

# Greater Cambridge Duty to Cooperate meeting: Essex County Council & Uttlesford District Council

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 14:00-15:30, via Teams

## Attendees:

Caroline Hunt, Planning Policy Manager (CH) (Chair)	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)
Stuart Morris, Principal Policy Officer (SM)	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)
Mairead O'Sullivan, Senior Planning Officer (MO)	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)
Paul Frainer, Assistant Director Strategy and Economy (PF)	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)
Nadeem Din, Local Plan Project Manager (ND)	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)
Stephen Miles, Local Plan and New Communities Team Leader (SM)	Uttlesford District Council (UDC)
Simon Payne, Local Plan and New Communities Project Manager (SP)	Uttlesford District Council (UDC)
Hayley Richardson, Local Plan and New Communities Project Officer	Uttlesford District Council (UDC)
Nathan Drover, Local Plan and New Communities Principal Transport Planner (ND)	Essex County Council (ECC)

## Apologies:

Stephen Kelly, joint Director of Planning and Economic Development	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)
Toby Williams, Principal Planner (TW)	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)
Charlotte Morgan-Shelbourne, Policy, Strategy & Economy Team Administration Assistant (minute taker)	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)
Roger Harborough, Director of Public Services (RH)	Uttlesford District Council (UDC)
Gordon Glenday, Assistant Director Planning and Building Control (GG)	Uttlesford District Council (UDC)
Matthew Jericho, Spatial Planning and Local Plan Manager (MJ)	Essex County Council (ECC)

## 1. Notes of previous meeting

**CH** - Useful areas of discussion from previous meeting;

SID group

Member involvement list of members for collaboration

**GCP** - met with ECC in October, noted the value of holding combined meetings with UDC moving forward.

## 2. Respective work programmes - update

**UDC** - extended I&O commenced in October, going through to end of April '21. (9 themes) high level opportunity of engaging with people who have not engaged in the process previously.

Professional speakers come to each theme to start the conversation.

No less workload than previous I&O process, due to the setup of each theme. Each theme has 4 weeks consultation process which is then reported back to the forum. Additional value of reaching a wider audience, listening to real issues from residents of the district.

All comments at end of process will be taken back to Forum for further consultation.

Forum is chaired independently. The information from the forum will be presented to members. There will be a range of other inputs from forums, key stakeholder and parish/towns to assist member decision making.

Opportunity to give assurance that the authority is listening to people's views.

Strategic Infrastructure Delivery group inaugural meeting at beginning of Jan, a private session of senior members and key attendees.

Addressing infrastructure issues. Assistance from EELGA Peer review Group.

- Net Zero Carbon
- Transport
- Rural Issues, (Brexit, Agriculture and the White Paper)

End of Feb, early March, inviting external guests Hugh Ellis TCPA and a senior representative from GCP would be helpful.

Discussion to be held at director level prior to inviting GCP.

GCP - studies so far have identified transport as major issue when locating suitable sites.

Evidence being kept under review as Covid figures start to emerge. Too soon to evaluate at this stage.

UDC considering permanent changes to remote working situations.

GCP - S. Cambs and Cambs City not returning to the way it was before. Collaboration and meetings the exception. Building rates need to be a consideration as properties are almost empty.

Find a balance and evaluate what can be incorporated into the LP. Authorities shape area economies. Emerging demand and flexible use.

### 3. Discussion of relevant strategic cross-boundary matters

**ND** - presented TRACCS work explore extending Camb to Stumps Cross.

Investigate the extension of Stumps Cross.

**CH** - Existing transport modelling and options around greater Cambs. Made call on what transport schemes were deliverable in base case. Camb dealt with in 2 ways - GCP scheme in baseline Cambs SE Camb - tunnel section dealt with as sensitivity test, ongoing work.

A505 Royston to Granta park not in baseline, not sufficiently advanced. Not included as a sensitivity test. Numbers of measures at key points along corridor. Keeping schemes under review, as there is more clarity may be involved in study.

Studies include some measures on M11

In discussion with Highways England and Network Rail.

Considering how to collaborate with neighbours to ensure there is alignment in the process while being mindful of sensitivities.

Southern cluster won't include A505 schemes at this stage.

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/media/1437/gclp-strategic-spatial-options-assessment-transport-evidence-report-nov2020.pdf>

GCP - Preferred options to be published summer/autumn 2021.

**ND** - A505 timetable of work - business case of emerging proposal being presented Jan '21 and work being carried out between Jan and Sept '21.

Potential for linking work with GCP.

Governance Jan/Feb '21 and call for sites ahead of that.  
TRACCS work to be completed ahead of governance.

**CH** - Broad agreement on strategic matters. Identify what would be helpful to UDC.

No official decisions been made by GCP, information shared was a way to engage with stakeholders to enable moving towards the preferred options.

3 growth scenarios.

- 1 Standard methodology, lowest constrains economic growth
- 2 meeting the forecast for expected economic growth.

Assumption that existing commuting patterns remain therefore GCP and Cambs City may ask partners in surrounding authorities to help meet housing need.

- 3 Highest level - unconstrained economic growth

All housing growth would be met within their two authorities.

Started with standard method of calculating home using Government minimum. Commissioned work on growth of work in the area. Consultants looked at 3 volume methods and the Lower number of growth seemed more deliverable.

[Greater Cambridge Housing and Employment Relationships Report \(GL Hearn with Icen Projects, Justin Gardner and Cambridge Econometrics\) November 2020](#)

1.9 The table below shows the projected housing growth that would be needed to meet each of the two jobs scenarios. Across the whole study area, the analysis suggests that 1,996 homes per annum would be required to support the Central economic scenario, and a higher figure of 2,549 for the Higher scenario. Both of these figures are above the need derived from the Standard Method which is for a minimum of 1,743 homes each year.

**Table 2: Projected Housing Growth– range of job growth forecasts**

Cambridge City	Households 2020	Households 2041	Change in households	Per annum	Dwellings (per annum)
Central	52,515	70,209	17,694	843	868
Higher	52,515	72,098	19,583	933	960
South Cambridgeshire	Households 2020	Households 2041	Change in households	Per annum	Dwellings (per annum)
Central	66,514	89,514	23,000	1,095	1,128
Higher	66,514	98,892	32,378	1,542	1,588
Greater Cambridge	Households 2020	Households 2041	Change in households	Per annum	Dwellings (per annum)
Central	119,029	159,723	40,694	1,938	1,996
Higher	119,029	170,990	51,960	2,474	2,549

Source: GL Hearn, JGC, CE

See paragraph 4.26 for section on Impact on Neighbouring Authorities.

Water Supply issues and housing delivery were major issues, commissioned studies to look at these topics.

Sites close to the boundary to be discussed in a further informal meeting to agree assessment. (N. Uttlesford and Chrishall).

**4. Approach to future engagement**

GCP - Formal engagement near preferred options in autumn '21

Informal engagement to continue. Date to be agreed, (early Feb '21 hold the date).

**Action: HR to canvas dates in February and forward to ND to confirm a date for informal meeting.**

**5. AOB**  
None