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By email

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Dear Lizzie,

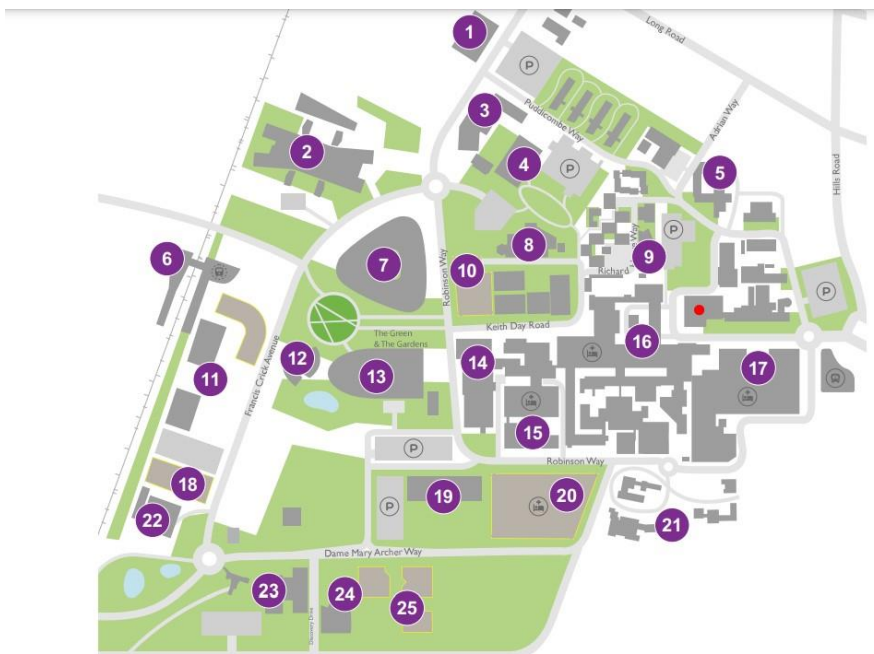
Draft Cambridge Biomedical Campus Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation Response

Thank you for inviting us to respond to consultation on the Draft Cambridge Biomedical Campus Supplementary Planning Document. We have some minor comments, as follows.

Chapter 3: Site Context

Map 3: Current occupiers of Cambridge Biomedical Campus (2024)

Response No. 1 – the map should be amended to include reference to the University of Cambridge's School of Clinical Medicine, who are located on the Island Site, shown marked in red below.



Map 3: Current occupiers of Cambridge Biomedical Campus (2024)

Response No.2 - The reference to the Anne McLaren Laboratory should be amended to the Anne McLaren Building.

Proposed change – ‘Anne McLaren ~~Laboratory~~ Building’

Response No.3 - The reference to the Heart and Lung Institute in paragraph 3.19 should be amended to the Heart and Lung Research Institute.

Proposed change – ‘Heart and Lung Research Institute’

Response No.4 - It would be helpful to include maps for existing campus amenities and existing campus public realm and open spaces.

Response No.5 – we believe that the text in paragraph 3.23 relates to development on the Phase 1 land rather than Phase 2.

Proposed change – ‘More recent development across the Phase ~~2~~ 1 land...’

Response No.6 – the reference to ‘the...piecemeal approach to development’ is slightly unfair to the campus developers. Land allocations have taken place in stages and planning requirements have changed over time since the 1960s; it is therefore inevitable that design responses have evolved over time.

Proposed change - There is more consistency in use of materials and more active facades at ground level in these more recent buildings but overall, due to the ~~long term and piecemeal approach to development~~ phased delivery of development to meet changing needs and to deliver a greater mix of uses over a period of six decades, with evolution in approaches to design, the Campus architecture lacks coherency.

Chapter 4 Cambridge Biomedical Campus Development Principles Key Principles for Sustainability

Response No.7 – the guidance in paragraph 4e.1.4 is not clear: ‘For non clinical uses, seek to exceed water efficiency targets by including non-potable water supply, harvested rainwater or re-used greywater and including sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS)’. Water efficiency standards in the adopted Cambridge Local Plan already require the full five credits for BREEAM category Wat01 to be achieved for non-residential development. In addition, supplementary guidance should not exceed planning standards as set out in adopted planning policy.

I would be grateful if you would take these points into consideration in finalising and adopting the Supplementary Planning Document. In the meantime, please contact me if there are any queries relating to the consultation response.

Yours sincerely,

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