

# Land Use The Demands of Business

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The Cambridge <b>Phenomenon</b>	

## **Cluster Milestones**

$\triangleright$	1881	Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company

> 1898 WG Pye

1909 Marshall's of Cambridge

> 1950 Holford report - no industry

1960 Cambridge Consultants

Mott Report - Cambridge Science Park

1985 Cambridge Phenomenon Report SQW

1988 St. John's Innovation Centre

> 1996 Alec Broers appointed Vice-Chancellor

1996 - current Ten \$Bn companies

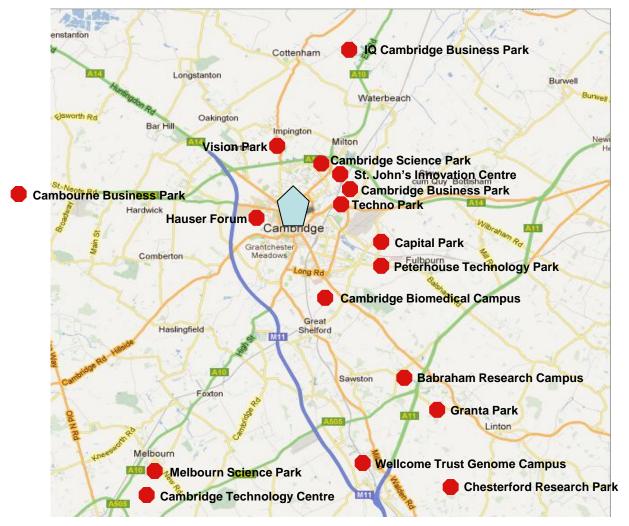
> 2006 Cambridge Enterprise

2003 - 2008
Library House reports

2011 Autonomy acquired by HP for \$10Bn



# Science and Business Park Locations





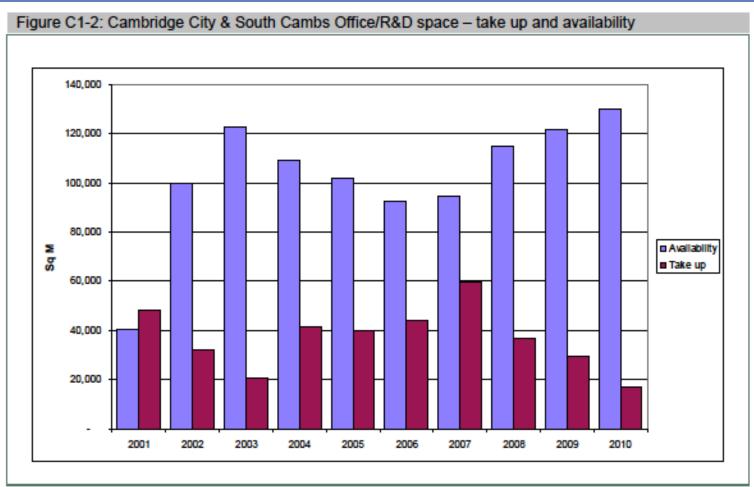


#### Principal location for services companies:

- Banks
- Accounting
- Legal
- Patent agents
- Building societies
- Recruitment
- Estate agents
- Travel agents
- Retail



# Office/R&D - Space Take Up and Availability



Source: Carter Jonas LLP, August 2010





# **Business and Science Parks**

#### Table C1-3: Office/R&D Business & Science Parks

Restricted Use Class Parks	Local Authority Area	Existing Space	Current Availability	Remaining Capacity
Babraham Institute	South Cambs DC	28,428	929	13,935
Cambridge Biomedical Campus	Cambridge City Council	34,374	-	111,484
Cambridge Science Park	South Cambs DC	138,426	17,930	13,935
Chesterford Research Park	Uttlesford DC	23,226	2,694	37,161
Granta Park	South Cambs DC	44,965	12,821	32,516
North West Cambridge	Cambridge City/South Cambs DC	-	-	69,677
Peterhouse Technology Park	Cambridge City Council	15,329	2,787	-
Wellcome Trust	South Cambs DC	30,379	-	-
West Cambridge	Cambridge City Council	3,995	3,159	51,097
St Johns Innovation Park	Cambridge City/South Cambs DC	20,439	4,413	2,323
		339,561	44,733	332,128

