

Press Release

WORKSHOP ON THE CAMBRIDGE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 2015
Faculty of Law, Sidgwick Site, Cambridge
9:15-13:00hrs

Residents to have their say on Local Plan

The Federation of Cambridge Residents' Associations (FeCRA) is holding a Workshop in Cambridge on Saturday 3rd October to inform Residents, Residents' Associations and interest groups about the status of the Cambridge Local Plan. This is to give our residents an opportunity to learn about the work being done to meet the concerns of the Planning Inspectorate on the submitted plan and to feed back their views. Speakers will present and discuss the issues involved, whilst residents will be putting questions - prior to any modifications being submitted – directly to the decision-makers present. It will also provide an opportunity for residents to show their support to the Council for the Local Plan as submitted as the result of a democratic process. The main issues under discussion will be infrastructure and transport, housing, and green belt.

Ian Mather, Chairman of Cambridge Ahead, will act as Moderator.

Speakers are:

Patsy Dell – Head of Planning at Cambridge City Council.

Paul Miner – Planning Campaign Manager at the Campaign to Protect Rural England

John Preston – former Historic Environment Manager for Cambridge City Council, and Historic Environment Consultant

Graham Hughes – Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, Cambridgeshire County Council.

Stephen Tomkins – Cam Valley Forum

Lewis Herbert – Leader, Cambridge City Council & Chairman of the Greater Cambridge City Deal Assembly

Michael Bond – Old Chesterton Residents' Association

Ian Lewis – Director of Infrastructure Investment, University of Cambridge

This event has been organised with the encouragement of Cambridge City Council and support from Cambridge Ahead.

The Workshop will be held in L18, at the Law Faculty, Sidgwick Site, Cambridge from 9.15 am to 1 pm on Saturday, 3rd October 2015.

Cambridge residents and Press representatives are very welcome and if wishing to attend should contact the Secretary of FeCRA at secretary@fecra.org.uk. We are inviting those attending to make a donation of £5 towards the costs of putting on the event as they register at the door.

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Background note: The City of Cambridge and its surroundings are facing radical change. There is an unprecedented demand for more housing, offices and student accommodation. Against this background, the City and South Cambridge District Councils embarked on preparing new Local Plans which will form the template for development until 2031.

Following an extensive Public Consultation, the draft Local Plans were submitted for Examination by Government Inspectors. After several months of hearings, the Inspectors suspended the Examination and asked the Councils for further evidence to support the draft Plans, with particular regard to the forecast for housing needs and release of the Green Belt for development.

The City Council will be consulting on its response to the Inspectors towards the end of the year. This will be followed by a further and shorter Public Consultation.