

Summary of answers to question 1: *Do you agree that the Council's corporate vision is the right vision for the Local Plan?*

Total responses

Support	Object	Comment	Total
71	23	39	133
53%	17%	29%	100%

Most frequent comment categories

Comment categories that were raised more than once	Number of comments
Against growth*	37
Environmental sustainability	16
Plan process	13
Infrastructure*	11
Pro-growth	10
Quality of life	7
Protect the rural nature of the district	6

*Seven comments were counted twice under against growth and infrastructure.

10 most frequent comments

	Comment category	Comment theme	Number of comments
1	Against growth	Impressive economic growth is incompatible with environmental quality	18
2	Sustainability	More focus should be made on sustainable growth, and efficient use of natural resources	13
3	Plan process	A sub-regional approach to planning for South Cambs is needed	8
4	Against growth/ infrastructure	Infrastructure will not be able to cope with the proposed growth	7
5	Against growth	Vision and objectives are contradicted by proposals later in the I&O paper	6
6	Conserving the environment	Protect the rural nature of the district	6
7	Quality of life	Replace "the best place to live", with "one of the best"	5
8	Plan process	Vision should be more specific and less subjective (eg how do you assess "superb quality of life")	4
9	Pro-growth	Support high economic growth	4
10	Pro-growth	More homes are needed to support strong economic growth	4

Full list of comments by category

Against growth

Comment theme	Number of comments
Impressive economic growth is incompatible with environmental quality	18
Vision and objectives are contradicted by proposals later in the I&O paper	6
Over-emphasis on economic growth	3
Agree with Robin Page's comments	2
Should focus on South Cambs created growth, not Cambridge-led	1
Infrastructure will not be able to cope with the proposed growth	7
Total	37

Sustainability

Comment theme	Number of comments
More focus should be made on sustainable growth, and efficient use of natural resources	13
Need to reference climate change mitigation and adaptation	3
Total	16

Plan process

Comment theme	Number of comments
A sub-regional approach to planning for South Cambs is needed	8
Vision should be more specific and less subjective (eg how do you assess "superb quality of life")	4
Council can only support growth, it cannot create it	1
Total	13

Infrastructure

Comment theme	Number of comments
Infrastructure will not be able to cope with the proposed growth	7
Reference to infrastructure should be included	2
Need to link employment and residential development with good transport links	1
Specific references under quality of life should be made to amenities, healthcare and education	1
Total	11

Pro-growth

Comment theme	Number of comments
Support high economic growth	4
More homes are needed to support strong economic growth	4
Need to reference need to provide work opportunities in the sustainable rural settlements, (and allow housing growth here to support this)	2
Total	10

Quality of life

Comment theme	Number of comments
Replace "the best place to live", with "one of the best"	5
Should include equality of opportunity for all	1
Vision should refer to community development	1
Total	7

Protect the rural nature of the district

Comment theme	Number of comments
Protect the rural nature of the district	6

Housing

Comment theme	Number of comments
Support the vision, but need a mix of housing for all income levels	2

Miscellaneous

Comment theme	Number of comments
Vision is bland/not South Cambs distinctive	2
Cambridgeshire has successfully balanced growth with maintaining its rural character	1
Support the district-wide vision, but need to be flexible to meet the needs of individual communities	1
Quarter to Six Quadrant want their vision reflected in the Local Plan	1
Total	5

Miscellaneous suggested amendments to wording

- ...sustainable economic growth *supported by high quality infrastructure*
- *Our district will endeavour to have sustainable economic growth within environmental limits. We will hope to improve the quality of life for all our residents in a rural and green environment.*
- ...Quality of life *with the opportunity to live and work* in an exceptionally...

- *Continue to develop as a centre of excellence and world leader in fields of higher education and research, and it will foster dynamism, prosperity and further expansion of the knowledge-based economy (the current adopted vision for the area)*
- *...Superb quality of life (as free from stress, crime and cultural intolerance as might reasonably be expected from a successful local economy)*
- *Rural and green and healthy environment*

Summary of answers to question 2: *Do you agree that the objectives set out in Issue 2 should be included in the Local Plan?*

Total responses

Support	Object	Comment	Total
75	11	50	136
55%	8%	37%	100%

Top 10 most frequent comments

	Relevant question	Comment category	Comment themes	Number of comments
1	A/B: Economy vs. sustainability	Environmental sustainability	Economic development should not take precedence over environmental limits	17
2	Plan process	Sub-regional working	Support for or request for more integration with neighbouring authorities	10
3	Plan process	Contradictions	Yes, but proposals in the Plan contradict the objectives	8
4	E: services	Infrastructure	Ensure that all development has sufficient infrastructure including transport	8
5	F: Health & Wellbeing	Service access	Development should have access to services (shops etc)	8
6	B: Rural character	Protect	Protect the rural character of the district	7
7	Plan process	Bland	Objectives are bland/vague	5
8	Plan process	Past performance	Yes, but in the past these proposals have not been delivered	5
9	A: Economy	Sector focus	Support agriculture	5
10	E: services	Transport	Link new development to transport	5

