

General Election: Cambridge Virtual Hustings, hosted by FeCRA

FeCRA organised virtual hustings with four of our local candidates. (For reasons beyond his control, the Conservative candidate was not able to participate before our deadline. We gave him an opportunity to address your questions. Each candidate was asked the same four questions. Their responses were filmed by Mill Road TV.

View the candidates here and please subscribe to FeCRA's You Tube Channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfNi_I8DI92Aj7QQw0RKMA

Among the questions you asked us to put to MP candidates was the issue of sustainable growth and the need to properly assess the *cumulative impacts* of developments before any decisions are made and to bring the Universities, the Colleges and Councils together with residents in decision making.

You felt that it was important that the **Local Plan process** and any associated plans for modelling the future of Cambridge are seen to be *genuinely open and democratic*, and with sufficient weight being given to the environment, the character of Greater Cambridge, and citizens' rights to happiness and well being.

We therefore sent a full summary of the issues to be considered in the Local Plan Hearings, to make clear what is proposed for each area and who the promoters are.

Local Plan Hearings The sites under discussion are all in the Green Belt and are referred to as *omission sites* because the Councils have omitted these sites from allocation in the Local Plans. Members of the public may attend the hearings, but may not speak.

The sessions, are held at [South Cambridgeshire Hall in Cambourne](#),

4th July 2017 – morning and afternoon sessions - Transport

5th July 2017 – morning session, Matter M11.1 – land **west of Hauxton Road**

11th July 2017 – morning session, Matter M11.2 – land north of **Barton Road** and Grange Farm

afternoon session, Matter M11.5 – land at **Fen Ditton**

12th July 2017 – morning session, Matter M11.3 – **Cambridge south**

afternoon session, Matter M11.4 – **Cambridge South East**

Morning sessions start at **10.00 am** and afternoon sessions start at **2.00pm**. Please note that these dates may be subject to change so check the City Council Website for updates

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-plan-review-hearing-sessions>

Omission Site M11.1 – Land west of Hauxton Road (South of Trumpington)

Also known as the **sporting village/community stadium** (home to a relocated Abbey Stadium) with associated residential development. No specific dwelling numbers proposed. The site is being promoted by **Grosvenor Estates** and **Wrenbridge Ltd.** A map of the site can be found via the following link:

https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/draft_submission/refs/27128%20-%20attachment%20b.pdf

M11.1 Site Promoters

Grosvenor are the developer of Trumpington Meadows, with Barratt Homes. Jeremy Newsum (Grosvenor's former Group Chief Executive, and a Trustee of the Grosvenor Estate from 1993 to the end of last year) is a member of **Cambridge Ahead (CA)**, the business lobby group he founded with others, including David Cleevly, the co-founder of Cambridge Network and the biotech company Abcam plc. Jeremy Newsum is on **Cambridge University's** North West and West Estates Board. He is on CA member **Trinity College's** finance committee, along with a member of the **City Deal Board**. **Wrenbridge** are the developers of the Newmarket Rd/Cheddar Lane 316 beds student accommodation flats scheme which is not affiliated to any one education body.

Omission Site M11.2 – Cambridge South

Meadows owned by **Jesus College** and the **Pemberton family**, 300 acres south of **Addenbrookes**. This site is being promoted by Pigeon Land, Jesus College and Trumpington Hill Farm/Pemberton Trustees. The proposal is for a science park and 1,250 dwellings. A map of the site can be found via the following link:

https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/draft_submission/refs/27525f%20Email.pdf

M11.2 Site Promoters

Jesus College is a member of **CA**. Jesus College's Master, Professor Ian White was until 2016 a member of the **Greater Cambridge Peterborough LEP**. (He was replaced by another CA Member, **Anglia Ruskin University's** Vice Chancellor, Professor Sir Iain Martin. ARU are the employer of a member of the **City Deal Board**). Jesus College is a **Brookgate** stakeholder (Brookgate is the CB1 developer of Cambridge Station and Cambridge North Station). Brookgate is a CA member. **Pigeon Land** CEO James Buxton is a CA member..

MP Stephen Barclay, (<http://stevebarclay.net/category/blog/>) refers to both **Pigeon Land** and the **Pemberton's** land interest in his blog post of 7 March, 2017.

The concerns Barclay raised about the LEP, Cambridge Ahead, the City Deal and Cambridge City Council are being investigated by the **National Audit Office**.
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Omission Site M11.3 – North of Barton Road and Grange Farm

Land north of Barton Road is being promoted by the **Barton Road Land Owners Group** (represented by **Carter Jonas**) and is for 1,500 dwellings, split equally across Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The group is *also* seeking to safeguard land to the **south** of **Barton Road** for possible future development. A map of the land north of Barton Road can be viewed via the following link:

https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/draft_submission/reps/27506h%20Email.pdf

A map of the proposed safeguarded land **south** of **Barton Road** can be found on page 51 of the following link:

<https://egov.scams.gov.uk/ldf/scannedrepsjuly2013/59609%20Representation%20Response.pdf>

The **Grange Farm** site is being promoted by **St John's College** (represented by **Savills**) for residential development (no specific dwelling numbers proposed). A map of the site can be found via the following link:

https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/draft_submission/reps/27966%20-%20Site%20Plan.pdf

M11.3 Promoters

The **North Barton Road Landowners** group includes **Jesus College (CA)**, **Downing College, Corpus Christi (CA)** and **Cambridge University**. Cambridge University used to be a member of Cambridge Ahead. Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH) is still a CA member. A High Court Judgement in 2008 refused consent for development of the Coton green corridor because of the importance of the landscape for the setting of the city and because the lack of roads/busways made the site unsustainable. University and College objections to the Local Plan state too much weight has been given to setting considerations. City Deal plans for off-highway bus routes cutting through the Coton Corridor and West Fields make all the **M11.3** Omission site development more sustainable.

The **South Barton Road Landowners** group includes **Corpus Christi College (CA** member), **Queen's College, King's College** and **Selwyn College**. The SBRLOG representative **Carter Jonas** is a member of CA.

St John's College, the Grange Farm omission site promoter, is a member of CA, as is **Savills**. (St John's College and Savills are also promoting large Omission sites round Stapleford and Shelford).

Omission Site M11.4 Cambridge South East (around Worts Causeway and Lime Kiln, up to the Gogs)

This site is being promoted by **Commercial Estates Group (CEG)**, represented by **Bidwells** for a residential led mixed use development comprising 3,000-4,000 dwellings

(around 825-1,100 in SCDC and the remainder in Cambridge). A map of the site can be found in section 3 of the following link:

https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/draft_submission/refs/28102%208%20Cambridge%20South%20East%20Vision%20Document%20-%20Civic%20Studio.pdf

M 11.4 Promoter

CEG, promoting Lime Kiln/Worts Causeway fielded a team of 5 at the **Cambridge Local Plan** hearings. This team included the **QC Peter Village** (rated no.1 for Residential, 2017 Planning Magazine, Planning Law Survey) and **Matthew Spry** from the planning and development consultancy Nathaniel Lichfield Ltd. Spry is a member of the **DCLG Local Plan Expert Advisers** team. CEG are working closely with Cambridge BioMedical Campus/CUH. All are CA members.

Omission Site M11.5 Land at Fen Ditton

This site (which is in South Cambridgeshire) is being promoted by The **Quy Estate** for residential led mixed use development of 400 – 500 dwellings.

A site map can be viewed via the following link:

<http://scams.opus4.co.uk/planning/localplan/maps/demo#/x:549116/y:260>