

Northstowe Community Forum 15/07/2026

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning: Text to accompany slides

Draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan

When it is adopted, the [Greater Cambridge Local Plan](#) will set out a strategy for meeting development needs and provide site allocations and planning policies to guide decisions on planning applications.

On 15 July, Cambridge City Council (following an earlier decision by South Cambridgeshire District Council) will decide whether to proceed to a consultation on the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan.

Subject to this approval, the consultation is expected to run for eight weeks from Monday 3 August.

Greater Cambridge Development Corporation

Following a consultation, the government announced in June that it will establish a [new Development Corporation for Greater Cambridge](#) to try to accelerate the delivery of housing, commercial development and associated infrastructure.

The Development Corporation will be given a range of powers in relation to land acquisition, infrastructure delivery, transport and planning, and will be backed by central government finance.

[South Cambridgeshire District Council](#) and [Cambridge City Council](#) have welcomed some aspects – such as the delivery of important infrastructure – but raised concerns about others, and they continue to work with Government to develop the detail of how its planning powers would be transferred.

It is expected that the Development Corporation will take on the role of determining planning applications for strategic sites, such as Northstowe, in 2027. We should

learn more about the transitional arrangements when the government brings forward secondary legislation later this year.

Digital Park

A planning application has recently been submitted for Digital Park, off Station Road.

As a Reserved Matters application, it includes detailed design proposals for the 80-home scheme that was initially granted outline planning permission in 2023.

The consultation period runs until 5 August and a decision is due to be issued by 23 September.

Lidl

The planning application for a new Lidl supermarket off Station Road is still under consideration. A decision will be issued soon.

Parcel 2C

The Reserved Matters application for 409 homes on Parcel 2C (Phase 2) is still under consideration. A decision will be issued soon.