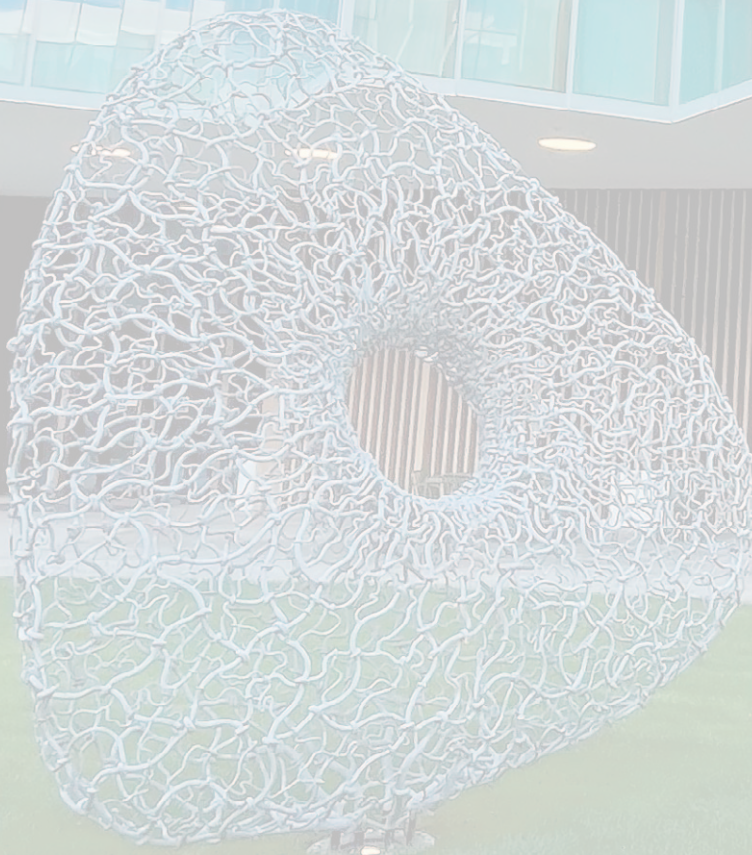




Cambridge Biomedical Campus Supplementary Planning Document

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Foreword

The Cambridge Biomedical Campus is an international centre of excellence for patient care and healthcare education, providing world class medical facilities and research. Whilst the quality of new development has improved the look and feel of the Campus, it is important that future development is joined up in its approach.

This Supplementary Planning Document will help ensure that new development makes a positive and coherent contribution towards the longer-term vision for the Campus, whilst promoting health and wellbeing for visitors, patients, workers and for communities living in the area.

We encourage applicants, developers and infrastructure providers to work collaboratively with the Greater Cambridge Planning Service in the preparation of planning applications and look forward to seeing how the guidance in this document is applied to future schemes.



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Executive Summary

The Cambridge Biomedical Campus Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) sets out guidance on the implementation of policies within the Cambridge Local Plan (2018) and the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (2018) regarding future development at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. The SPD sets out development principles to guide future development proposals for phases one to three at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and provides a planning framework for consideration when determining planning applications.

The Cambridge Biomedical Campus is an international centre of excellence for patient care, biomedical research and healthcare education, and plays an important local, regional and national role in providing medical facilities research and learning. The Campus includes several major research laboratories and hospitals and facilitates the delivery of world class health, education and life science services.

The guidance provided in this SPD will form an integral part of the development management process, setting out material considerations for determining planning applications on the Campus. It will also inform developers and infrastructure providers of key development principles to consider when bringing forward proposals, to ensure that they individually and cumulatively make a positive contribution towards the longer-term ambition for the Campus.

The initial chapters of the SPD set out its purpose, the updated overarching ambitions for the Campus, and details the local context and current provision on the Campus. Chapter four then identifies high-level principles that will inform development coming forward to support the delivery of the ambition for the Campus. Lastly, Chapter five sets out a list of questions that developers should consider when preparing a planning application in order to positively plan for wider impacts and mitigation measures beyond the boundary of the individual site.

Chapter

1

Introduction and purpose

Purpose of the Supplementary Planning Document

- 1.1** The purpose of this Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is to provide planning guidance to inform development at the existing Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC). The nature and form of projects coming forward at the Campus varies considerably in terms of scale and complexity. Some proposals will be in response to urgent and changing needs and priorities on the Campus and others are part of longer term and more strategic changes and development opportunities. As such a measured and proportionate approach will be needed when considering how the principles established in this SPD are applied to the wide range of projects likely to come forward.
- 1.2** The guidance provided in the SPD will form an integral part of the development management process, setting out material considerations for determining planning applications. It will also inform developers and infrastructure providers of the key principles to consider when bringing forward proposals within the Campus to ensure that they individually and cumulatively make a positive and co-ordinated contribution towards the longer-term ambition for the Campus.
- 1.3** The SPD will support with the delivery of adopted planning policies set out in the Cambridge Local Plan (2018) and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (2018). Reference is made throughout the document to the adopted Local Plans and other key policies that should be read and considered alongside this SPD when determining planning applications, or when bringing forward development and infrastructure proposals.
- 1.4** References to ‘the Campus’ made throughout this SPD refer to Phases 1-3 of development that are allocated within the adopted Local Plans and to the existing Addenbrookes and Royal Papworth Hospitals and related buildings.

How the Supplementary Planning Document has been prepared

- 1.5** This SPD has been prepared by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning service.
- 1.6** This is the consultation version of the SPD and the Councils’ welcome comments on the draft document. The consultation runs from Thursday 28 November 2024 to Friday 24 January 2025 and we welcome comments to help finalise the document before it is anticipated to be adopted by the councils’ in early 2025.

Structure of the document

1.7 The remaining sections of this SPD are set out in chapters as follows:

- **Chapter 2**
updates the overarching ambitions for the Campus
- **Chapter 3**
sets out the local context and the current provision of services and facilities within the Campus
- **Chapter 4**
identifies high-level principles that will inform future development on the Campus, supporting the delivery of the overarching ambition
- **Chapter 5**
sets out a framework for applicants to bring forward high quality development and how they should mitigate wider impacts both within the campus and the wider area.