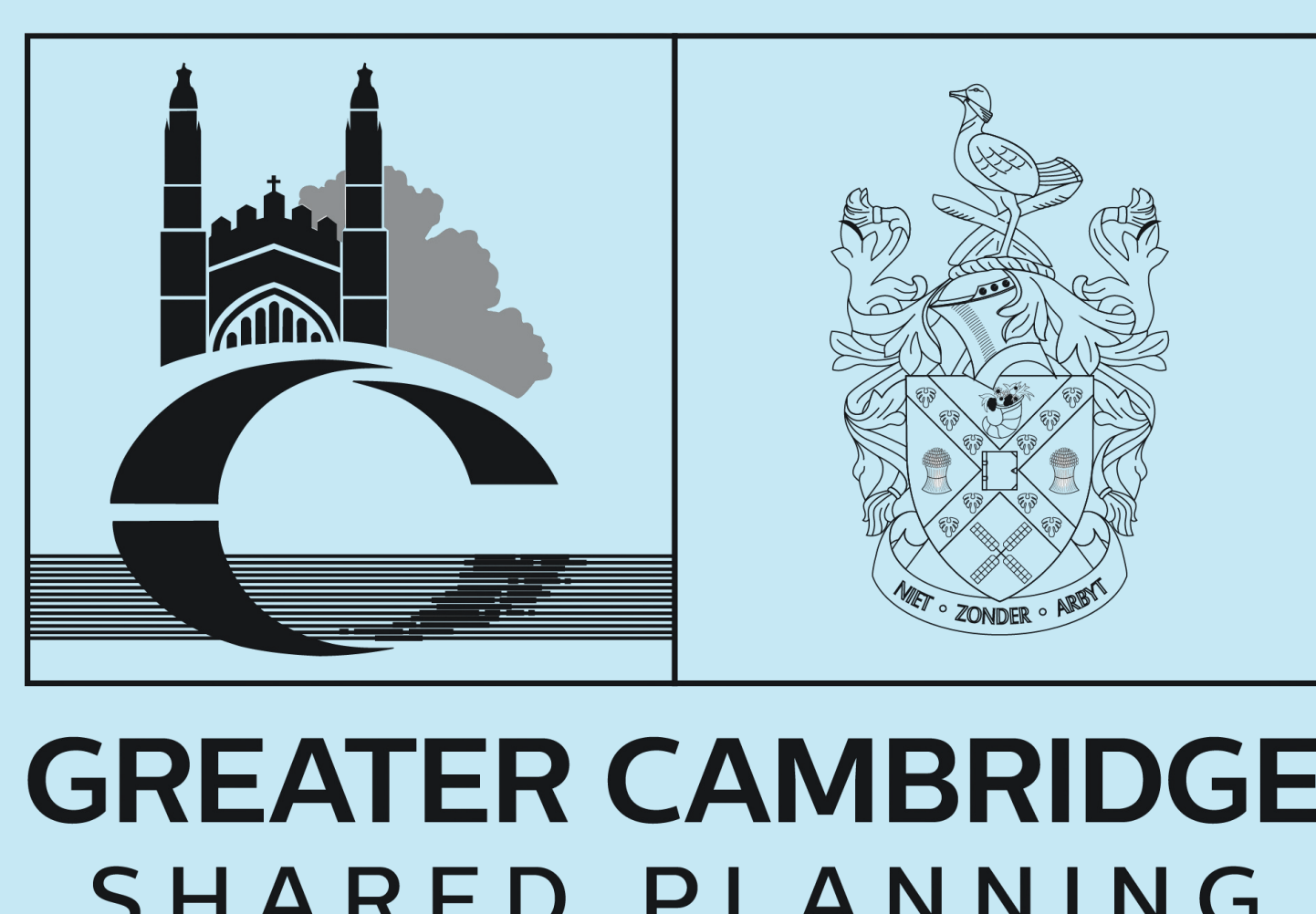
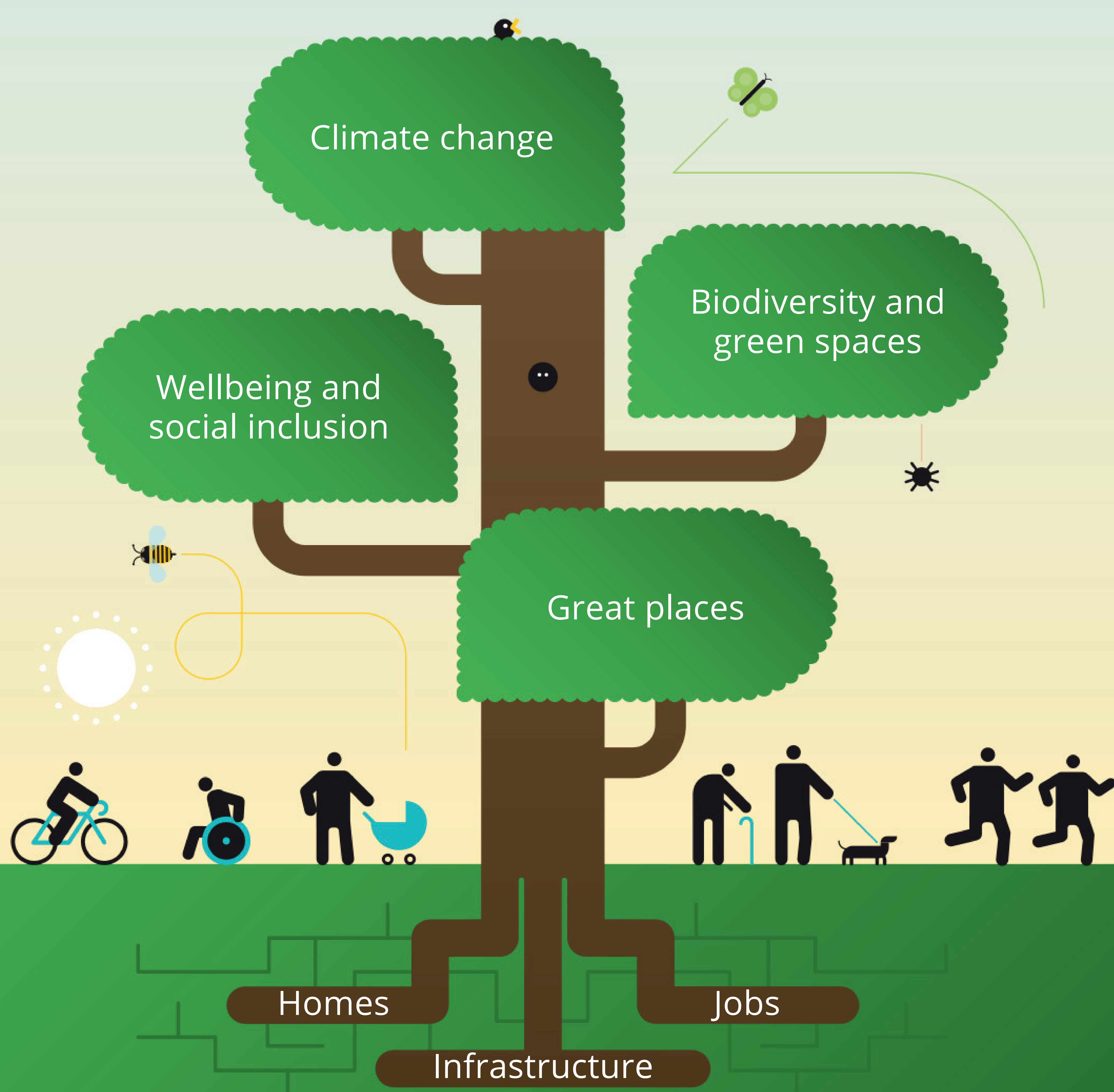




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## **Shape the future of Greater Cambridge**

