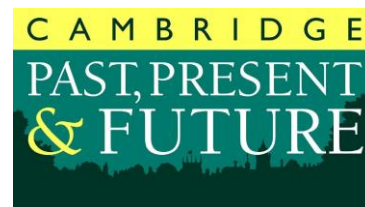


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Dear Katie

Response to 22/02356/OUT: Outline application for the development of up to 125 dwellings, with all matters reserved except for access at Land East of Long Lane Fowlmere.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future is Cambridge's largest civic society. We are a charity run by local people who are passionate about where they live. We operate in the greater Cambridge area and working with our members, supporters and volunteers we:

- Are dedicated to protecting and enhancing the green setting of Cambridge for people and nature.
- Care about Cambridge and are an independent voice for quality of life in the strategic planning of Greater Cambridge.
- Are working to protect, celebrate and improve the important built heritage of the Cambridge area.
- Own and care for green spaces and historic buildings in and around the city for people and nature, including Wandlebury Country Park, Coton Countryside Reserve, Cambridge Leper Chapel & Barnwell Meadows, Bourn Windmill and Hinxton Watermill.

Cambridge PPF object to this application on the grounds that it proposes development in an unsustainable location contrary to the adopted development strategy.

Policy S/6 identifies the development strategy and settlement hierarchy which directs development to the most sustainable locations. Policy S/10 identifies Fowlmere as a Group Villages where only residential schemes of 8 dwellings will be permitted. The Policies Map shows the site beyond the Development Framework and therefore the proposal is also contrary to Policy S/7 (2).

Fowlmere is a small village with limited services and facilities and poor public transport connections (4 buses a day to Cambridge). The new residents of the development would therefore be reliant on their cars to access jobs, shops and schools. To access Cambridge or Royston by public transport or active modes, residents would need to drive or cycle just under 3 miles to Foxton to access the rail network or forthcoming Melbourne Greenway.

Allowing development in this unsustainable location will result in more traffic on the roads into Cambridge and increased pressure for busways and Park and Ride sites in the countryside and Green Belt.

The application should therefore be refused on the ground of being contrary to policies S/6, S/7, and S/10.

I trust that you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Principal Planning Officer