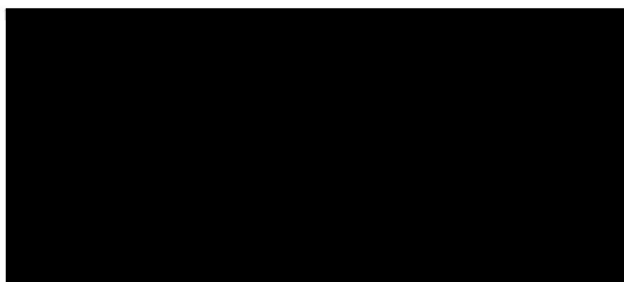


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Dear Lizzie

Draft Cambridge Biomedical Campus Supplementary Planning Document – Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's Representations

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your team for your work in the preparation of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC).

About Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUH), incorporating Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Rosie Maternity Hospital has over 1,000 beds and 12,000 members of staff.

We are one of the largest acute hospital Trusts in the country. The 'local' hospital for our community, CUH is also a leading regional and national centre for specialist treatment; a government designated comprehensive biomedical research centre; a partner in one of six academic health science centres in the UK – Cambridge University Health Partners (CUHP); and a university teaching hospital with a worldwide reputation.

The Cambridge Biomedical Campus SPD

We are pleased to see a final document which strikes an appropriate balance between the shared ambition we, the local authorities, and our campus partners share for the CBC, whilst also recognising that there will be a need to bring forward smaller scale projects, within a framework to manage and deliver incremental enhancements to the campus.

We have been pleased to be involved in the development of the draft document as we work together to work through the unique campus-wide challenges and opportunities for our estate,

as part of a world leading Innovation District. presented by existing pressures on healthcare and those anticipated as a result of the growth agenda for Cambridge and the surrounding area.

The recognition that proposals on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus will vary greatly, ranging from replacement roof plant through to high profile new hospital buildings, we welcome the pragmatic, flexible and proportionate approach advocated in the document. We also welcome the proposed proportionate application of the requirements of the SPD, which will necessarily be applied on a bespoke basis, based on the location, scale and nature of any given proposal. The recognition of the central need to deliver high quality healthcare outcomes, is welcomed. I outline our key comments in respect of the draft SPD in the remainder of this letter and provide an Appendix of other minor changes that I believe will aid the clarity of the document. For completeness the comments will also be submitted through the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning consultation webpage, including the minor changes in the enclosed Appendix.

Key Comments

Chapters 1 and 2

In the interests of clarity, it is important that the Rosie Hospital is recognised as a separate hospital on the campus in the same way as both Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Royal Papworth Hospital. It is therefore requested that Paragraph 1.4 of the document be reworded to read: *"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 Addenbrooke's, **Rosie** and Royal Papworth Hospitals and related buildings."*

Similarly, the third sentence of paragraph 2.8 should be reworded as follows: *"This means that alongside Addenbrooke's Hospital, **the Rosie Hospital** and the Royal Papworth Hospital (which moved to the Biomedical Campus in 2019), there will be ~~four~~ **five** hospitals within the campus, consolidating it as a regional centre for healthcare."*

Chapter 3

The campus is first and foremost concerned with the quality of the healthcare outcomes for its patients and greater emphasis should be given to this within the SPD. Paragraph 3.3 should be reworded to read: *"This SPD meets the aims of the NPPF by promoting sustainable development that responds appropriately to the surrounding context of the site through high quality design, **within the context of the need to deliver high quality healthcare outcomes.**"*

Paragraph 3.31 refers to the accessibility of the campus by public transport and the connectivity of the campus with the transport hubs; however, it neglects to mention the internal shuttle bus service that operates at the campus, linking the transport hubs to the rest of the site. In order to address the omission, it is proposed that the following sentence is added to paragraph 3.31: *"**The campus does benefit from an internal shuttle bus service for patients and visitors which looks to improve connectivity and accessibly across the campus.**"*

Chapter 4

Again the recognition that there is a great variety of projects coming forward on the campus and that a flexible and proportionate approach will be taken when implementing the guidelines based on the scale, function, location and nature of the individual proposal is welcomed.