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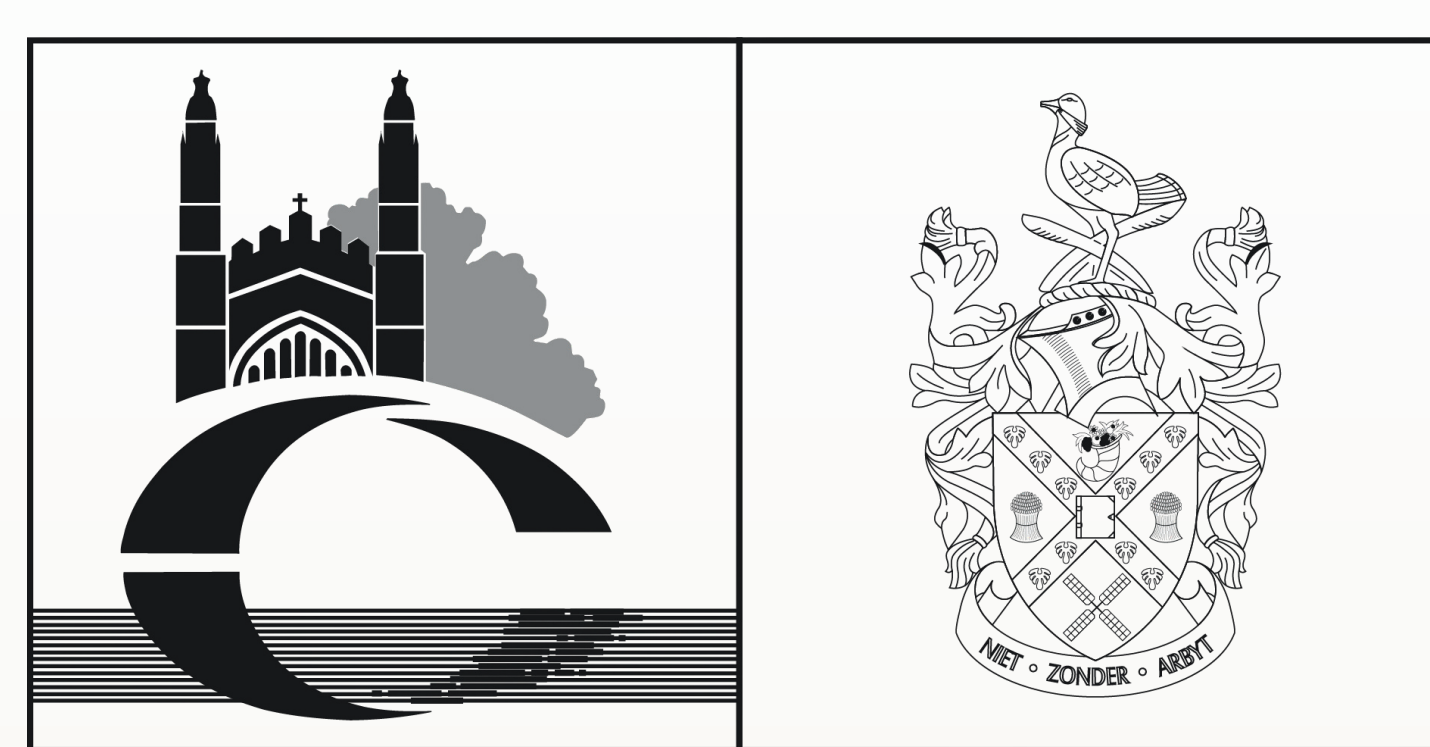
The Local Plan will shape how our area grows over the next 20 years. It aims to make sure new development happens in the right places, in a way that works for both people and the environment.

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**Consultation runs from  
9am on 3 August 2025 to 5pm on Friday  
25 September 2026**



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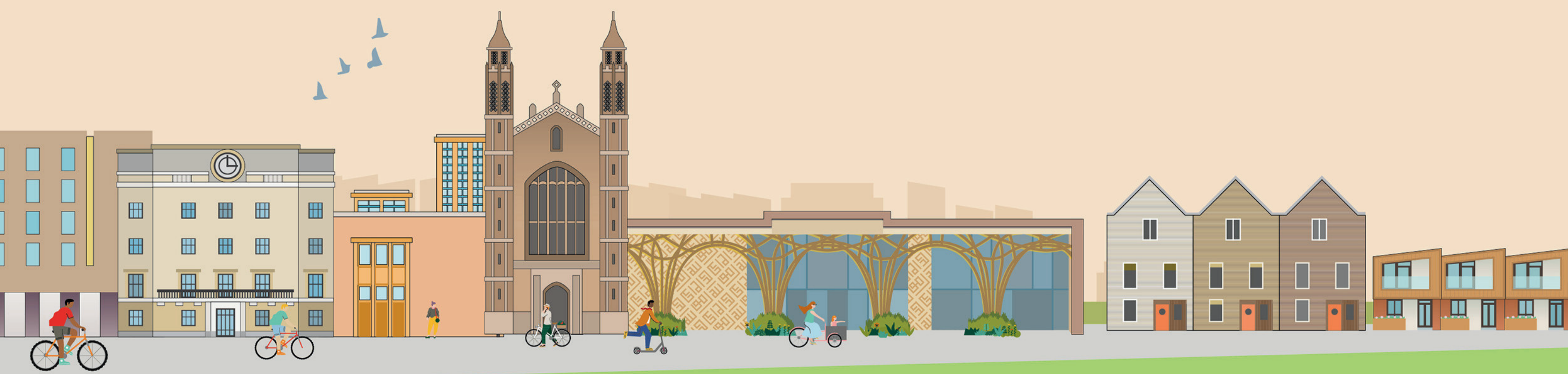
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### **Welcome**

This event is to help you find out more about the consultation on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan - Proposed Submission, taking place from 9am on Monday 3 August to 5pm on Friday 25 September 2026.

The Greater Cambridge Local Plan is a legal document that guides how land will be used for the next 20 years and beyond.



### **Proposed Submission consultation**

We have listened to more than 19,500 comments received through our three consultations since 2020, including the Draft Plan consultation held in winter 2025/2026.

Your feedback has helped shape this version of the Plan, known as the 'Proposed Submission'. This consultation is the final stage before the Plan is submitted to Government for independent examination.

This exhibition explains what has changed since the Draft Plan consultation and what the Plan now proposes for Greater Cambridge up to 2045.

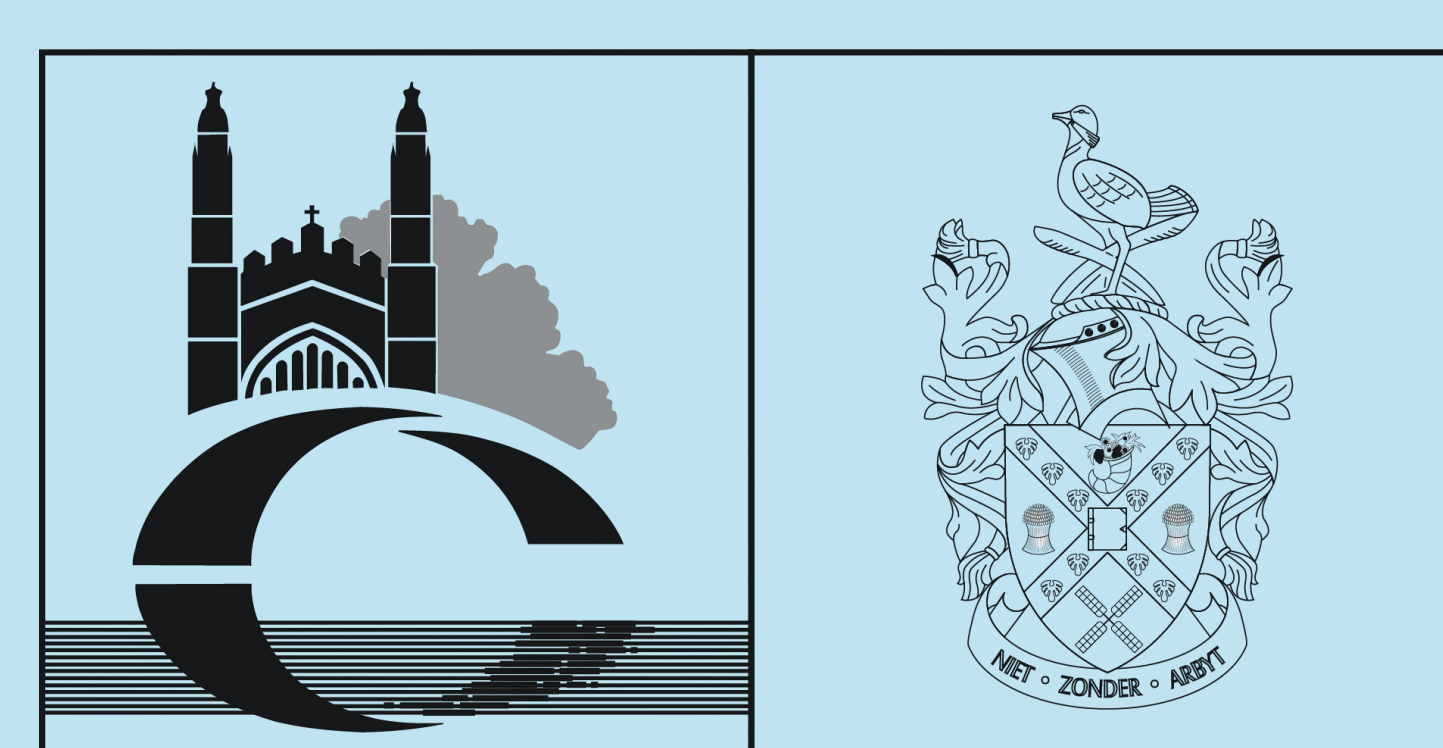
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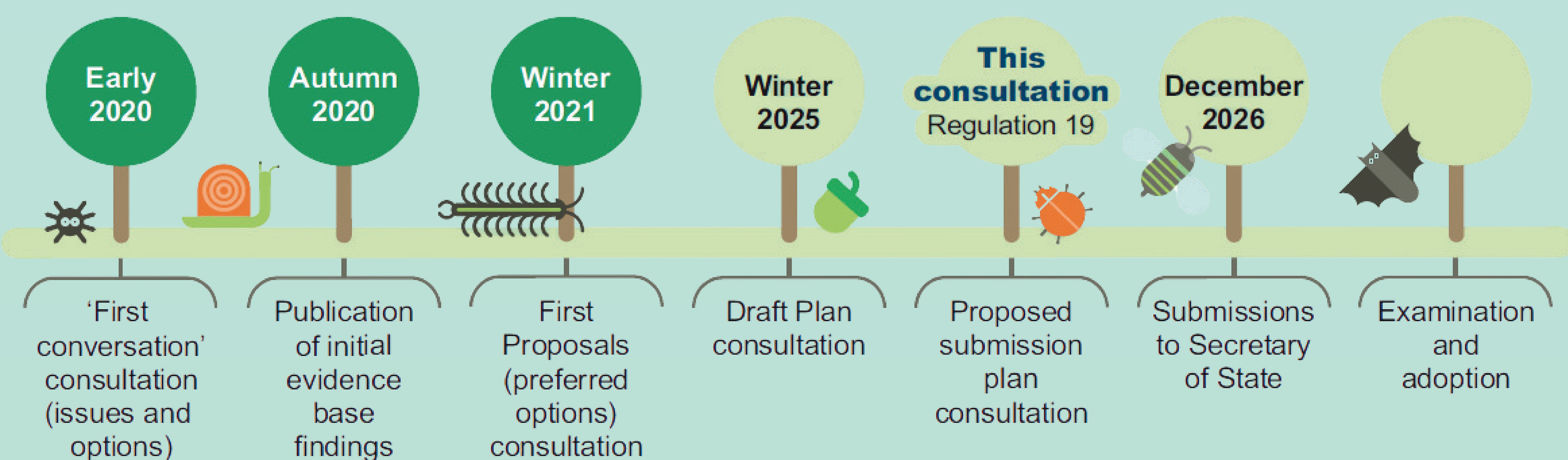
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## **What is the Local Plan?**

Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are working together to prepare the very first joint Local Plan for Greater Cambridge.