A: Economy

Comment category	Comment theme	Number of responses
Environmental sustainability	Economic development should not take precedence over environmental limits*	17*
Sector focus	Support agriculture	5
Sector focus	Support especially research and technology	4
Sector focus	Support a diverse economy, not just High tech	4

Economic development focus	Attract inward investment	2
Sustainability	Deliver South Cambs' needs, not Cambridge's	2
Sector focus	Support for jobs for local people too	1
Sector focus	Refer to cleantech and greentech economy	1
Sustainability	Seek economic, environmental and social goals jointly	1
Environmental sustainability	Focus on economic growth- not population growth	1
Sustainability	Reconcile development pressures with local views	1
Sector focus	Provide a diversity of small-scale employment opportunities	1
Employment locations	Relocate warehousing and industrial premises to the edge of the City*	1
Employment locations	Develop employment at existing technology cluster locations*	1
Total		42

*Included both in A: economy and B: Rural character

Specific wording amendment suggestions:

- To support economic growth *in sustainable locations* by supporting
- *To support any development which sustains or improves economic growth within the urban and rural economy* including our position as a world leader in research and technology based industries.
- *A To support economic growth generally* but in particular by supporting our position...
- *To dispense with any previous convictions as to the maximum size of industrial/manufacturing units and interface with business leaders in order to create a planning environment capable of attracting new and sustainable investment to the district.*

B: Rural character and environmental sustainability

Comment category	Comment theme	Number of responses
Environmental sustainability	Economic development should not take precedence over environmental limits*	17*
Protect rural character	Protect the rural character of the district	7
Brownfield	Restrict development to brownfield sites	2
Agriculture	Protect agricultural land	1
Employment locations	Relocate warehousing and industrial premises to the edge of the City*	1
Employment locations	Develop employment at existing technology cluster locations*	1
Green Belt	Specifically mention Green Belt	1
Total		30

*Included both in A: economy and B: Rural character

Specific wording amendment suggestions:

- *To minimise the adverse impact on the natural character of South Cambridgeshire including the built and historic environment and its biodiversity.*

- ...natural heritage *and the long term protection of the Green Belt...*
- *Reconcile aspirations of local communities with pressures for general development in SCDC area*
- *Recognise development pressures caused by Cambridge City, London and improving transport links*

C: Housing

Comment category	Comment theme	Number of responses
Affordable housing	Focus on affordable housing	3
Housing location	Should be placed in sustainable locations	3
Source of needs	Limit housing growth to local needs	3
Housing location	Should provide a choice of housing locations	2
Specific housing needs	Refer specifically to Gypsy & Traveller accommodation needs	2
Specific housing needs	Make better use of existing homes before building more	2
Built heritage	Support reference to built heritage	1
Pro-growth	Focus on housing growth	1
Specific housing needs	Housing should focus on provision for the ageing population	1
Total		18

Specific wording amendment suggestions:

- ...size, tenure and cost, *in sustainable locations.*
- ...type, size, tenure, *location* and cost.
- ...provide *adequate* land for housing
- To facilitate the provision of all local housing needs by size, type, tenure and cost *and to a design reflecting the character of their location.*
- ...land for housing that meets *the full objectively assessed needs...*
- *To provide sufficient land for housing in a range of locations to ensure it meets local needs...*
- *(i) To provide appropriate accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers in accordance with the needs assessment of 2011/12; and*
- *(ii) To plan and provide separately for those affordable housing needs known to exist (in 2012) as the Local Plan comes under review.*
- *To be mindful and provide for the needs of the travelling community in our district*

D: Design

Comment category	Comment theme	Number of responses
Improve	Housing design must be better than it has been to date	3
Location character	Housing design should reflect the character of its location	2
Environmental sustainability	Housing should be environmentally efficient	2

Total	7
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E: Services

Comment category	Comment theme	Number of responses
Infrastructure	Ensure that all development has sufficient infrastructure including transport	8
Transport	Link new development to transport	5
Transport	Add rail to list of transport options	4
Infrastructure	Infrastructure is not sufficient to cope with planned growth	2
Transport	Focus transport provision particularly on cycling	1
Total		28

F: Health & Wellbeing

Comment category	Comment theme	Number of responses
Service access	Development should have access to services	8
Existing villages	Provide facilities for those villages currently without them	3
Inequality	Growth should address socio-economic inequalities	1
Add services	Insert library facilities and Household Recycling Centres into list	1
Community	New development should create cohesive communities	1
Total		14

Plan process

Comment category	Comment theme	Number of responses
Sub-regional working	Support for or request for more integration with neighbouring authorities	10
Contradictions	Yes, but proposals in the Plan contradict the objectives	8
Bland	Objectives are bland/vague	5
Past performance	Yes, but in the past these proposals have not been delivered	5
Prioritisation	Prioritise the objectives?	1
Total		29