Strategic Planning Engineer – UKPN	Comments on sites included in the Pre-Submission Local Plan including, where network reinforcement may be required and identification of nearest substations Review of Stage 1 baseline assessment and provision of updates Impact of Local Plan Growth Option on Infrastructure Infrastructure required as a result of local plan growth Cost of infrastructure provision Delivery of infrastructure required
14/01/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA, HDC Corporate Director - Place	Interrelationship between Local Growth Plan, A141 upgrades and proposed Local Plan promotion of the North Huntingdon Growth Corridor.
15/01/2026	Meeting	East of England Ambulance Service	Head of Business Relations, East of England, Ambulance Service DAC Planning consultants Principal Planning Policy Officer - Huntingdonshire District Council Planning Policy Team Leader, Huntingdonshire District Council Implementation Team Leader, Huntingdonshire District Council	Stage 2 Infrastructure Delivery Study discussion. HDC Local Plan (HDC) IDS Update (DAC Planning) IDS Questionnaire Overview and Discussion including ambulance hub, floorspace requirement, capacity, current strategy, funding Next Steps for the IDS
15/01/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA, CCC, HDC, Atkins	Discussion of the initial outcomes of autumn 2025 consultation on A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme
20/01/2026	Consultation response	Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	Cambridgeshire County Council LLFA	Review of Stage 1 IDS, comment on Preferred options Local Plan growth option, review of infrastructure required to support growth.

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20/01/2026	Meeting	NHS NHS Property Services NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB Interim Consultant, Public Health, Cambridgeshire County Council Public Health, Cambridgeshire County Council Huntingdonshire District Council	Local Plan Update Update on Infrastructure Delivery Study Health Baseline Updates Integrated healthcare facilities, neighbourhood hubs in accessible locations Methodology for calculating health related floorspace Infrastructure needs, location, costs and timescales
06/02/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP Natural England	A141 and St Ives Improvement Scheme Project Board - Outcomes of the consultation autumn 2025 and progression towards outline business case.
06/02/2026	Meeting	Senior Planning Policy Officer -HDC Higher Officer for Sustainable Development, Natural England Natural England Officer Natural England Higher Officer – Protected Sites in Cambridgeshire West Anglia Area Team – Natural England	Discussion on recreational and FLL policy requirements and recreational pressure and urbanisation site visits done for the HRA. HDC to share updated bat IRZ protocol when available in March / April, in the interim we will look at the Greater Cambridgeshire's holding policy in relation to bats. As recommended, HDC will make reference to the North Northants SPD on the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pit for this SPA. HDC to share current SSSI recreational pressure guidance (2019 edition).

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11/02/2026	Meeting	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Senior Planning Policy Officer -HDC	Update on Local Plans and timelines Discussion on water supply and cross boundary WRCs. HDC to provide updated housing and employment trajectories to feed into Greater Cambridge Studies. GC and HDC agree that GC policies should include 90 l/p/d as the upper limit of water efficiency to complement and support water efficiency across both local authority areas. Discussion on transport and logistics - Greater Cambridge looking at impact of sites on the A14 and Cambourne North. Greater Cambridge looking at last mile logistics and a transport strategy working with the CPCA and County Council. Health - both Councils are engaging with the NHS to inform infrastructure studies. Both Councils agree to a SocGs to demonstrate alignment on Water, Employment, Transport, Development numbers, Overall strategy.
24/02/2026	Meeting	Historic England	Higher Officer for Sustainable Development, Natural England	Discussion on draft heritage impact assessments. HDC shared drafts written by policy and conservation officers for Historic England to review and provide views on.
17/03/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council - Transport / Highways	Natural England Officer	Discussion on the capacity availability on existing A141 to accommodate short term growth in demand prior to construction of the improvements scheme.
18/03/2026	Email	Cambridgeshire County Council - Archaeology/Heritage	Natural England Higher Officer – Protected Sites in Cambridgeshire West Anglia Area Team – Natural England	Email with analysis of CHER and archaeology on preferred options sites to inform the HIAs.
20/03/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA – Transport Programme Manager, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader and Principal Planning Officer	Discussion on the delivery prospects, timing and funding of A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme

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20/03/2026	Meeting	Natural England Senior Planning Policy Officer -HDC Higher Officer for Sustainable Development, Natural England Natural England Officer Natural England Higher Officer – Protected Sites in Cambridgeshire West Anglia Area Team – Natural England JBA Consulting Lepus Consulting	Meeting to discuss NE's water related comments on the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan and on the HRA and IWMS. Discussion on potential for additional modelling and use of localised targets for water quality.
24/03/2026	Meeting	East West Rail Director - Adams Henry for EWR Senior Planner - Adams Henry for EWR Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC	Update on Safeguarding Area Discussion on access to Tithe Farm and joining up access on Loves Farm and phasing of Tithe Farm site. Update on DCO and progress Discussion and agreement on amendments to policy wording for Tithe Farm allocation
25/03/2026	Email	Peterborough City Council Principal Planning Policy Officer – Huntingdonshire City Council DAC consultants	Follow up on infrastructure delivery study, cumulative impact in relation to transport and information on energy infrastructure
26/03/2026	Email	Natural England Higher Officer for Sustainable Development, Natural England	Email from NE with tracked changes document confirming what the localised water quality targets are for HRA sites for various pollutants.
07/04/2026	Meeting	Peterborough City Council Planning Policy Team Leader – Huntingdonshire District Council Principal Planning Policy Officer – Huntingdonshire City Council Roadnight Taylor consultants on behalf of Peterborough City Council	Discussion with Roadnight Taylor who were commissioned to produce an electrical infrastructure evidence base for Peterborough City Council and cross boundary impact across the local authority areas. The information will also inform UKPN as to where upgrades are required to inform their next price review. HDC agreed to provide information on housing and employment in the identified search area including commitments, proposed allocations and CPCA sites that have been identified in the Local Growth Plan but are not included in HDCs local plan to inform the study.