The Local Plan is a legal document that sets out how land will be used in the next 20 years. It guides decisions on new homes, jobs, services and infrastructure in the area. The plan also identifies where development should take place and how it will be supported.

The Proposed Submission Local Plan has been shaped through several stages of public engagement. We are now at the Proposed Submission stage. This is the last chance to comment before the Plan is sent to Government for examination by an independent Planning Inspector. At this stage, comments should focus on whether the Plan is legally compliant and sound.



## **Our vision for Greater Cambridge**

Greater Cambridge in 2045 and beyond will be a place where a big decrease in our climate and environmental impacts comes with the continued flourishing of our internationally significant innovation economy, and a big increase in the quality of everyday life for all our communities.

**New development must:**

- minimise carbon emissions and reliance on the private car;
- create thriving neighbourhoods with the variety of jobs and homes and supporting infrastructure we need;
- increase our network of nature, wildlife and multi-functional green spaces; and
- safeguard our unique, locally distinctive heritage and landscapes.

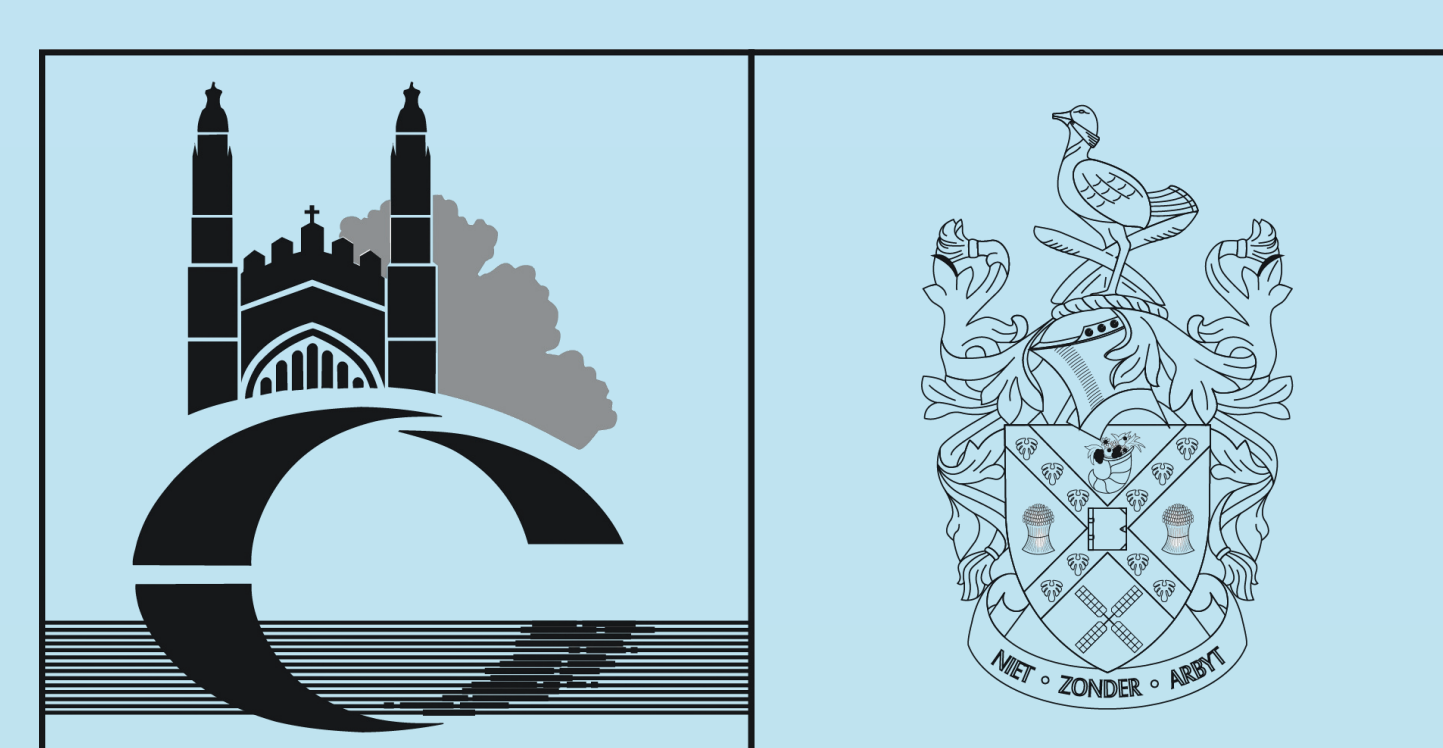
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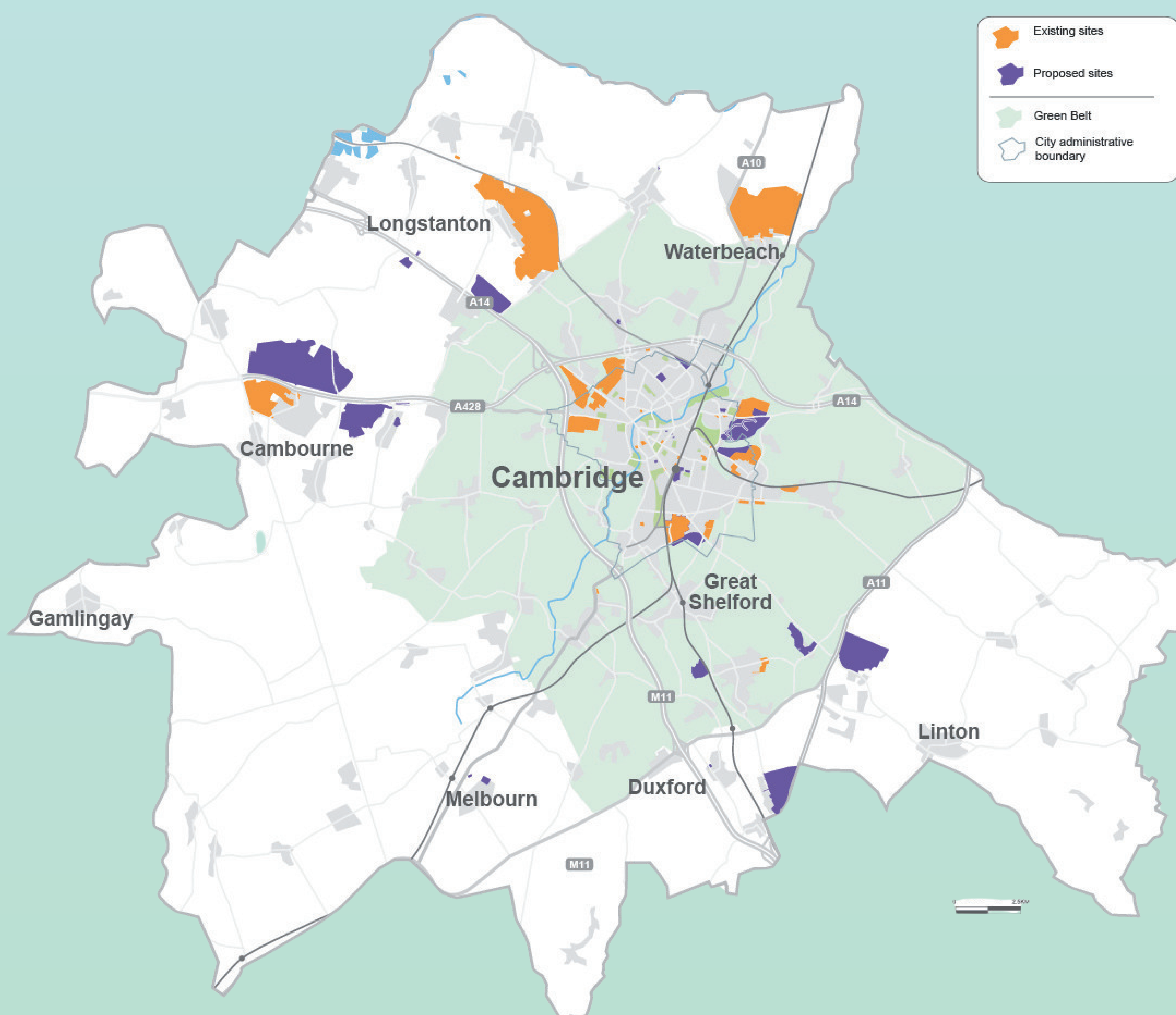


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## **Our Development Strategy**

**You said:** Growth should be planned in the right places, close to jobs, services and public transport, while protecting the countryside and Green Belt.

