

Masterplan Development

The concept of creating a new quarter to meet the University's future accommodation and research requirements was first raised nearly 10 years ago. Since then the proposal has been publicly debated and subsequently adopted during reviews of the County Structure Plan, the Cambridge Local Plan and North West Cambridge Area Action Plan.

The need to plan for the University's future residential and research requirements led to the University's decision to commence a collaborative masterplanning process in 2005. This masterplanning process was underpinned by preliminary technical studies of the site including ecological surveys, transport assessment, landscape appraisal and a review of the University's development requirements.

In early 2005 a series of masterplan workshops were held. Throughout the process the University has sought to engage with the widest range of stakeholders, including the local authorities and residents.

The 2005 masterplan formed the basis of the University's needs case at the Cambridge City Local Plan Inquiry. The Inspector agreed that development of land between Madingley Road and Huntingdon Road was essential to meet the University's development requirements to 2025 and beyond.

2007-2008 Onwards

During 2007 and 2008, the University's masterplan continued to evolve. It took into account issues raised during consultation and during discussions with both Councils. Our proposals were then widely consulted upon again in 2008-2009 to inform the Inspectors' Examination of the Area Action Plan.

Area Action Plan (adopted October 2009)

The new Area Action Plan was adopted by the Councils in October 2009. It allows the land to be taken out of the Green Belt to meet proven University needs, but any application we make will need to pass through the normal planning process.

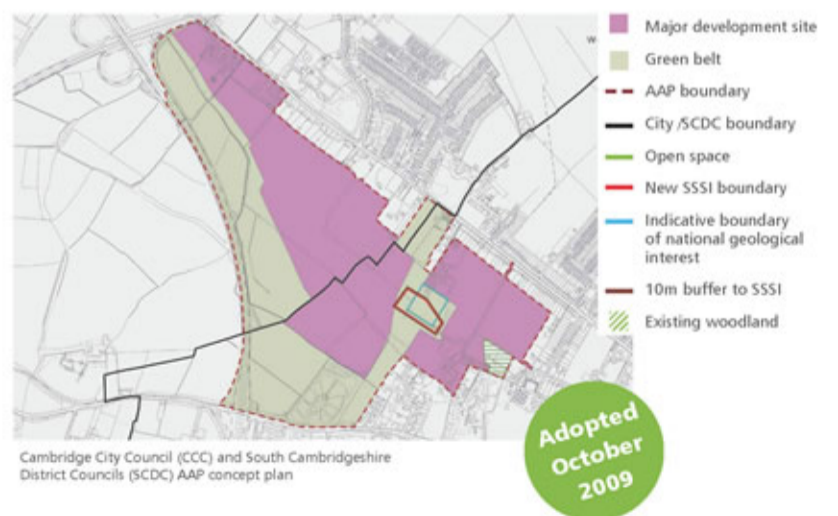


2005 Masterplan

2009

In November 2009 we consulted key technical and public stakeholders at consultation sessions, two held at Fitzwilliam College and one held at the Cambridge City Library. We gathered people's input to ensure that any future proposals for the site not only meet the University's needs but also address the aspirations and concerns of the University's wider stakeholder group and the local community.

This consultation process, including the November 2009 consultation and the current consultation in June 2010, aims to engage all individuals and groups who wish to become involved.



Cambridge City Council (CCC) and South Cambridgeshire District Councils (SCDC) AAP concept plan

2010 - Going Forward

The University has a strong record of effective consultation and this is particularly important with a project of this scale. The University will continue to work closely with its neighbours and wider communities to create the best possible extension to our city.