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08/04/2026	Email	Peterborough City Council	- Planning Policy Team Leader – Huntingdonshire District Council - Principal Planning Policy Officer – Huntingdonshire City Council - Roadnight Taylor consultants on behalf of Peterborough City Council	Provision of completed energy infrastructure questionnaire from HDC to Roadnight Taylor for Peterborough energy evidence base.
14/04/2026	Meeting	Peterborough City Council	Planning Policy Manager – Peterborough City Council Principal Strategic Planning Officer - Peterborough City Council Peterborough City Council Planning Policy Team Leader – Huntingdonshire District Council Principal Planning Policy Officer – Huntingdonshire City Council	Local Plans updates Comparison of settlement hierarchies Discussion on housing - meeting own needs Discussion on employment - meeting own needs Transport and sites that may impact Oundle Road, Peterborough. Confirmation from HDC on removal of proposed allocation Alwalton 1, agreement that employment allocation near Peterborough Services will not affect Oundle Road. Discussion on sites coming forward. Agreement to enter into a Statement of Common Ground
29/04/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA, CCC, HDC, Atkins	A141 and St Ives Improvement Scheme Project Board - Finalisation of consultation report; refinement of improvements package; review of scope and programme for outline business case preparation.
30/04/2026	Meeting	East West Rail	Director - Adams Henry for EWR Senior Planner - Adams Henry for EWR Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Principal Planning Officer and DCO Lead, HDC DCO Engagement Manager for core section EWR Route Engagement Deputy for core section EWR Route WSP consultants Design Team EWR Landowner Engagement at EWR	EWR overview including update on project timeline and key milestones, proposed route around St Neots and surrounding area, location of compounds, safeguarding area and changes, coordination with promoters of Tithe Farm. Overview of Local Plan. Discussion on related policies including the allocation at Tithe Farm and Strategic Infrastructure.
11/05/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire County Council	CCC Strategic Transport Modelling Manager, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader, Atkins	Start of a series of fortnightly meetings to discuss phase 3 of the Strategic Transport Study

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		- Transport / Highways	
11/05/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA Transport Programme Board
13/05/2026	Meeting	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (Transport and Ecology) , RSPB, Arup (consultants), Central Bedfordshire Council, Wildlife Trust, Atkins Realis (consultants), East West Rail.	Cambourne North - Stage 2 Joint Technical Working Group Workshop to discuss transport mitigation measures for Cambourne North
13/05/2026	Meeting	LLFA and EA Frances Schulz – HDC Sustainable Places Planning Specialist - Environment Agency Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer – Flood Risk Team - CCC, LLFA Flood Risk Programme Coordinator – CCC LLFA	Update on Local Plan Presentation on Critical Drainage Areas from the Environment Agency Discussion on potential approach and inclusion in the Local Plan.
18/05/2026	Meeting	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning East Cambridgeshire District Council, Bedford Borough Council, North Herts Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Peterborough City Council, Braintree District Council, Fenland District Council.	Discussion on the approach to strategic logistics within the wider area and employment need including the requirement for a Statement of Common Ground and request for employment evidence.
21/05/2026	Email	Cambridgeshire County Council - Archaeology/Heritage	Email with analysis of CHER and archaeology on additional sites to inform the HIAs.
26/05/2026	Email	Peterborough City Council Principal Planning Policy Officer – Huntingdonshire District Council Principal Strategic Planning Officer - Peterborough City Council	HDC supplied comments to inform Peterborough Infrastructure Delivery Study