**We did:** For this stage our development strategy remains largely the same, continuing to focus homes and jobs at large scale sites that are already or can be supported by infrastructure. It focuses on the period 2024-45, but many developments will continue to grow beyond this, helping to maintain a long term supply of land for homes and jobs.



## **How much development and where?**

The Development Strategy ensures Greater Cambridge can deliver 73,300 additional jobs and 48,096 homes expected between 2024 and 2045.

Development will take place:

1. Within the Cambridge urban area
2. On the edge of Cambridge
3. At Cambourne and new settlements
4. In the rural southern clusters and in the most sustainable villages.

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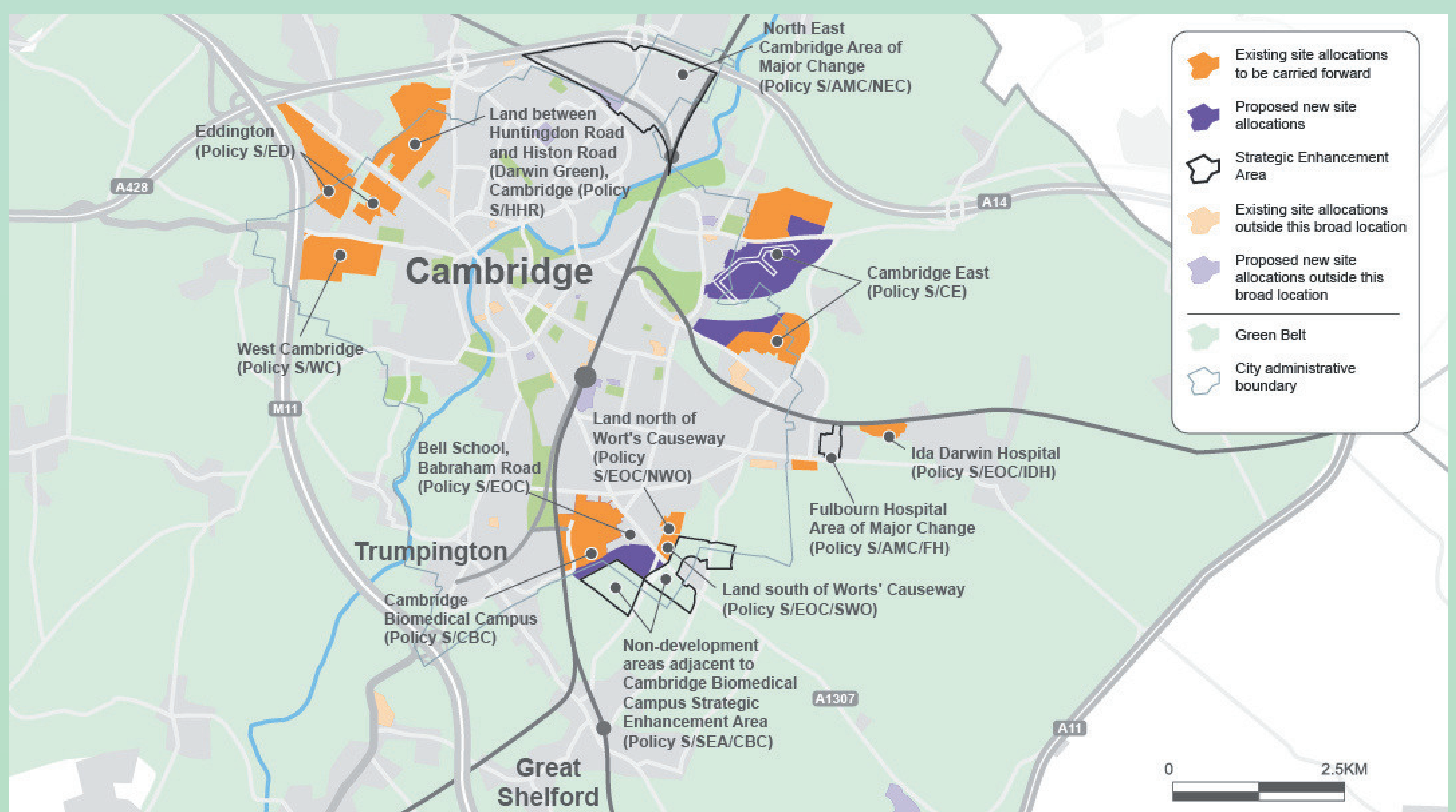
# Cambridge urban area

**We did: Changes to Cambridge sites include revising North East Cambridge from an allocation to a policy area given the uncertainty around the relocation of the waste water treatment plant, updating proposals for Clifton Road accounting for the proposed Cambridge station eastern entrance and protecting existing important community and cultural facilities, and amending Eastern Gate policy area to encompass Elizabeth Way.**



# Edge of Cambridge

**We did: Changes to edge of Cambridge sites include refinements to Cambridge East green infrastructure proposals, and to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus allocation regarding transport and landscape requirements.**



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## New Settlements

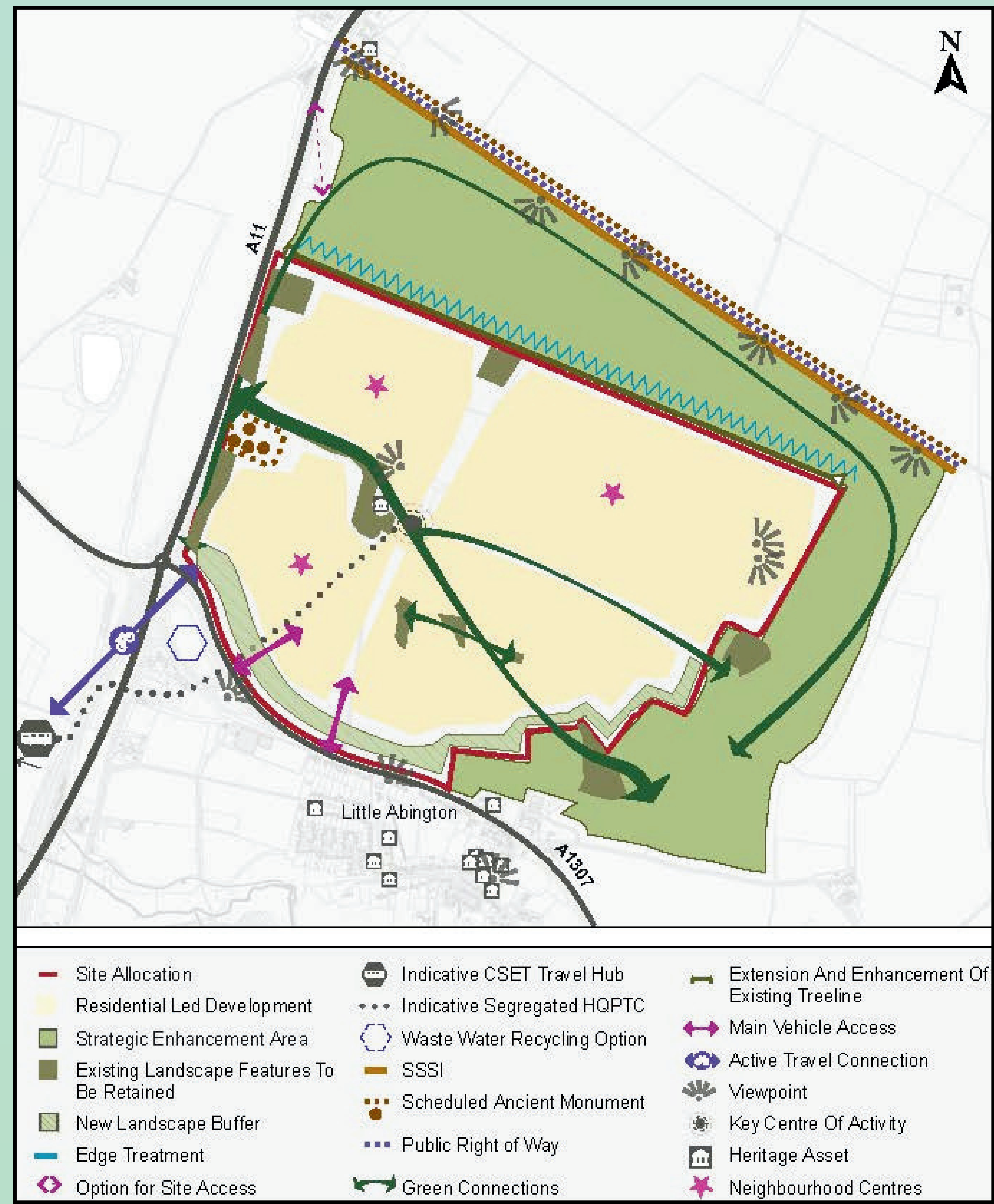
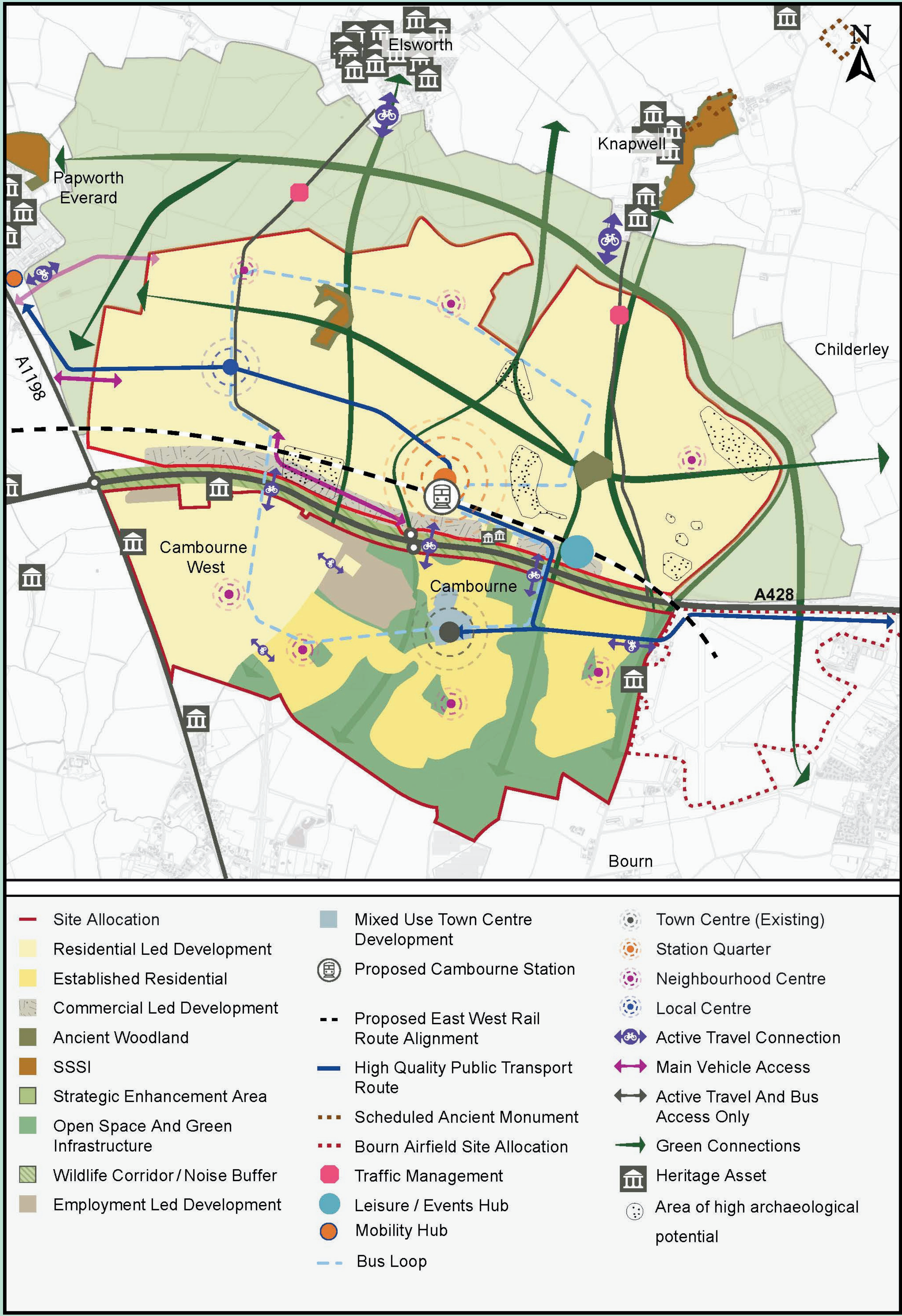
Our new communities will have their own distinctive identity with the critical mass to support local businesses, services and facilities, and access to open spaces, blue and green infrastructure. Development set out in adopted plans will continue at Northstowe New Town, Waterbeach New Town and Bourn Airfield New Village. New communities will come forward around the proposed Cambourne railway station and at Land adjacent to the A11 and A1307 at Grange Farm.