Paragraph 4.12 looks to create a homogenous public realm that ties the campus together; however, such an approach is considered to risk creating an institutional feel rather than embracing the diversity of design and the creation of character areas across the campus,

which can aid legibility. It is proposed that the final sentence of paragraph 4.12 is reworded to read *“A coherent approach to the public realm through the use of materials and street furniture is key to lifting the quality and coordinating streets and spaces on the Campus, **while recognising that some variation in style across the campus can aid legibility and create character areas.**”*

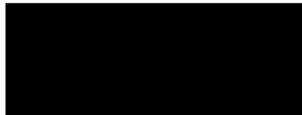
Chapter 5

The recognition in paragraph 5.3 that *“...not all projects will be able to meet all of these objectives”* is welcomed, given the diversity in scale and complexity of the projects coming forward on the campus.

Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust remains committed to the delivery of high quality healthcare outcomes in an attractive and healthy environment, and looks forward to continuing to work closely with the Local Planning Authorities to ensure that goal can be achieved given the growth agenda for Greater Cambridge.

I trust the above is clear and that the comments will be duly considered as part of the consultation; if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Encl. Appendix 1

Appendix 1 – Proposed Minor Changes

The following changes are minor in nature, and include factual corrections, typographical errors or minor suggested improvements to wording.

Chapter 2

- Paragraph 2.2, line 1 – suggests Addenbrooke’s Hospital opened on its current site in 1967; however, paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6 suggests a date of 1962. The latter is correct.

Chapter 3

- Paragraph 3.2 need updating to reflect the National Planning Policy Framework 2024
- Paragraph 3.7 – the reference to B1(b) uses in Policy 17 need to be clarified within the context of the amendments to the Use Classes Order (Class E(g)(ii))
- Paragraph 3.10 – the reference to B1(b) uses in Policy E/2 need to be clarified within the context of the amendments to the Use Classes Order (Class E(g)(ii))
- Paragraph 3.31, line 3 delete the word “to”

Chapter 4

- Paragraph 4a.1.5 – given that the reference to “all users” includes all members of society regardless of race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, level of mobility it is proposed that the paragraph is reworded to read: “*Given the 24-hour nature of the Campus, open spaces should feel safe and inclusive throughout the day and night for all users including for women and girls.*”
- Paragraph 4b.1.6 to re reworded to read: “*Identify opportunities to improve wayfinding through additional or improved signage, **and use of materials.***”
- Paragraph 4d.1.3 – reword the final sentence to read “*This should minimise the impact of servicing and deliveries on pedestrians, cyclists and public transport and limit peak time travel demand on the Campus whilst supporting the delivery of materials to ~~research~~ **all buildings.***”
- Paragraph 4d.2.2 – reword first sentence to read “*Integrate new development with new and emerging transport schemes and projects to create a joined-up approach to wayfinding **and** connectivity and across the Campus and to nearby areas.*”
- Paragraph 4d.3.1 – reworded to read “*Promotion of Active Travel measures should underpin travel planning for the Campus with opportunities to connect into existing and future sustainable travel modes (such as Cambridge South Station and CSETS) maximised to meet the needs of **all those who experience reduced mobility levels.***”
- Paragraph 4.21 to be reworded to read “***Permanent** proposals should adhere to or go beyond requirements for sustainability set out in the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD to design and deliver more sustainable forms of development.*”
- Paragraph 4.23 – should be reworded to read: “*All **qualifying** proposals should include an Air Quality Statement detailing how this has been achieved.*”
- Paragraph 4e.2.3 – the first line should be amended to read “*Seek opportunity for buildings ~~orientation~~ to be set out **and orientated** to minimise energy...*”
- Paragraph 4f.3.2 – reword final line to read “*community ~~wider~~ **wide** benefit.*”

Chapter 5

- Paragraph 5.5, Sustainability, bullet point five to be reworded to read “*Design out air quality impacts ensuring contribution to **the site’s** sites overall emissions are reduced, preventing cumulative worsening of air quality across the site*”