



South Cambridgeshire Local Plan

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Annex A**

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INTRODUCTION

In order to document the development of issues and options and how policies have evolved within the Submission Local Plan, the following table has been completed for each issue considered. This has formed an audit trail for each issue.

A table has been included for each issue providing the following information:

Issue	<i>Identifies the issue e.g. Protection of Existing Open space</i>
Key evidence	<i>Identifies specific documents, studies or evidence relevant to the issue e.g. Needs Assessment for Open space</i>
Existing policies	<i>Identifies if there is a policy in the existing Core Strategy, Development Control Policies or Site Specific Policies DPDs.</i>
Analysis	<i>Provides an analysis of the issue, including why it should be addressed in the Local Plan, a summary of relevant guidance (e.g. National Planning Policy Framework), and key facts from the evidence base and Scoping Report. Concludes by identifying what the reasonable options are for addressing the issue in the Local Plan.</i>
Which objectives does this issue or policy address?	<i>Policy S/2: Objectives of the Local Plan lists the six objectives of the plan. This section identifies which of these objectives is met by this issue or policy.</i>
Final Issues and Options Approaches	<i>Identifies the options that will be included for consultation in the Local Plan Issues and Options Report.</i>
Initial Sustainability Appraisal Summary	<i>The conclusions of the initial sustainability appraisal that accompanied the options.</i>
Representations Received	<i>The number and nature of representations received through consultation at the Issues and Options stages.</i>
Key Issues from Representations	<i>A summary of the key issues raised during the Issues and Options consultations – Note: Full Summaries of Representations, as well as individual representations, are available to view on the Councils Website.</i>
Preferred Approach and Reasons	<i>The approach taken in the draft plan, and why, and why alternatives were not selected, having regard to issues raised in representations.</i>

Policy included in the Proposed Submission Local Plan	<i>The policy number of policies that resulted.</i>
Policy reference in Proposed Submission Local Plan (with paragraph numbers where appropriate)	
Proposed Submission Representations Received	<i>The number of representations received during the consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan, and whether they were supports or objections – highlighting numbers from Parish Councils.</i>
Main Issues	<i>A summary of the main issues raised in the representations, including identifying those from key stakeholders.</i>
Assessment	<i>An assessment by the Council of the issues raised including whether changes need to be made to the draft plan.</i>
Approach in Submission Local Plan	<i>The recommended approach to the Submission Plan. This is either 'No Change', a 'Minor Change', and in a small number of cases a 'Major Modification'.</i>

Structure of Audit Trail

The information is structured around the Chapter of the Proposed Submission Local Plan:

- Chapter 2 Spatial Strategy
- Chapter 3 Strategic Sites
- Chapter 4 Climate Change
- Chapter 5 High Quality Places
- Chapter 6 Natural and Historic Environment
- Chapter 7 High Quality Homes
- Chapter 8 Economy
- Chapter 9 Promoting Successful Communities
- Chapter 10 Transport and Infrastructure

Appendices to Audit Trail

A number of the issues included in the Submission Plan are supported by more detailed evidence, for example for issues with multiple options requiring technical assessments such as proposals for changes to village frameworks, or for Local Green Spaces.

The appendices are as follows:

Appendix and date of publish	Issue	Description
Appendix 1	Evidence Paper on Village Frameworks	Reviews suggested changes to village frameworks from Issues and Options 1 (2012), and Issues and Options 2 Part 2 (2013) consultations. Revised to include ones suggested during consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan 2013.

Appendix 2	Responding to Representations on Site Options	Addresses in detail representation regarding site options subject to consultations in Issues and Options 1 (2012), and Issues and Options 2 Part 2 (2013)
Appendix 3	Responding to Representations on Rejected Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) Sites	Addresses in detail representation regarding site options tested through the SHLAA but rejected.
Appendix 4	Site Options on the Edge of Cambridge - Summary of Representations and Response to Key Issues	Considers issues raised on sites considered on the edge of Cambridge, as part of the Issues and Options 2013 (part 1) Joint Consultation with Cambridge City Council.
Appendix 5	Evidence Paper for Local Green Spaces (LGS) and Protected Village Amenity Areas (PVAA)	Reviews representations and suggested sites from Issues and Options 1 (2012), and Issues and Options 2 Part 2 (2013) consultations.
Appendix 6	Evidence Paper for Important Countryside Frontages (ICF)	Reviews representations and suggested frontages from Issues and Options 1 (2012), and Issues and Options 2 Part 2 (2013) consultations.
Appendix 7	Site Assessments of Employment and Retail Sites	Reviews sites suggested in representations for employment and retail sites from Issues and Options 1 (2012), and Issues and Options 2 Part 2 (2013) consultations.
Appendix 8	Responding to Proposed Submission Representations on Sites not Included in the Plan	Reviews key issues from representations from Proposed Submission Local Plan for strategic objection sites and village objection sites. Provides an assessment of each site.