**You said:** Any new settlements should have strong infrastructure, good transport links and protection for nature and heritage.

**We did:** Responding to the issues raised and new evidence covering transport, ecology, landscape, heritage and water resources, we have made changes to a number of the new settlement allocations. Site boundaries, development areas and infrastructure requirements have been refined to respond to local concerns and technical evidence.

## Cambourne North

13,000 homes and 6,000 jobs in distinct neighbourhoods that are served by Cambourne railway station, high quality public transport, education and health facilities, local amenities, community uses and green infrastructure, including the Cambourne Forest, as part of a green buffer around the site.



## Grange Farm

4,500 homes near to existing and growing employment centres, served by schools, services, amenities and open spaces.

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## Southern Cluster and Rural Area

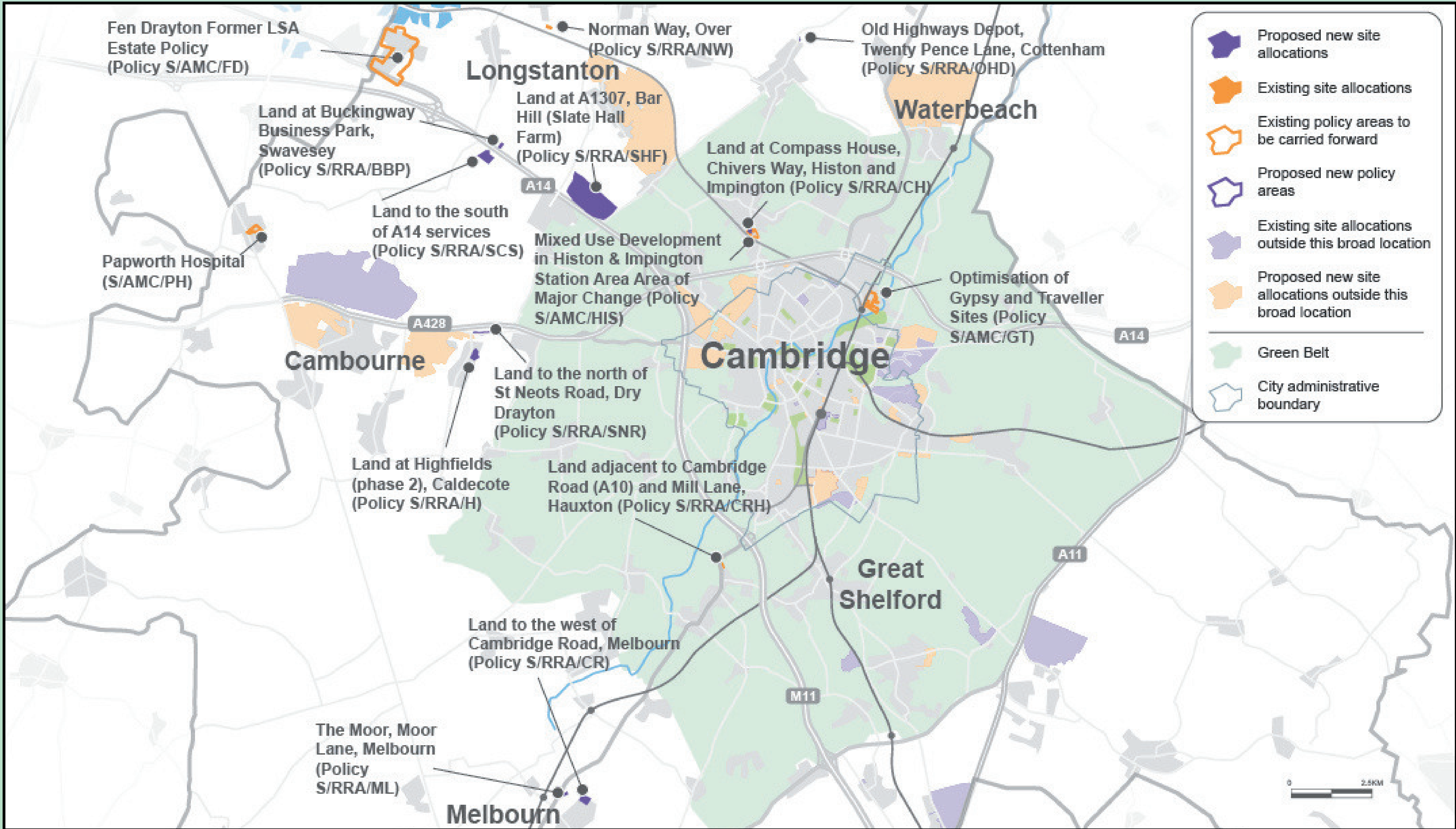
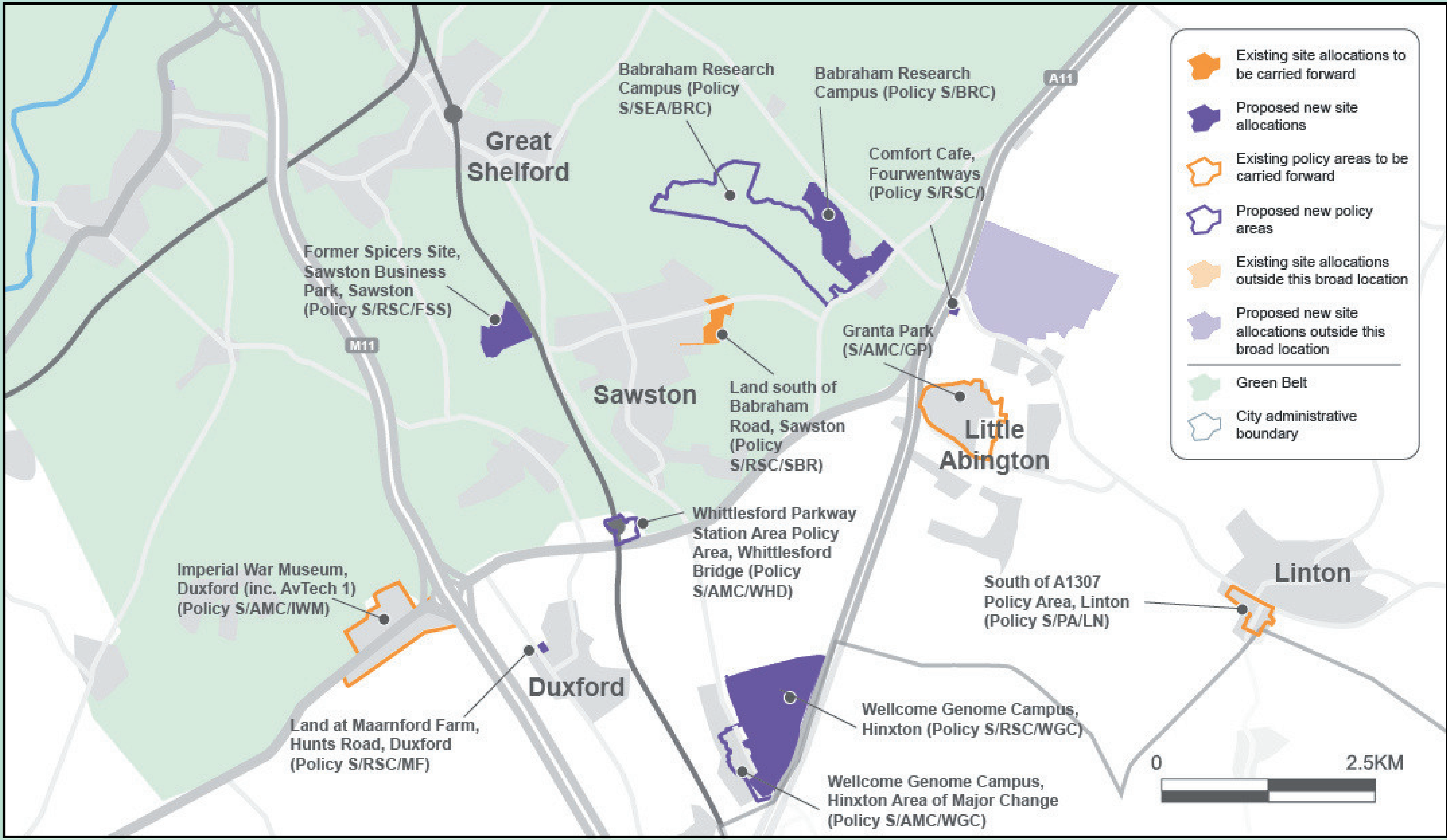
**You said:**  
You told us that rural communities should keep their distinctive character while supporting jobs, homes and local services.

