

24 January 2025

Dear Lizzie,

**Re: Consultation Response to Draft s106 SPD**

I am writing on behalf of Cambridge Biomedical Campus Ltd (CBCL) in response to the Consultation carried out in relation to the Draft Greater Cambridge Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document

CBCL represents major occupiers across the existing campus and our purpose is to promote the CBC as world class place for health, education, research and commercial life science activity and businesses.

Health improvement is central to the mission of the campus and the role it plays in supporting improved health outcomes for the existing and future populations – locally, regionally and nationally. The campus is also a significant source of economic wellbeing not just through its contribution to the UK economy (£4.2bn GDP) but also through a range of employment opportunities at all skill levels.

Given the centrality of health to our mission and the anticipated increase in housing numbers to be enabled through the local planning process it is vital that the full range of health infrastructure is provided to support this growth and avoid exacerbating an already over stretched system. For example, the Accident and Emergency Department at Addenbrooke's is currently operating at 300% of the capacity it was designed for.

CBC Ltd therefore fully support the submission to this consultation made by Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUH) in their letter date 23 January 2025 (attached). In particular, CBCL is keen to emphasise the following section from page 2 of that response:

'We would wish to ask that the Planning Obligations SPD is left suitably flexible to allow contributions to be sought for a broader spectrum of healthcare impacts, recognising we have not yet established a defined methodology for doing so.

It will be necessary to explore how development can mitigate its impact on wider healthcare (including mental health, community, acute secondary and tertiary services) infrastructure in a similar manner to the methodology put forward for primary healthcare.'

While we recognise that it is neither reasonable nor economically practical for new housing to support the full extent of health needs for a population, it is appropriate to expect that demand from those who will occupy new homes is addressed, at least in part, through the planning system. Such an approach is exemplified above and CBCL would be keen to play a role in shaping such a methodology.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on behalf of CBC Ltd should you wish to discuss any of this further.

Yours Sincerely,



Nick Kirby  
Managing Director, CBC Ltd

