

My ref: GCSP Planning Obligations SPD

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Dear Sirs

County Council Response to Planning Obligations SPD Consultation

I am writing in response to the consultation on the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and would like to thank the Greater Cambridge Planning Service for providing the County Council with the opportunity to comment.

The County Council has been actively engaged since the inception of the SPD and contributed towards the drafting. We submitted representations during the initial consultation in January 2025 and, having reviewed the current draft, are satisfied with both the level of engagement throughout the process and the extent to which our earlier feedback has been incorporated.

However, the Council wishes to raise two specific matters for further consideration:

1. Minor Drafting Amendments

Our review of the latest draft has identified a number of minor drafting issues. These are summarised in the table below, and a tracked changes version of the SPD is enclosed for reference. We recommend that these amendments be incorporated into the final version of the document.

Paragraph	Issue	Recommended Action
2.12	CCC pre-application service information not included	Add relevant service details
2.39	No link to CCC website for monitoring fees and charges	Include hyperlink to CCC site
2.75	Missing reference to CCC Infrastructure Funding Statement	Add reference and link
Appendix A	Tables tidied and new SEND multiplier added	Add revised tables

2. Specialist Housing

We note with concern the removal of text relating to 'specialist housing for older people' and 'specialist supported accommodation for other groups' (paragraphs 4.12 to 4.14). The County Council has a statutory duty to commission services that meet the care needs of children and adults across Cambridgeshire. This includes ensuring the availability of appropriate accommodation to support individuals with complex care needs, such as extra care housing for older adults, supported living accommodation for working-age adults and children's residential and supported accommodation.

The omission of these references presents a significant challenge, particularly in light of rising demand for specialist housing demonstrated through demand profiles shared. The Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy acknowledges the importance of both market and affordable housing in meeting this demand. Accordingly, it is appropriate for the SPD to set out how such provision will be secured through Section 106 agreements for residential developments.

We recommend that a further discussion be convened between the Adult Social Care Commissioning Team, GCSP, and housing officers from South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council to explore how best to address this issue within the SPD and through wider cross-authority collaboration.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you wish to discuss any of the points raised.

Yours sincerely



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