**We did:**  
We have refined proposals across the rural areas using updated evidence and consultation feedback.

Changes include updated proposals at the Wellcome Genome Campus, Babraham Research Campus and several rural sites. New requirements have been added to help protect heritage, landscapes, biodiversity and local character.

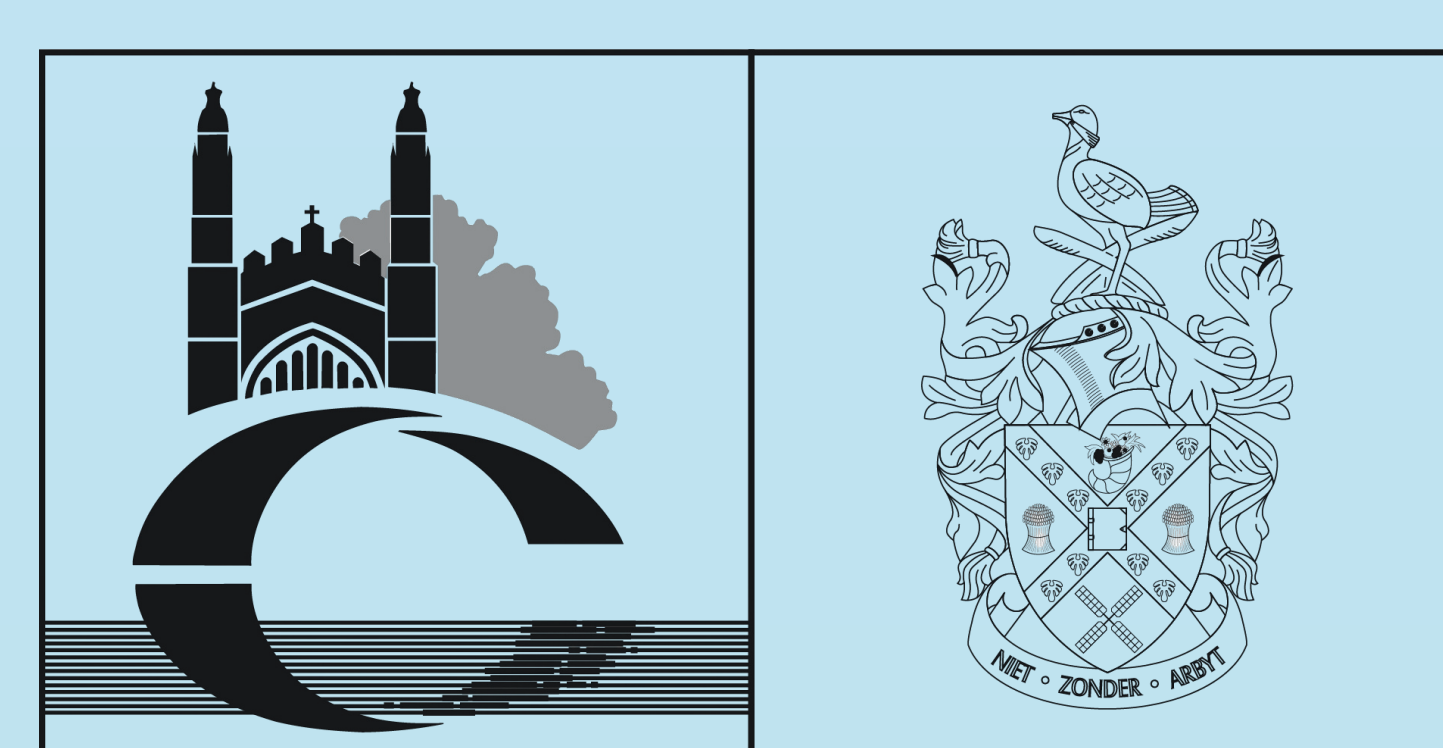
We have also strengthened policies to ensure development is supported by appropriate infrastructure and sustainable travel options.

The Plan seeks to balance growth with protection of the countryside, helping rural communities remain attractive places to live and work while supporting future opportunities for local people and businesses.



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## **Our Local Plan themes**

The Local Plan sets out a positive vision for the future of Greater Cambridge. We have developed seven key themes that will deliver our ambitions. These are Climate change, Biodiversity and green spaces, Wellbeing and social inclusion, Great places, Jobs, Homes and Infrastructure.

### **You said:**

You told us that tackling climate change, protecting nature and creating healthy places should be at the heart of the Local Plan.

### **We did:**

## **Climate change**

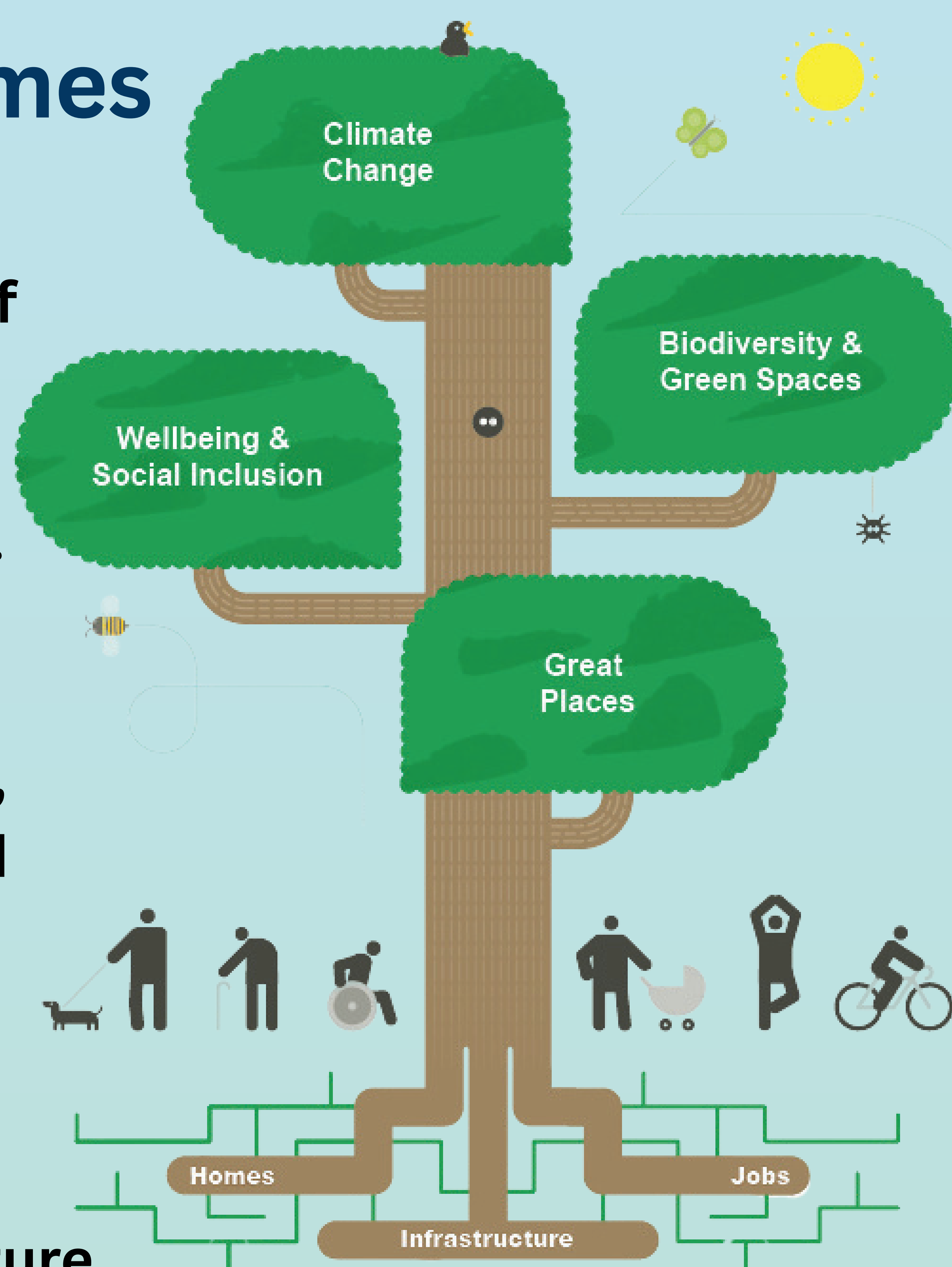
We have refined our requirements for managing overheating, updated our water efficiency requirements, refined our approach to assessing carbon impacts, and added a new policy on sustainable retrofit so the conversion of existing buildings is done sustainably.

