

## Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

### Questions 21: Community Infrastructure

The new Local Plan will ensure that new development is supported by appropriate infrastructure for transport, schools, health, open spaces, community facilities and water supply and treatment.

21) Do you think the Local Plan should include a policy to protect the loss of existing community facilities?

NO

### Questions 22: Transport

The main transport and infrastructure requirements for the Fenland area are set out in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport Plan (LTP) which is a document prepared by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Therefore, any Local Plan policies must support this.

22a) Should the Local Plan place a strong emphasis on encouraging walking, cycling and public transport or does the rural nature of Fenland mean the private car will always need to be accommodated as a priority?

IT ~~SHOULD~~ SHOULD ENCOURAGE WALKING, CYCLING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUT SHOULD REALISE THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR CARS.

22b) Do you think the new Local Plan should set parking standards? If so please provide further comments to explain what standards you think are needed and where they should apply.

THE AREA IS SO DEPENDENT ON THE CAR THAT THERE MUST BE BE PROVISION FOR CAR PARKING SPACES. ~~THERE SHOULD BE A MINIMUM PARKING PROVISION FOR ALL NEW HOUSING, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE TOWN CENTRE, AND RESIDENTIAL ROADS SHOULD BE WIDER.~~  
BUT NO TO PARKING STANDARDS.

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### Question 23: Historic Environment

The Fen landscape has a unique rural character; large scale, flat, open landscape with extensive views to the horizon. The huge skies give the area a strong sense of place and tranquillity.

Each of the four market towns in the district has its own individual, historic character which has evolved over time.

In Fenland there are 20 scheduled monuments, 10 conservation areas and over 650 listed buildings of special architectural or historic interest. The gardens of Peckover House in Wisbech are included in Historic England's register of parks and gardens of special historic interest.

23a) Should the Local Plan go beyond the minimum requirements for protecting the historic environment?

NO

23b) Should the Plan identify buildings of local importance?

YES

23c) Are there any areas that you think require additional protection that are not already identified as conservation areas?

NO

### Question 24: Natural Environment

"Our natural environment is our most precious inheritance" according to the government's 25 Year Environment Plan, which also states that the government's aim is to be "the first generation to leave [the] environment in a better state than we found it and pass on to the next generation a natural environment protected and enhanced for the future".

National planning policy is more specific as to what development should do, including a requirement for a 'net

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gain' in biodiversity. Natural Cambridgeshire, the Local Nature Partnership for our area, has recently (June 2019) agreed a vision to double the area of rich wildlife habitats and natural green space across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, with the aim of creating a world-class environment where nature and people thrive, and businesses prosper. The Combined Authority for our area endorsed that vision in July 2019.

24) How do you think the Local Plan should protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment?

TPO MAPS SHOULD BE UPDATED AND TREE PLANTING ENCOURAGED. THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE SHOULD BE PROTECTED, POLLUTION DISCOURAGED & AIR QUALITY IMPROVED.

### Question 25: Open Space Standards

The new Local Plan can require new development to provide open space. The 2014 Local Plan sets standards for the provision of the following types of open space:

- Country parks
- Children's play
- Natural green space
- Allotments
- Amenity greenspace
- Sports pitches and playing fields

During preparation of the new Local Plan, open space standards will be reviewed. Alongside, or shortly after, consulting on this Local Plan, we intend to undertake separate more detailed consultation on open space needs and desires, so please check our website for further details on this.

25a) What type of open space should new development provide?

IN CHATTERIS A NEW COUNTRY PARK IS NEEDED. LARGER PLAY AREAS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED RATHER THAN SO MANY SMALL AREAS.

25b) What do you think of the quality of open space in your area?

MOST OF THE OPEN SPACE FOLLOWS THE SAME FORMAT ~~THAT~~ (PLAY AREAS) THERE IS LITTLE VARIETY.

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25c) Should the Plan identify other areas of open space to be protected?

AN AREA FOR A COUNTRY PARK SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AND PROTECTED. (SEE ATTACHED MAP FOR POSSIBLE SITE) ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN IN NEW ROAD / LANGWOOD FEN AREA). THERE SHOULD BE EASY ACCESS FROM TOWN.

25d) Do you have any specific standards that should be applied to all development schemes (such as a certain area of land for open space per certain development size)?

NO

25e) Should we work with neighbouring authorities with the aim of establishing common standards across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?

NO

### Question 26: Flood and Water Management

Flood risk is an important issue for the district due to the flat and low-lying landscape of the area and impact of climate change, with related sea-level rises and increased incidents of heavy rainfall. On its flood zone maps, the Environment Agency identifies specific zones of flood risk across Fenland.

26a) Do you have any views on how new development could reduce flood risk?

NO