

Chapter 5 Development Options

- 5.1 The Local Plan needs to allocate land for new housing development to meet the long term needs of the District in places where people will want to live, which are good for the economy and close to jobs and which will cause the least harm to the built and natural environment. Chapters 3: Development Needs and 4: Spatial Strategy have explored the options for housing levels over the next 20 years and where it should be focused which gives us an indication of the amount of additional housing that would need to be allocated in addition to what is already planned. In summary, the options mean we need to find additional land for between 4,300 and 9,300 new homes.
- 5.2 We have listened to feedback from Parish Councils at recent workshops about their concerns at loss of green spaces in villages (an issue we address in Chapter 8: Protecting and Enhancing the Natural and Historic Environment), sometimes through development within village frameworks because development cannot be provided on the edge of a village under current policy. We explore the approach to village development, including village frameworks, in Chapter 4: Spatial Strategy. Feedback on these issues will help inform the Council's approach in the new Local Plan.
- 5.3 We must allocate specific sites to provide enough housing to meet the housing target we include in the plan. The Council has identified a number of site options across the District for consultation that could potentially provide housing. We have drawn on our Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) of the sites proposed to us for development through the "Call for Sites" process in 2011 to help us do this, together with the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of each site and a summary assessment that draws together the two assessments and reaches a view on the 'Sustainable Development Potential' of each site. Appendix 6 of the SHLAA document includes detailed assessments of all sites and can be viewed on our website: www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/shlaa. Annexes 1 and 2 of the Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report include detailed sustainability appraisals of all sites and the summary assessment for each site and can be viewed on our website: www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/localplan
- A wide range of matters have been taken into account in selecting the site options, including whether the proposal is in a sustainable location, meaning it is at a town or village having good services and facilities and has good access to public transport. Factors affecting specific sites have also been considered, including constraints such as flooding, designations protecting specific areas, accessibility, landscape, townscape, biodiversity, heritage assets, the viability of development, and whether it could be relied upon to deliver over the plan period. We highlight where a site option would involve the loss of an existing employment area, and that this needs to be carefully balanced with wider employment objectives.

- 5.6 The site options cover a range of scales and locations of development from new settlement options to village development of varying sizes, to provide a genuine choice in moving to a preferred set of sites in the Local Plan. The sustainability appraisal has guided us to include sites at the larger and better served villages. Therefore Green and Amber sites at the larger better served villages, including those at villages identified as options to be upgraded at Issue 13, are put forward for consultation. Some sites at smaller villages have been identified as Amber, but have not been put forward for consultation given the number of dwellings available at a range of sites in more sustainable locations. There may be smaller villages where the local community is interested in having some additional development, and we ask at Chapter 4; Spatial Strategy for local communities to let us know how the Local Plan can help respond to local aspirations.
- 5.7 A different approach is taken to land in the Green Belt on the edge of Cambridge. A co-ordinated approach is being taken with Cambridge City Council to look at broad locations in the Green Belt around Cambridge in this consultation, rather than potential development sites, as explained in Chapter 4.

Issue 16: Development Options

• The following list sets out 52 site options for consultation. The Green (G) indicates more sustainable sites with development potential (few constraints or adverse impacts), and Amber (A) indicates less sustainable sites, but where there is still development potential (some constraints or adverse impacts). The site boundaries and approximate dwelling capacities are indicative at this stage in the Local Plan making process and the capacities should be read alongside the options for development needs set out in Chapter 3: Development Needs in Issue 4.

It looks first at possible sites relating to new settlements. 5 site options are proposed:

Northstowe Reserve - Option to allocate the current reserved land at Northstowe. The current planning application for a first phase of development of 1,500 homes includes a development framework plan for the whole new town, including the current reserve site. Allocation of the reserve land would be unlikely to provide additional housing in the plan period, but could provide flexibility on how the town is developed.

- Waterbeach Two options for a new town at Waterbeach based on the MOD Barracks site (one larger, one smaller) and a third option to redevelop just the built area of the Barracks site which would be a large village extension rather than a new settlement. New settlements take a long time to come forward and are only likely to provide housing towards the latter part of the plan period.
- **Bourn Airfield** Option for a new village with both the landowner and a developer putting in proposals. New settlements take a long time to come forward and are only likely to provide housing towards the latter part of the plan period.