## **Biodiversity and green space**

Based on updated evidence, we have drawn up comprehensive green infrastructure standards for residential and commercial developments and refined our approach to protecting existing open spaces, ensuring there are enough high-quality green spaces, play spaces and food growing spaces to support development.

## **Wellbeing and social inclusion**

We have added new restrictions on betting shops, set ambitious, clearly evidenced standards for providing community, cultural and sports facilities and securing financial contributions from developers towards these, and added clearer targets for local construction jobs to deliver more employment opportunities for local people.



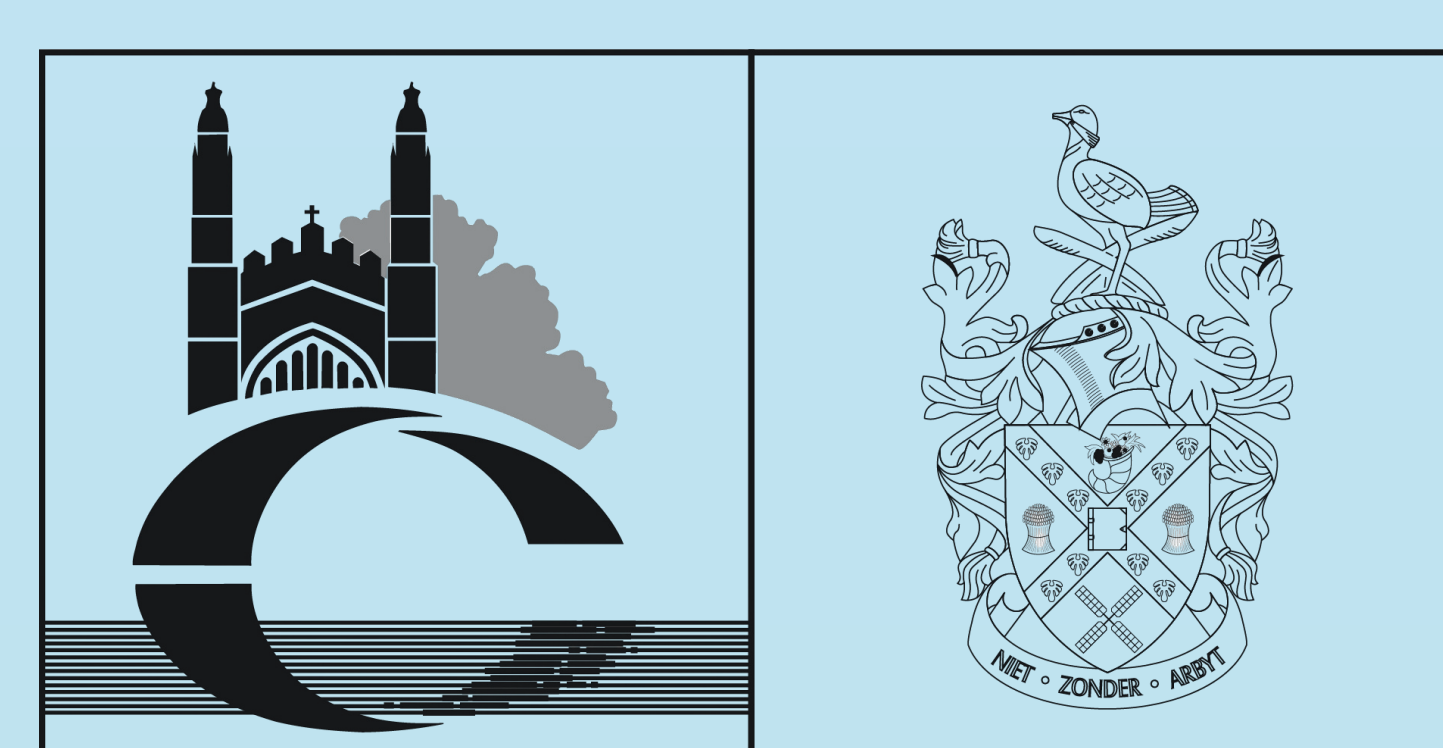
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## **Our Local Plan themes**

### **You said:**

You told us that we should consider the importance of design across all our themes, and that new jobs and homes must grow together and that development should meet local needs.

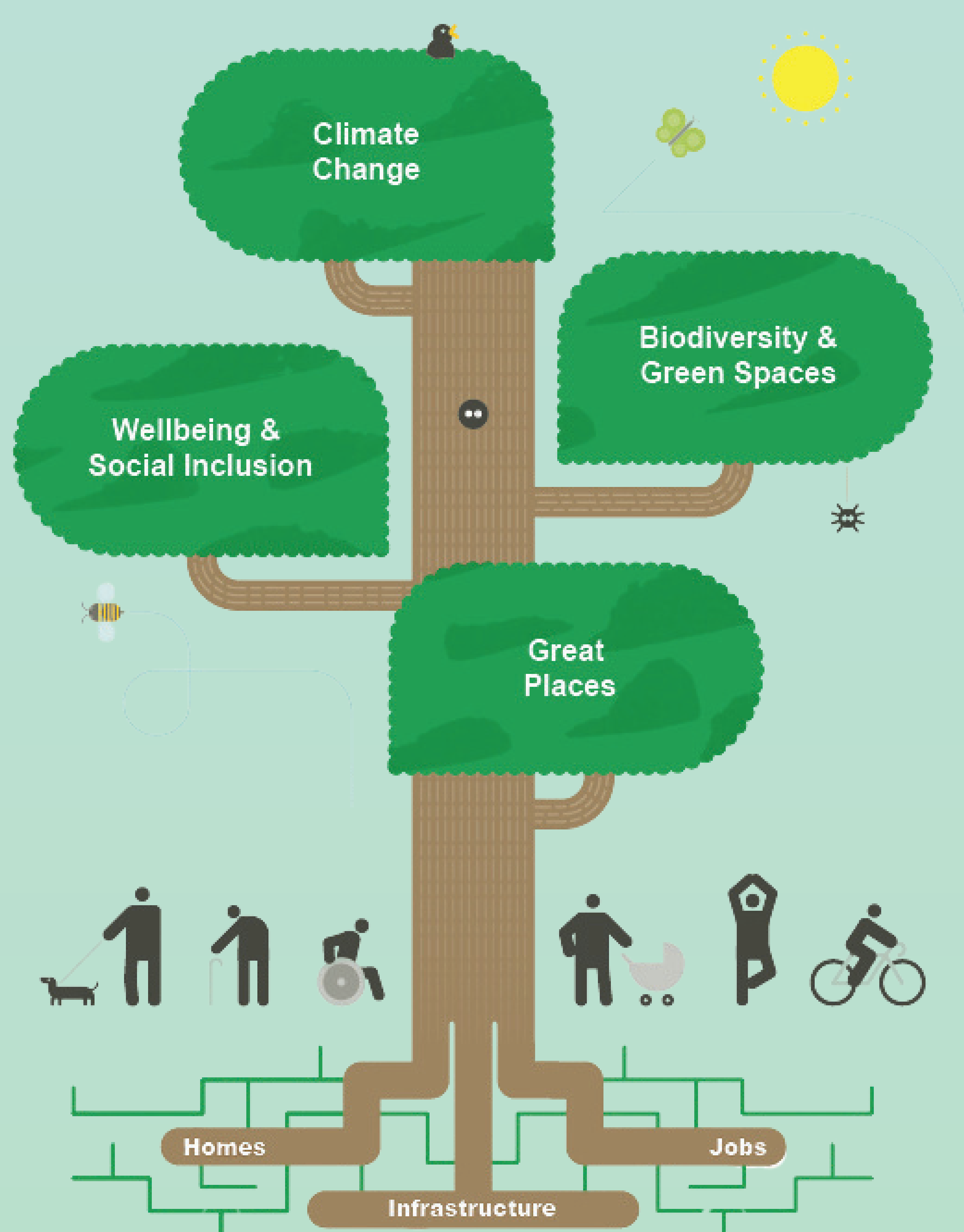
### **We did:**

## **Great places**

We have refined our tall buildings policy wording to give more emphasis on design quality and contributing to well-being, added requirements for designing out crime and designing for neurodivergence, to ensure development is safer and more inclusive, as well as refined our approach to protecting and enhancing heritage assets.

