

Next Local Plan preparation – QA 2nd December 2020 Alan Everitt

I attended the Public session – could not tell if others from Hardwick were on the zoom

1. I asked whether the same Development Strategy would be followed as set down in the 2018 Local Plan S/6 i.e.
 - Build on the Edge of Cambridge – but don't affect the green setting
 - Build new large developments with good public transport links eg Waterbeach, Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne – for sustainability and low carbon use
 - Build in Rural and Minor Rural villages – thus protecting the smaller Group villages particularly relying on car travel.

They don't know yet

2. I asked whether there were any changes proposed in the definition of villages' status.

Hardwick is identified as a Group Village (current Policy S/10). The Policy states that development and redevelopment would be permitted up to an indicative maximum scheme size of 8 dwellings provided it conforms to the development frameworks of Group Villages. In exceptional cases developments of 15 dwellings would be permitted provided it makes best use of singular brownfield sites. This highlights the importance of locally specific design guidance to protect the character of such villages

They don't know yet

3. I pointed out Hardwick has a small Greenbelt separation between the village and Cambridge and asked did they intend to preserve that. I asked whether they would acknowledge our 2018 Village Plan residents wishes only 5% showed interest in building on Greenbelt

They don't know yet

4. Their presentation showed they were intending to favour building adjacent to good public transport links as this lowered the carbon footprint (car travel- bit strange when by 2041 there should be substantial electric vehicle use)). I asked whether they were considering the Mayors proposal for a route north of the A428 which would better serve the large development opportunities in the west.

They said they were considering all public transport opportunities included any proposed by the Combined Authority but see this link which shows otherwise [Greater Cambridge Local Plan strategic spatial options assessment Transport Evidence report Nov2020 \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/transport-evidence-report)

The theme of this Plan will be

- Sustainability
- Carbon minimisation
- Water availability and conservation
- Any growth beyond expectations will be met with additional developments and faster building.

We were referred to documents to study at [Document library \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/document-library)