It then looks at possible sites at villages. These are listed in the order of the village category assessment at Appendix 3 (dealt with in Chapter 4: Spatial Strategy). Some villages have more than one site option. Site options are proposed at:

- Sawston
- Histon & Impington
- Cambourne
- Great Shelford & Stapleford
- Cottenham
- Fulbourn
- Linton
- Melbourn
- Gamlingay
- Milton
- Swavesey
- Bassingbourn
- Girton
- Comberton
- Papworth Everard
- Willingham
- Waterbeach

The site options provide for up to 23,000 homes (taking the larger number where there are alternatives). However, this includes the whole of new settlements, and as said above, it is not realistic to expect such sites to provide housing until the latter part of the plan period, and their contribution towards the housing figure for 2031 will be reduced accordingly.

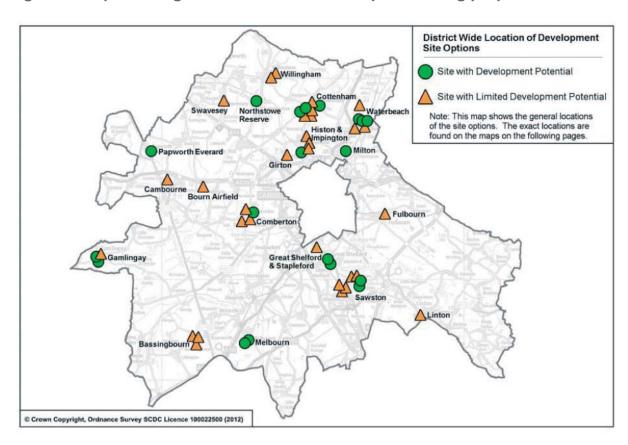
Question 16:

A: Which of the site options do you support or object to and why? Please provide any comments.

B: Are there any other sites that we should consider? (These could be sites already submitted through the "Call for Sites" process or new sites).

Please provide any comments.

Figure 8: Map showing the location of the site options being proposed



New Settlement Site Options

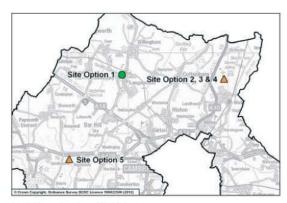
Key for Site Option Maps





Site with Development Potential

Site with Limited Development Potential





Site Option 1: Extension to Northstowe

Land north west of B1050, Station Road, Longstanton (Northstowe

Reserve)

Site Size: 56.08 hectares **Dwelling Capacity: 900**

SHLAA Reference: Sites 242 & 273

Comments:

Site already reserved for development Pros Good public transport links via Guided Bus

Would allow for flexibility in how Northstowe is developed

Unlikely to lead to additional housing delivery at Northstowe Cons

to 2031



Site Option 2: New Town at Waterbeach

Land north of Waterbeach

Site Size: 558.68 hectares **Dwelling Capacity: 12,750**

SHLAA Reference: Site 231

Comments:

Reuses previously developed land Pros

Relatively close to Cambridge

Close to railway station

Large enough for two secondary schools

Impact on Denny Abbey and landscape setting Cons

Capacity of the A10 and A14



Site Option 3: Small New Town at Waterbeach

Land north of Waterbeach (MOD only)

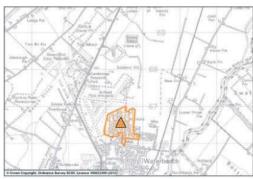
Dwelling Capacity: 7,600 Site Size: 280.20 hectares

SHLAA Reference: Site 231 (part) Comments: (where different from above) Less impact on landscape setting Pros

Large enough for a secondary school

Less need/incentive to move Railway station and sewage

works



Site Option 4: Waterbeach Barracks built area only

Land north of Waterbeach (built area only)

Dwelling Capacity: 930 Site Size: 58.15 hectares

SHLAA Reference: Site 231 (part) Comments: (where different from above)

Less impact on landscape setting and Denny Abbey

Cons As a large village extension unlikely to have critical mass to

bring significant infrastructure improvements

Too small for a secondary school



Site Option 5: New Village - Bourn Airfield

Bourn Airfield, Bourn

SHLAA Reference: Sites 057 & 238

Comments:

Pros Former airfield counts as reuse of previously developed land

Relatively close to Cambridge

Cons Relatively poor links to Cambourne, especially to centre

May be too small for a secondary school

Would form a ribbon of development south of the A428

Sawston Site Options

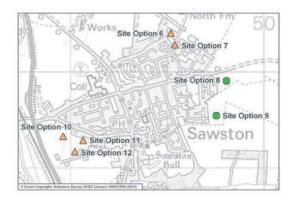
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Site Option 6:

Land at Former Marley Tiles Site, Dales Manor Business Park,

Sawston

SHLAA Reference: Site 153

Comments:

Pros No impact on landscape or townscape

Cons Loss of employment land

Potential noise nuisance from existing employment



Site Option 7:

Land at Grove Road / West Way, Dales Manor Business Park,

Sawston

Site Size: 5.19 hectares Dwelling Capacity: 160

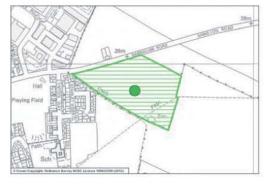
SHLAA Reference: Site 154

Comments:

Pros No impact on landscape or townscape

Cons Loss of employment land

Potential noise nuisance from existing employment



Site Option 8:

Land south of Babraham Road, Sawston

SHLAA Reference: Site 258

Comments:

Pros Scope to improve existing village edge

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities

Loss of Green Belt



Site Option 9:

Land east of Sawston

SHLAA Reference: Site 178

Comments:

Pros Scope to improve existing village edge

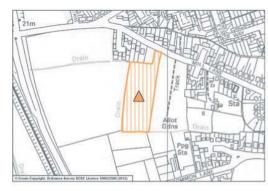
Could provide additional space for primary school

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities

Loss of Green Belt

Need to respect setting of Sawston Hall



Site Option 10:

Mill Lane, Sawston

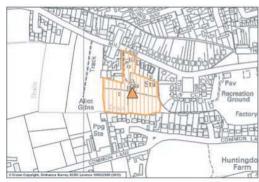
SHLAA Reference: Site 230

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape setting

Close to local services and facilities

Cons Limited flood risk



Site Option 11:

Land rear of 41 Mill Lane. Sawston

SHLAA Reference: Site 116

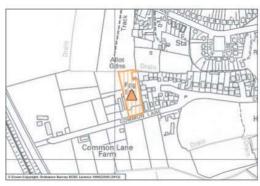
Comments:

Pros Limited impact on townscape and landscape setting

Close to local services and facilities

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons Limited flood risk



Site Option 12:

Land between 66 & 68 Common Lane, Sawston

SHLAA Reference: Site 023

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on townscape and landscape setting

Cons Limited flood risk

Histon & Impington Site Options

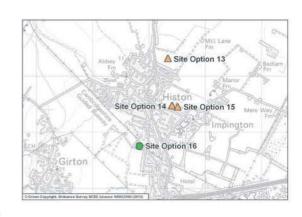
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Site Option 13:

Land at Buxhall Farm, Glebe Way, Histon

SHLAA Reference: Site 133

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape

Cons Loss of Green Belt

Distance from local services and facilities



Site Option 14:

Land rear of 49-71 Impington Lane, Impington

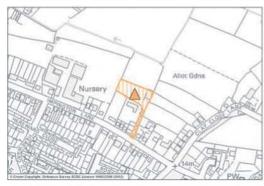
Site Size: 0.77 hectares Dwelling Capacity: 25

SHLAA Reference: Site 112 (part)

Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Cons Loss of Green Belt



Site Option 15:

Land north of Impington Lane, Impington

SHLAA Reference: Site 114 (part)

Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Cons Loss of Green Belt



Site Option 16:

Land at SCA Packaging Ltd, Villa Road, Impington

SHLAA Reference: Site 046

Comments:

Pros Scope to improve local environment

Reuses previously developed land

Cons Loss of employment land (but disused)

Flood risk to small part of site

Access arrangements

Cambourne Site Options

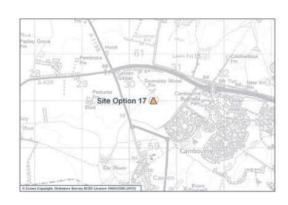
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Site Option 17:

Land west of Lower Cambourne and the Cambourne Business Park, bounded to the north by the A428 and to the west by the A1198 (Swansley Wood)