## **Jobs**

We have updated policies on jobs including affordable workspace, helping fledgling local businesses to get up and running, and refined our approach to logistics proposals.



## **Homes**

We have made changes to these policies, including a revised approach to policy on Houses in Multiple Occupation to ensure effective management processes are in place, and refinements to policies on co-living, built to rent and space standards to ensure new homes are of the highest quality.

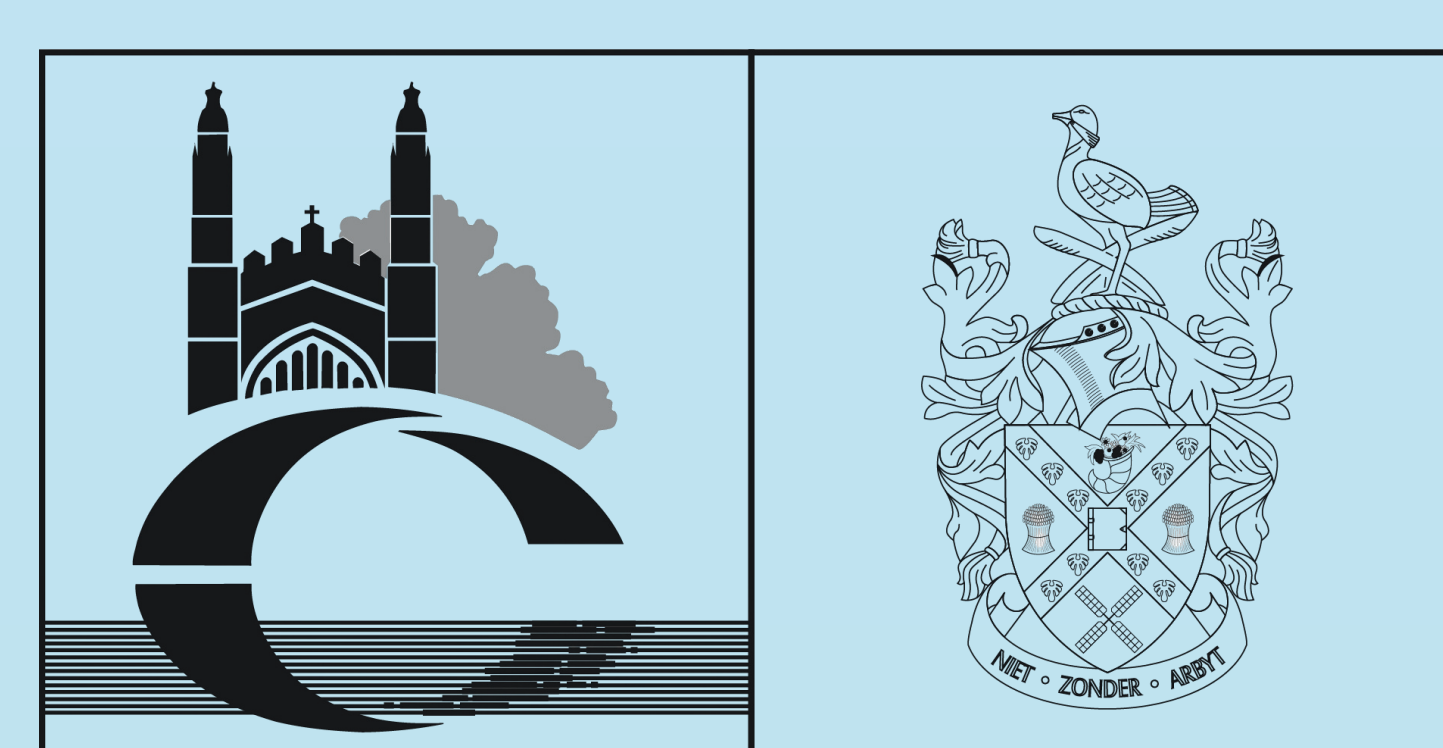
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## **Infrastructure: water, transport and sewage**

### **You said:**

Growth must be supported by sustainable water supply, sustainable transport and active travel routes, schools, healthcare and other essential infrastructure, delivered to coincide with development – not afterwards.

### **We did:**

Our approach is to ensure that new development is supported by the services, facilities and infrastructure that communities need.

We have strengthened infrastructure policies throughout the Plan, added new standards informed by additional infrastructure evidence and updated our Infrastructure Delivery Plan. We have also worked with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as they progress their Transport Strategy for Greater Cambridge, which is published in draft and will be finalised later this year.



Additional requirements have been added to ensure people living in or commuting to new developments have a genuine choice of how they travel there. Development must be supported by sustainable transport, active travel routes and improvements to public transport services and infrastructure. Policies were also revised to set clearer expectations around the amount of parking needed and how parking is designed, and ensure infrastructure is provided at the right time.

Water and the treatment of wastewater remains a key issue for Greater Cambridge. The Plan now includes stronger water efficiency standards and links major growth to the availability of necessary water infrastructure.

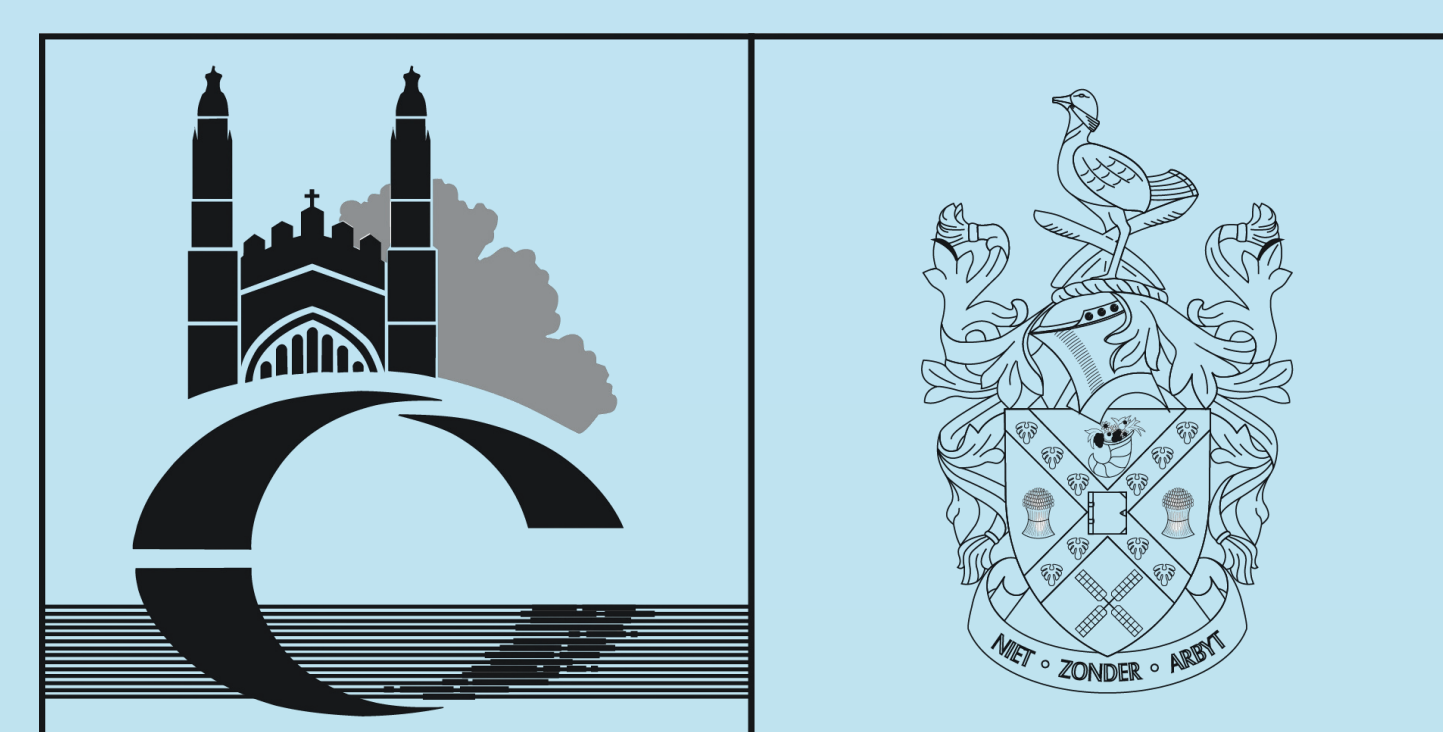
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## **Responding to our consultation**

This consultation is different from earlier stages. All comments received during the consultation period will be submitted to government alongside the Local Plan for independent examination. A Planning Inspector, appointed by government, will consider these as part of that process.

Comments should focus on whether the Plan complies with the law and is 'sound'. This means considering whether the Plan is justified, effective, positively prepared and consistent with national policy.

- Does the Plan provide a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities
- Does the Plan set out an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence
- Is the Plan deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the Statement of Common Ground
- Is the Plan consistent with national planning policy, enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in this Framework
- Is the Plan legally compliant with planning acts and regulations

You can find the full Plan, supporting documents and consultation form online. The consultation will close at 5pm on Friday 25 September. Your views remain an important part of the process. It is recommended that you submit your comments online using our consultation platform.



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