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02/06/2026	Meeting	Central Bedfordshire	Principal Policy Planner, HDC) Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Strategic planning partnership manager, Central Beds Transport Planner, Central Beds Transport Planner, Central Beds	Updates on Local Plans progress and timelines Transport and impact of Tempsford new town and East West Rail. Discussion on suggested policy amendments as a result of Local Plan Preferred Options consultation. Changes agreed to LP 18 with no changes to LP 3. Agreement to enter into a Statement of Common Ground to address transport modelling.
03/06/2026	Email	Cambridgeshire County Council - LLFA	Flood Risk Programme Coordinator Cambridgeshire County Council	Confirmation satisfaction with redrafted planning policies on flooding and water and inclusion of Critical Drainage Areas
08/06/2026	Email	Natural England	Higher Officer for Sustainable Development, Natural England	Follow up email from NE on water points
10/06/2026	Email	Environment Agency	Planning Advisor - Sustainable Places - Environment Agency	Confirmation satisfaction with redrafted planning policies on flooding and water and inclusion of Critical Drainage Areas. Minor amendments suggested by EA and made by HDC
11/06/2026	Consultation response	National Highways (Highways Agency)	National Highways	Provision of relevant strategies and plans. Identification of known congestion at Brampton Hut Interchange and Buckden Roundabout and sub-standard junction design at Alwalton may limit operational capacity and resilience of the SRN, particularly under future growth scenarios. These constraints are likely to influence how growth can be accommodated safely. Noted that Sibson Garden Village will require a grade separated junction on to the A1 and no direct access from the SRN.

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15/06/2026	Meeting	East West Rail	Director - Adams Henry for EWR Senior Planner - Adams Henry for EWR Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC	1. Discussion on policies LP13 supporting and enabling strategic infrastructure and Tithes Farm Discussion had on policies 'supporting and enabling strategic infrastructure' and 'St Neots 1 – East of Loves Farm (Tithes Farm)'. Minor amendments made to criterion a of infrastructure policy and criterion 6 of Tithes Farm and removal of illustrative diagram. 2. Local Plan update and timeline Update on Duty to Cooperate and although EWRail Co is not a body it is thought relevant to include information on cooperation. EWRail agree. 3. AOB Agree to send final policies, and text relating to D2C for approval/agreement
16/06/2026	Meeting	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planning Policy Officer, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader – Greater Cambridge (GC) Principal Planning Policy Officer, GC	Discussion on HRA AADT modelling and inputs of transport modelling. Catch up on Camboorne transport, water Statement of Common Ground and logistics SoCG
24/06/2026	Meeting	Bedford Borough Council	Principal Policy Planner, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader, HDC Principal Planner – Bedford Borough Council	Updates on Local Plans progress and timelines Transport and impact modelling and Tempsford new town Discussion on suggested policy amendments as a result of Local Plan Development of evidence bases
08/07/2026	Email	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA Transport Programme Manager, HDC Planning Policy Team Leader	Arrangement of A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme statement of common ground
09/07/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire DC, East Cambridgeshire DC, Cambridge City Council, Peterborough Council, CPCA, HDC	CPCA Transport Programme Board discussion on major projects progress

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14/07/2026	Email	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA Transport Programme Manager	Email exchange regarding comments and tracked changes on proposed statement of common ground
15/07/2026	Meeting	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority / LEP	CPCA Transport Programme Manager; HDC Planning Policy Team Leader	Discussion of initial draft of A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme statement of common ground
28/07/2026	Meeting	Fenland District Council	Planning Strategy and Specialist Services Manager - Fenland District Council NSIP Lead Officer - Fenland District Council Planning Policy / S106 Monitoring Officer - Fenland District Council NSIP & Planning Policy Officer - Fenland District Council Principal Planning Policy Officer - HDC Senior Planning Policy Officer - HDC	Fenland District Council Local Plan Update Huntingdonshire District Council Local Plan Update Discussion on NSIP projects including the Fens Reservoir, A141, Waste Water Management and Solar Farms. Discussion of inclusion of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Great Fen within HDC Local Plan Policies and new policy on supporting and enabling strategic infrastructure to support public transport. Fenland District Council happy with these inclusions to support cross boundary matters.

Appendix 3 - Statements of Common Ground & Memorandums of Understanding

- 11.1** This section provides a list any Statements of Common Ground that have been produced or are in production as part of the development of Huntingdonshire's Local Plan. This information is correct as of 22/07/2026.

What is a Statement of Common Ground?

A statement of common ground is a written record of the progress made by strategic policy-making authorities during the process of planning for strategic cross-boundary matters. It documents where effective co-operation is and is not happening throughout the plan-making process, and is a way of demonstrating at examination that plans are deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working across local authority boundaries. In the case of local planning authorities, it also forms part of the evidence required to demonstrate that they have complied with the duty to cooperate.

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Statements of Common Ground & Memorandums of Understanding (Published)

- Statement of Common Ground between HDC, Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority
- Greater Cambridge Proposed Submission Plan - Draft Statement of Common Ground
- Statement of Common Ground Between HDC and Anglian Water
- Statement of Common Ground Between HDC, NHS Central East Integrated Care Board and NHS Property Services
- Statement of Common Ground between HDC and UK Power Networks
- Statement of Common Ground between HDC & Peterborough City Council
- Statement of Common Ground between HDC & Cambridgeshire County Council (Education)
- Memorandum of Understanding - Integrated Water Management Studies with HDC, Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority

11.2 Statements of Common Ground & Memorandums of Understanding (In Progress)

- Statement of Common Ground between HDC, Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
- Statement of Common Ground between HDC and Fenland District Council

- 11.3** All Statements of Common Ground or Memorandums of Understanding will be published in the Council's [Evidence Library](#) once signed.