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Report for Parish Councils – September 2021.

South Cambs District Council

Call for Sites

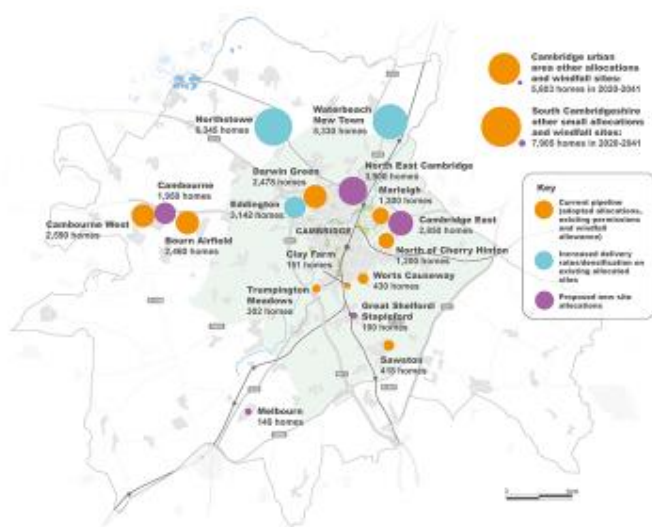
The District Council have now released their much awaited ‘short-list’ of 19 parcels of land in South Cambridgeshire that they believe have planning merit and will be taken forward to the next stage of the process. This short-list was derived from a 600+ site submission put forward by potential developers and landowners earlier this year. Under the previous plan 600 sites were submitted and 40+ chosen.

The outcome is that the parcels of land in our area are being taken forward by South Cambs, are:

1. Welcome Genome Campus 1,500 dwellings
2. Babraham research campus expansion within the Campus
3. Whittlesford Highways Depot.
4. Maarnford Close Duxford.

So overall the policy, which has been stuck to, is to generally PROTECT OUR VILLAGES and concentrate the major development into existing and forthcoming settlements, such as Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach, Bourn Airfield etc.

Location and amount of new homes



Location	Increased delivery rates/densification on existing allocated sites	New proposed allocations
City (urban area)		3,912 (43%)
Edge of Cambridge	1,000 (40%)	2,850 (31%)
New settlements	1,500 (60%)	1,950 (21%)
Rural area		384 (4%)
Total	2,500 (100%)	9,096 (100%)

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Breakdown of existing and new sites



Location	Current pipeline (adopted allocations, existing permissions and windfall allowance)	Proposed increased delivery rates/densification on existing allocated sites	New proposed allocations	Total
City (urban area)	5,791 (16%)		3,912 (43%)	9,703 (20%)
Edge of Cambridge	8,003 (22%)	1,000 (40%)	2,850 (31%)	11,853 (24%)
New settlements	15,225 (41%)	1,500 (60%)	1,950 (21%)	18,675 (38%)
Rural area	8,179 (22%)		384 (4%)	8,563 (18%)
Total	37,198 (100%)	2,500 (100%)	9,096 (100%)	48,794 (100%)
Proportion of housing supply	76% of total delivery	5% of total delivery	19% of total delivery	

A thank you to all those that had an input into the process so far but there will be further public consultation on these short-listed sites, should anyone wish to make further comment. Full site listings can be seen at - <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan>

Afghan Re Settlement

Three families from Afghanistan will be provided a home and essential support by South Cambridgeshire District Council in response to the international crisis.

The support follows commitments in recent years to provide homes to refugees from Syria, Iran and Sudan. Four families were housed under the previous scheme by the Council and in December 2020 a further commitment to support up to an additional four families per year was made.

Council owned homes are not planned to be used to meet the initial pledge to house three families and therefore it will not have an impact on the waiting time for local families who are already on the Council's housing waiting list.

