

South Cambridgeshire Issues and Options Consultation

South Cambridgeshire District Council is preparing a new Local Plan that will set out the vision for the region until 2031. The new Local Plan is required to fit in with the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Localism Act 2011.

The first stage is a public consultation on Issues and Options being held between the 12th July and 28th September 2012. A few proposals directly relating to Cottenham are included.

Potentially the most significant is question 13.1 which asks whether Cottenham should be reclassified from a Minor Rural Centre to a Rural Centre. This would remove the current size limit of 30 dwellings on any new development within the village framework.

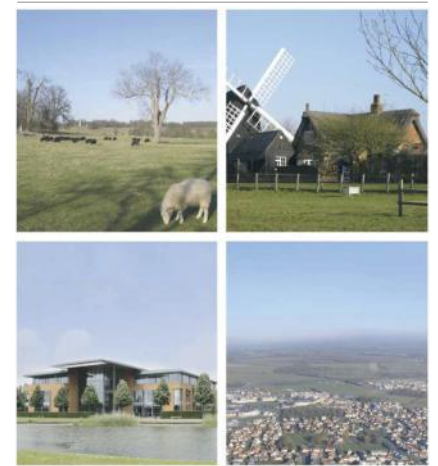
The current Rural Centres are:

- Cambourne
- Fulbourn
- Great Shelford and Stapleford
- Histon and Impington
- Sawston

Question 14 is similar, but broader in scope as it proposes increasing or abolishing the numerical limits for the different categories of village throughout the district.

Question 16 asks for opinions on seven sites around the village (illustrated in green and orange below) that have been identified as possible locations for new housing developments. They range in size from 15 to 110 dwellings:

21. Land at the junction of Long Drove and Beach Road
22. Land at Oakington Road



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23. The Redlands, Oakington Road
24. Land south of Ellis Close and east of Oakington Road
25. Land off Histon Road
26. Land to the rear of 34-46 Histon Road
27. Cottenham Sawmills

All of these sites have been assessed as having limited impact on the landscape and good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot. However, they are (inevitably) all on the village edge so relatively distant from services and facilities.

Six other sites (shown in grey) submitted during last year's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) "Call for Sites" have been rejected and excluded from the consultation.

Other more general questions in the consultation document could also have a major affect on Cottenham, such as question 15 concerning changes to, or possibly even the abolition of, village frameworks.

The Design Group's committee will be responding to the aspects of the Issues and Options document that affect Cottenham. If you have views on any of these issues then please respond to SCDC's consultation at <http://scambs.jdi-consult.net/ldf>.

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