

**MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Planning Committee**

**Item: PL053/21b Greater Cambridge Local Plan**

**Date: 13 September 2021**

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We have been made aware that there was an incorrect link in our previous emails - apologies. **The correct interactive map link is:**

<https://maps.3csharingservices.org/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a6742a84b6aa418f8b1e41315c2b8845>

The full digital plan site is now live at:

<https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>

Dear Parish Council

As you are aware, the preferred options for the [Greater Cambridge Local Plan](#) will be published for full public consultation later this autumn. Prior to consultation, the proposals must go through the scrutiny processes of both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils.

The first Council committee is the Joint Local Plan Advisory Group on 8<sup>th</sup> September, and the committee papers have been published today. This includes the draft preferred options for the Plan, which we are calling the First Proposals, as well as a wide range of evidence base studies, topic papers and other supporting documents. The First Proposals include our suggestions for sites which we feel are suitable for development, as well as proposals for policies ranging from climate change to biodiversity, social inclusion and infrastructure.

We know this will be of great interest to our communities, so to make this information more accessible and transparent, we are also publishing the draft proposals on our new [digital plan test site](#) and our [interactive map](#), with the full [new digital plan platform](#) going live tomorrow (1 September). This is a live test of our new digital plan platform before we update and publish the proposals for public consultation, currently planned for 1 November-13 December 2021. The formal committee papers, including the covering report, are published on the Councils' [committee page](#) as usual.

The digital plan is effectively a 'public alpha' – a trial run before we update and publish the proposals for public consultation, currently planned for 1 November-13 December 2021. We welcome your feedback on the digital plan format and platform – there's a form on the digital plan website if you spot any pages that need fixing, or features that don't work (and we welcome positive feedback too!)

We will be holding a public webinar about the First Proposals on

**Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 6pm**

[Webinar link](#)

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While we have published these documents as part of the scrutiny process, **this is not a consultation stage** – so please do not send us any responses to the proposals now, as we will not be able to take them into account. Please comment only when the proposals are finalised and published for consultation later this year. For more general information about the Local Plan, please visit our [Greater Cambridge Local Plan](#) webpage.

We hope this update is helpful and as always, we will be glad to answer any queries you may have.

Best wishes.

The Greater Cambridge Local Plan team