

**Matter SC6 – SOUTH CAMBS LP  
STRATEGIC SITES  
Chapter 3  
SC6A - SS/5 Waterbeach  
Cam Sailing Club (21067)  
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**Cam Sailing Club Statement**

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The Cam Sailing Club was founded in 1899 for the townspeople of Cambridge (predominantly shopkeepers and trades people) to participate in the increasingly popular sport of sailing. In 1905 the club established itself in its present location beside the River Cam just outside Waterbeach, the railway station providing a convenient transport link into the centre of Cambridge.

Today the Club continues to thrive with over 300 adult and 200 junior members. The Club actively sails on the stretch of the river between Clayhithe Bridge to Bottisham Lock from March to November. There is organised racing on most weekends and adult and youth training sessions are held throughout the year. The Cam Sailing Club is a Royal Yachting Association Recognized Training Centre and many of our sailors who have learnt to sail on the Cam have gone on to represent their country internationally.

The Cam Sailing Club is an important historic, leisure and sports asset for the local community, Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire and should be recognised and protected in the Local Plan in general and the new town development at Waterbeach Barracks. The present draft of the Local Plan does not mention the Cam Sailing Club.

We are generally supportive of the Draft Local Plan and the proposed new town development at Waterbeach Barracks - it will create a pool of potential new members on our doorstep - which can only be a good thing. We ask that the Cam Sailing Club is recognised in the Local Plan and protected as a valuable asset for the area.

In particular we are concerned that the following are reflected in the Local Plan and Waterbeach New Town:

- Protection of the River Cam as a natural environment and use of the river for leisure, recreation and sport.
- The Cam Sailing Club is recognised as a local leisure and sports asset for youth and adults of the local community.
- Maintaining good access and transport links to the Sailing Club – we recognise the argument for re-locating the railway station to better serve the new town but we would like to see what compensating measures will mitigate this loss to members of the sailing club.
- Controls and measures to ensure that surface water run-off from new development (most significantly the new town at Waterbeach Barracks) does not affect water levels in the river and cause additional flooding.
- Controls and measures to ensure that water quality doesn't deteriorate further and that the capacity of the water treatment plant is adequate to cope with exceptional peak flows during rainstorms so that the free flow of untreated sewage into the river is not necessary.
- Controls and measures to ensure that there are no windbreaks created on either side of the river that affect the wind flow over the river.