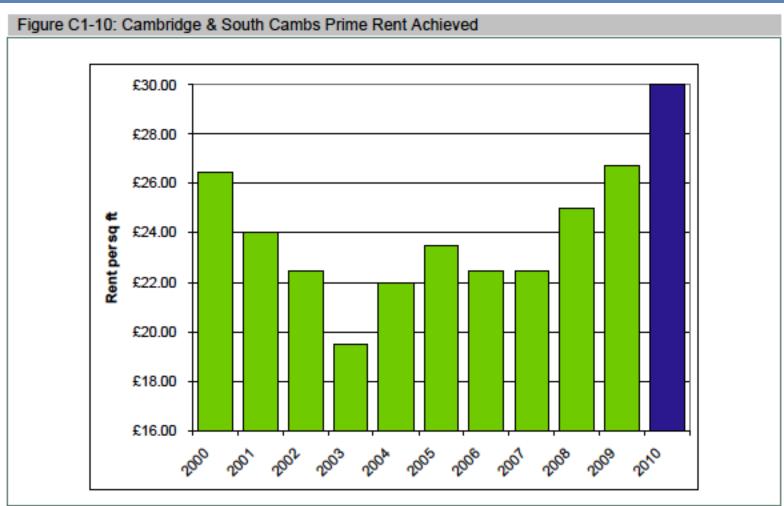


# **Business and Science Parks**

Non Restricted Use Class Parks	Local Authority Area	Existing Space	Current Availability	Remaining Capacity
Cambourne Business Park	South Cambs DC	26,570	3,159	37,161
Cambridge Business Park	Cambridge City Council	28,243	4,924	-
Capital Park, Fulbourn	South Cambs DC	13,935	1,254	3,716
Castle Park	Cambridge City Council	12,077	3,345	-
CB1	Cambridge City Council	-	-	69,677
Haverhill Research Park	St Edmundsbury DC	-	-	8 ha
IQ Cambridge	South Cambs DC	21,368	8,361	10 ha
Melbourn Science Park	South Cambs DC	16,444	4,181	-
St Ives Business Park	Huntingdonshire DC	6,503	3,716	13,935
		125,140	28,939	124,490



## Office Prime Rents



Source: Carter Jonas LLP



# Serviced Offices and Innovation Centres

#### Figure C1-14: Serviced Offices and Innovation Centres

Source: compiled by Carter Jonas LLP

Provider	Address	Occupancy Rate	Facility Size (sq m)	Flexible leases	Reception Services	Meeting Rooms	Business Coaching	R&D/Science Environment
Cambridge Science Park Innovation Centre	Cambridge Science Park	87%	600	Yes	Yes	Yes	tilo	Yes
Citib@se	Castle Park, Cambridge	100%	1,719	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Executive Offices - Palladia	Cambridge Business Park	80%	1,579	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Hauser Forum	West Cambridge		2.323	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MWB Business Exchange	East Road, Cambridge	97%	1,301	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Newton Hall	Newton, South Cambs	58%	1,152	Yes	Yes	Yes	140	No
Regus	Vision Park, Histon	100%	1,672	Yes	Yes	Yes	140	No
Regus	Cambourne Business Park	92%	1,868	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
St John's Innovation Centre	Cowley Road, Cambridge	89%	5,365	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
			17,569					

NB: due to the flexibility of serviced offices, occupancy rates change on a monthly basis



#### **Current Status**

- The Cambridge Phenomenon
  - 1400 high-tech companies
  - 40,000 employees
  - IT, Medical, Bioscience, Tech Consultancies
  - Sectors evolve
- Cluster impact
  - Population growth, infrastructure, traffic, housing, schools, hotels, restaurants, leisure facilities, property prices .....
  - Demand for offices, R&D labs, wet labs, serviced offices and innovation centres
  - Housing needs
- Secondary impact
  - Cambridge as a commuter town for London
- Land use for offices / labs
  - Developments outside city
  - Recession has not moderated demand (note restricted use / user clauses)
  - Cost of space, car-parking



### **Observations**

- The Cambridge Cluster has made a major impact on the city and surrounding areas
- Brownfield and former country houses have been used as the sites for science and business parks
- > Capacity exists in current science and business park locations
- Closer to the city centre prices higher, restrictions greater
- Prices used to modulate demand
- Older buildings on Cambridge Science Park are single storey think vertical
- Economic situation will encourage more entrepreneurs
- Deeper engagement of the universities in entrepreneurial activity can stimulate cluster growth
- Retreat of venture capital is impacting cluster growth
- Ability of Cambridge Enterprise to raise significant new funds can partially offset this
- Population of Cambridge will grow regardless of the future success of the cluster – demand for housing will have a far greater impact on land use