SHLAA Reference: Site 239

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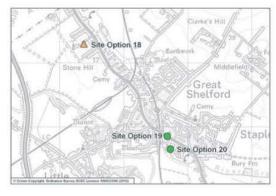
Pros Close to services and facilities in Cambourne including new

secondary school

Cons Need to improve internal linkages within Cambourne

Landscape impact could be mitigated by a reduced site area

Great Shelford & Stapleford Site Options





Site Option 18:

Land off Cambridge Road, Great Shelford

SHLAA Reference: Site 005

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape and Green Belt

Cons Possible noise and lighting nuisance from Rugby Club

Some distance from services and facilities



Site Option 19:

29 - 35 and 32 London Road, Great Shelford

SHLAA Reference: Site 187

Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Scope to improve local environment Reuses previously developed land

Cons Loss of local employment unless firm can relocate



Site Option 20:

Granta Terrace, Stapleford

SHLAA Reference: Site 186

Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Scope to improve local environment Reuses previously developed land

Cons Loss of local employment unless firm can relocate as it hopes

Cottenham Site Options

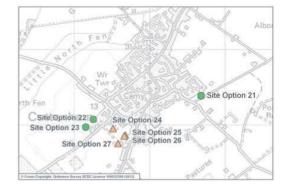
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Site Option 21:

Land at the junction of Long Drove and Beach Road, Cottenham

SHLAA Reference: Site 234

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape setting

Good accessibility to employment locations

Cons Loss of Green Belt

Encroachment into countryside

On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 22:

Land at Oakington Road, Cottenham

SHLAA Reference: Site 260

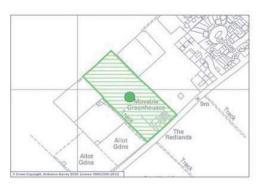
Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape setting

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 23:

The Redlands, Oakington Road, Cottenham

SHLAA Reference: Site 003

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape setting

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 24:

Land south of Ellis Close and East of Oakington Road, Cottenham

SHLAA Reference: Site 129

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape setting

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons Impact on setting of Listed Buildings

On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 25:

Land off Histon Road, Cottenham

Site Size: 0.83 hectares Dwelling Capacity: 15

SHLAA Reference: Site 123

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape setting

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 26:

Land to the rear of 34 - 46 Histon Road, Cottenham

Site Size: 1.04 hectares

Dwelling Capacity: 20

SHLAA Reference: Site 263

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape setting

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 27:

Cottenham Sawmills, Cottenham

SHLAA Reference: Site 124

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape setting

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities

Loss of employment

Fulbourn Site Options

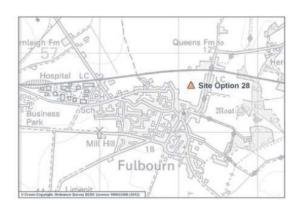
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Linton Site Options

Site Option 28:

Land off Station Road, Fulbourn

SHLAA Reference: Site 074

Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Limited impact on landscape setting

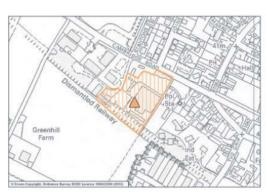
Cons Loss of Green Belt

Access concerns near level crossing and via Conservation

Area

Impact on Conservation Area and Listed Buildings





Site Option 29:

Land east of Station Road, Linton

Site Size: 1.78 hectares Dwelling Capacity: 35

SHLAA Reference: Site 152

Comments:

Pros Reuses previously developed land

Cons Loss of employment land

Located south of the A1307

Melbourn Site Options

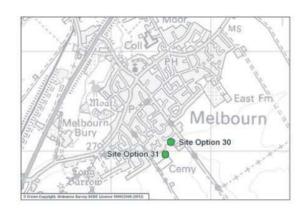
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Site with Development Potential

Site with Limited Development Potential





Site Option 30:

36 New Road, Melbourn

SHLAA Reference: Site 235

Comments:

Pros Well screened site, limited landscape impact

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 31:

Land to rear of Victoria Way, off New Road, Melbourn

Site Size: 2.29 hectares

Dwelling Capacity: 50

SHLAA Reference: Site 130

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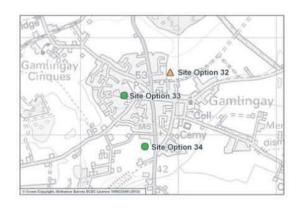
Pros Well screened site, limited landscape impact

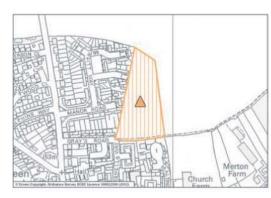
Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities







Site Option 32:

Land off Grays Road, Gamlingay

SHLAA Reference: Site 171 (part)

Comments:

Pros Scope to improve existing village edge

Cons Loss of greenfield land



Site Option 33:

Green End Industrial Estate, Green End, Gamlingay
Site Size: 4.09 hectares Dwelling Capacity: 90

SHLAA Reference: Site 117

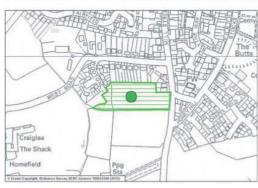
Comments:

Pros Scope to improve local environment.

Could provide additional space for primary school

Close to local services and facilities

Cons Loss of employment land



Site Option 34:

Land at Mill Road, Gamlingay

SHLAA Reference: Site 093

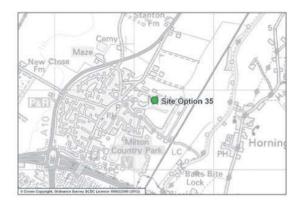
Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Limited impacts on landscape setting

Cons Need to mitigate impacts on Listed Building settings.







Site Option 35:

The Former EDF Depot & Training Centre, Ely Road, Milton Site Size: 8.53 hectares
Dwelling Capacity: 130

SHLAA Reference: Site 132

Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Planning permission for housing already granted for part of

site

Cons Loss of Green Belt

Loss of employment land

Swavesey Site Options

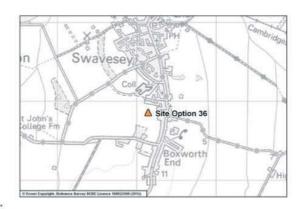
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Site Option 36: Land south of W Site Size: 4.98

Land south of Whitton Close & west of Boxworth End, Swavesey

Site Size: 4.98 hectares

Dwelling Capacity: 75

SHLAA Reference: Site 083 (part)

Comments:

Pros Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Scope to mitigate adverse impacts by development of part of

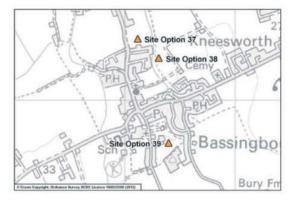
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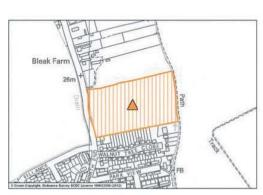
Cons Impact on landscape and townscape

On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities

Bassingbourn Site Options





Site Option 37:

Next to Walnut Tree Close, North End, Bassingbourn
Site Size: 3.14 hectares

Dwelling Capacity: 55

SHLAA Reference: Site 085

Comments:

Pros Limited landscape and townscape impact

Cons Flood risk to small part of site



Site Option 38:

Land north of Elbourn Way, Bassingbourn

SHLAA Reference: Site 219 (part)

Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Scope to mitigate adverse impacts by development of part of

the site only

Cons Flood risk to small part of site.

Landscape and townscape impacts



Site Option 39:

SHLAA Reference: Site 078

Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Limited landscape and townscape impact

Cons Impact on setting of Listed Buildings

Site access suitability

Girton Site Options

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Site Option 40:

Land at Cockerton Road, Girton

SHLAA Reference: Site 143

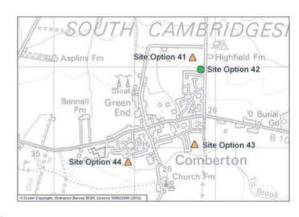
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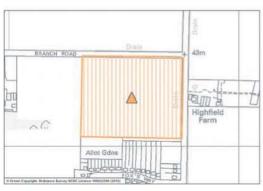
Pros Close to local services and facilities

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons Impacts on landscape and townscape and Listed Church

Comberton Site Options





Site Option 41:

Land off Long Road (south of Branch Road), Comberton

Site Size: 5.71 hectares

Dwelling Capacity: 130

SHLAA Reference: Site 158

Comments:

Pros Well screened site, limited landscape impact

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 42:

Land adjacent (north) to 69 Long Road, Comberton
Site Size: 0.32 hectares Dwelling Capacity: 10

SHLAA Reference: Site 004

Comments:

Pros Well screened site, limited landscape impact

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 43:

Land to the east of Bush Close, Comberton

Site Size: 4.83 hectares Dwelling Capacity: 75

SHLAA Reference: Site 255

Comments:

Pros Well screened site, limited landscape impact Cons Uncertainty regarding site access arrangements



Site Option 44:

Land to the west of Birdlines, Manor Farm, Comberton
Site Size: 6.00 hectares

Dwelling Capacity: 90

SHLAA Reference: Site 110

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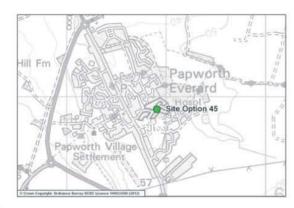
Pros Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

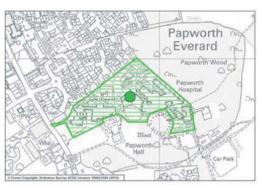
Cons Adverse impact on Green Belt purposes, landscape setting

and setting of Listed Buildings. Capable of mitigation by

limiting development to a part of the site

Papworth Everard Site Options





Site Option 45:

Papworth Hospital, Papworth Everard

SHLAA Reference: Site 151

Comments:

Pros Reuses previously developed land

Scope to improve local environment

Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons Loss of employment land

Risk to settings of listed buildings

Willingham Site Options

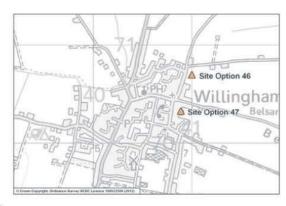
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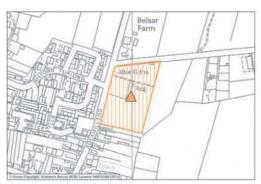




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Site Option 46:

Land east of 39-65 Rockmill End, Willingham

Site Size: 2.12 hectares Dwelling Capacity: 50

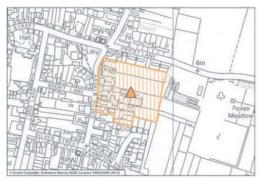
SHLAA Reference: Site 045 (part)

Comments:

Pros Limited impact on landscape setting

Cons On village edge so relatively distant from services and

facilities



Site Option 47:

Land to the rear of Green Street, Willingham

SHLAA Reference: Site 204

Comments:

Pros Close to local services and facilities

Scope to mitigate adverse impacts by development of part of

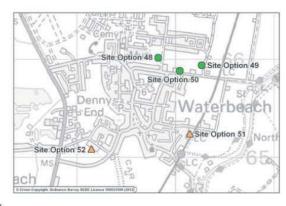
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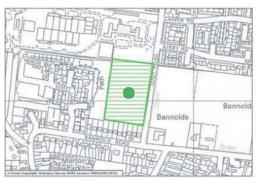
Cons Impact on townscape and character of Conservation Area

Impact on setting of Listed Buildings

Waterbeach Site Options

(Also see the New Settlement section)





Site Option 48:

Cody Road, Waterbeach

SHLAA Reference: Site 089 & 189

Comments:

Pros Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Limited impacts on landscape setting

Cons Would reduce separation from Barracks



Site Option 49:

Land at Bannold Road and Bannold Drove, Waterbeach
Site Size: 1.77 hectares Dwelling Capacity: 35

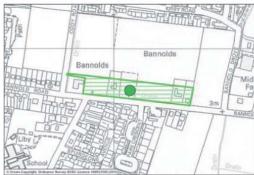
SHLAA Reference: Site 206

Comments:

Pros Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Limited impacts on landscape setting

Cons Potential for noise and odour from farm



Site Option 50:

North side of Bannold Road, Waterbeach

SHLAA Reference: Site 155

Comments:

Pros Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Limited impacts on landscape setting

Cons Would reduce separation from Barracks



Site Option 51:

Land off Lode Avenue, Waterbeach

SHLAA Reference: Site 001

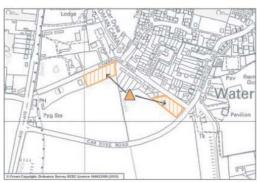
Comments:

Pros Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Limited impacts on landscape setting

Cons Limited flood risk to half of site

Railway noise



Site Option 52:

Land off Cambridge Road, Waterbeach

SHLAA Reference: Site 202 (part)

Comments:

Pros Good accessibility by bus, cycle and on foot

Cons Loss of Green Belt

Impact on landscape setting unless development limited to

Cambridge Road frontage