New Business Growth Fund

The District Council has launched a new fund that businesses looking to grow and expand can now apply for. It's aptly called the 'Growth Fund' and between £1,000 and £50,000 can be applied for at one time. So far c £750k has been awarded. Full eligibility criteria can be found here - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/growth-fund-grant-scheme> or by email openforbusiness@scambs.gov.uk

Visit South Cambs - Business Listings

South Cambs have launched a new business directory of businesses in the District. This is to try to boost local commerce now that we are coming out of Covid restrictions. Any viable,

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independent, business in South Cambridgeshire can apply to be listed on the website. It is essentially free advertising! - <https://www.visitsouthcambs.co.uk/>

6 Free Trees

You may remember a few years ago the District Council ran a scheme whereby they offered vouchers to parish councils for the value of 3 free trees that could be redeemed from local garden centres and planted on parish council land. This scheme has been rebooted but with the offering doubled at 6, rather than 3 trees. Please do take advantage of this, if your parish council has the land to plant them.

Street Trading

An updated policy is being brought to the Licensing Committee to harmonise the rules across the District. However Parishes will still have an important input.

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s123186/Street%20Trading%20-%20Report%20for%20Cabinet.pdf>

Cambridgeshire County Report

A 505 Study

The on-going work on the A 505 is being updated at the Highways Committee this week.
[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

Afghan National Re Settlement

Cambridgeshire County Council is working with partners to help resettle Afghan nationals (and their families) who are at risk because they worked alongside our armed forces and the British Government, or who may be vulnerable for other reasons.

So far around 10 to 15 homes have been identified across the county, while the County Council has also offered one of its vacant outdoor education centres as temporary accommodation for Afghans while they wait for suitable accommodation either in Cambridgeshire or elsewhere in the region.

Each district and the city council have confirmed that they will be accepting and/or supporting Afghan nationals as part of the national Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), and the broader Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) for other vulnerable Afghans.

A consistent message from all of the discussions has been the need to continue to work collaboratively, while a commitment has been made to establish a county-wide taskforce to share good practice and unblock challenges.

Support being offered by the County Council includes:

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- . Developing tailored English-language courses through its adult skills service, Cambridgeshire Skills
 - . Supporting the national effort to transfer qualifications to British standards, through Cambridgeshire Skills
 - . Exploring employment and apprenticeship opportunities within the council, and its contracted and commissioned services
 - . Coordination of donations from the public
 - . Expanding the locally-led donations schemes, especially for high demand items such as beds, wardrobes and white goods
 - . Extending existing mechanisms to buy goods or to provide food and other vouchers via the County Coordination Hub
 - . Supporting Afghan families to access online resources through the provision of computer hardware and data
 - . Working with our public health teams to offer immunisations/vaccinations to those individuals who might need them
- . The offer of broader social opportunities.

The council is aware that many people are keen to offer help and support. It is especially keen to hear from landlords with suitable and available housing (whole and self-contained houses, rather than rooms or shared accommodation), as well as from anyone able to donate good quality large items of furniture, including beds and wardrobes.

Anyone wishing to contribute or to find out more detail is asked to approach the relevant district or city council where the housing located in the first instance. However, the County Council is also offering an information point for anyone that wants further information, to offer accommodation, or to offer other support:

Email: communitycv@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.
Telephone: 0345 045 5219.

Chief Executive

The County Council is going through the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive, as the current one is retiring.

Civil Parking Enforcement

There is an item on the September meeting of the Highways Committee at the County Council relating to parking enforcement. Currently the parking enforcement (ticketing) is the responsibility of the Police. The County Council are looking to write to the Secretary of State to request that they are allowed to explore carrying this out themselves and actually put some money and momentum behind it. Currently the Police, understandably, can't prioritise parking enforcement over other Policing.

Highways

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There is an ongoing programme of micro asphalt treatment this time for Fowlmere:

- St Marys Walk, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 12 October 2021 for one day - road closure
- Champions Close, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 12 October 2021 for two days - road closure
- Johns Close, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 13 October 2021 for one day - road closure
- Isons Close, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 13 October 2021 for one day - road closure
- Jacksons Way, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 13 October 2021 for two days - road closure
- Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 14 October 2021 for two days - road closure

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September 6th 2021