

# Cambridgeshire Development Strategy and Plans

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# Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Structure Plan 2003

County-wide approach to development:




















- Within Cambridge and Peterborough, consistent with role and character
- Expansion of both cities, subject to GB boundary changes
- Creation of a small town at Longstanton/Oakington
- In and, where appropriate, adjoining main market towns
- Strong emphasis on quality of development, affordability, accessibility, environmental sustainability; a coherent growth strategy – jobs and housing, with infrastructure
- Strategy reflected in East of England Plan (2011-2021):
  - 98,300 houses; 95,000 jobs

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## Policy

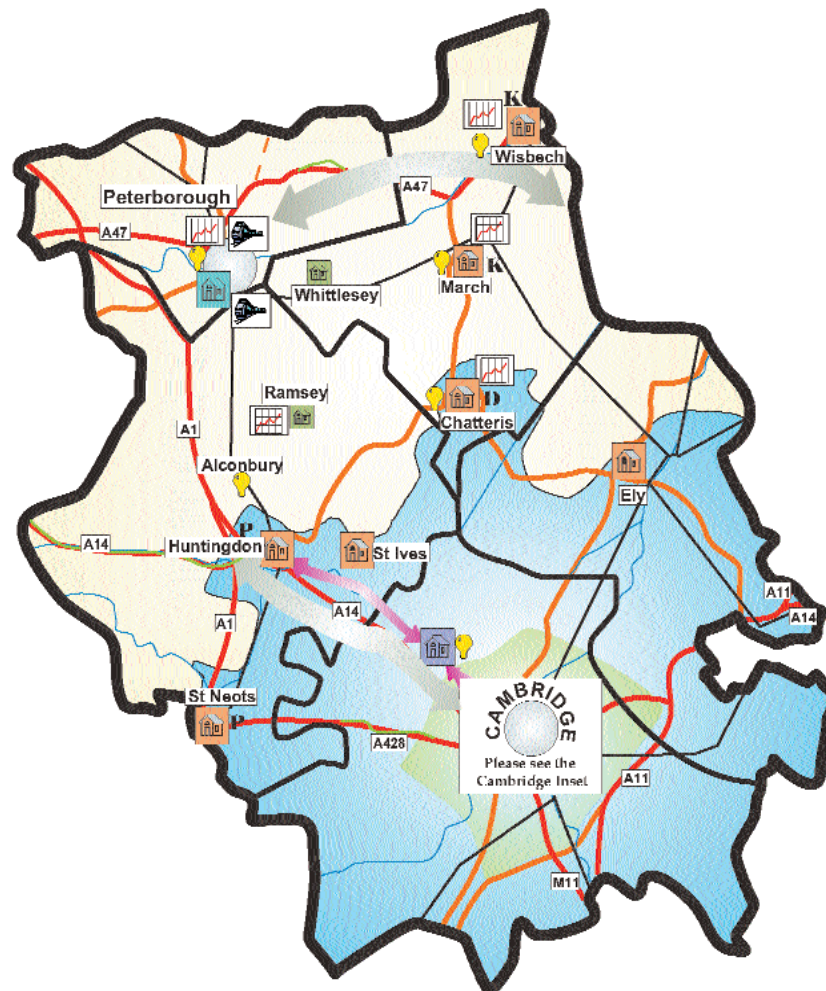
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-  County Boundary
-  Districts
-  Cambridge Sub Region
-  Peterborough and North Cambridgeshire (PNC)
-  Cities
-  Green Belt
-  Railways
-  Trunk Routes
-  County & Unitary Primary Routes
-  Rivers
-  Strategic Sites for Employment Locations
-  Economic Regeneration
-  New Railway Stations
-  Rapid Transit System
-  Multi-Modal Transport Improvements
-  Trunk Road Improvements
-  Improvement to A1073
-  Longstanton/Oakington New Town
-  Hampton

## Market Towns Growth

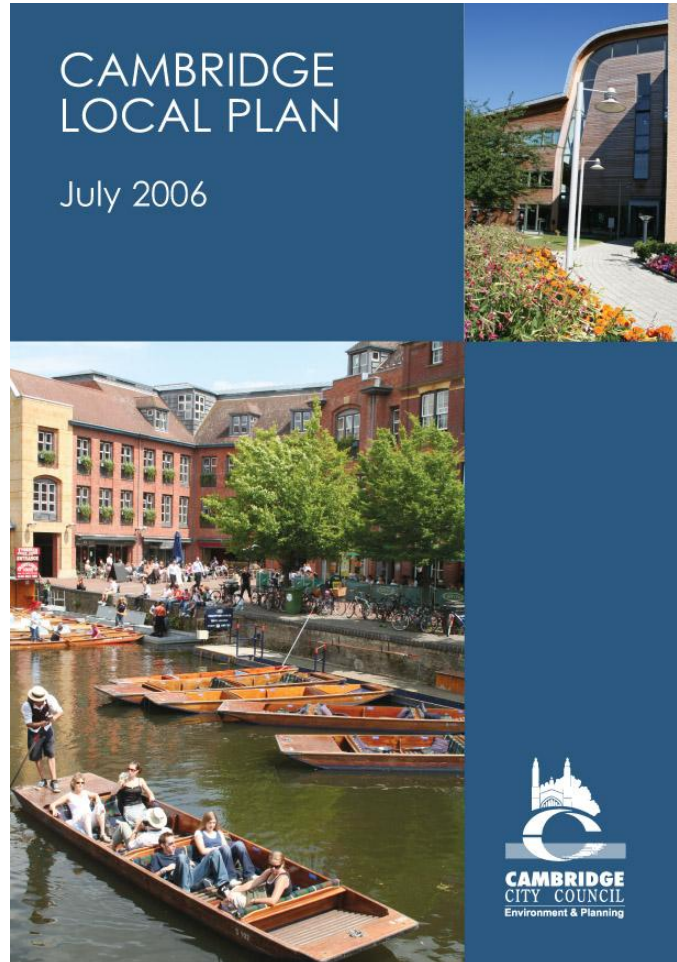
-  (Particular Potential)
- P** (Particular Potential)
- D** (Dependent on Improving Job Prospects)
- K** (Key Market Towns PNC)
-  Limited Housing Development



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# Cambridge – Existing plans

- Cambridge Local Plan 2006 (up to 2016)
- 12,200 houses; 40% affordable
- Thriving & accessible historic core
- Urban extensions connected by HQPT
- Regeneration of station area
- Distinctive residential communities
- Enhancement and improvement of landscape
- Key sites – Addenbrookes, Clay Farm, Trumpington Meadows, NW Cambridge (University), NIAB, Glebe Farm, Bell School



# Cambridge – Future plans and challenges

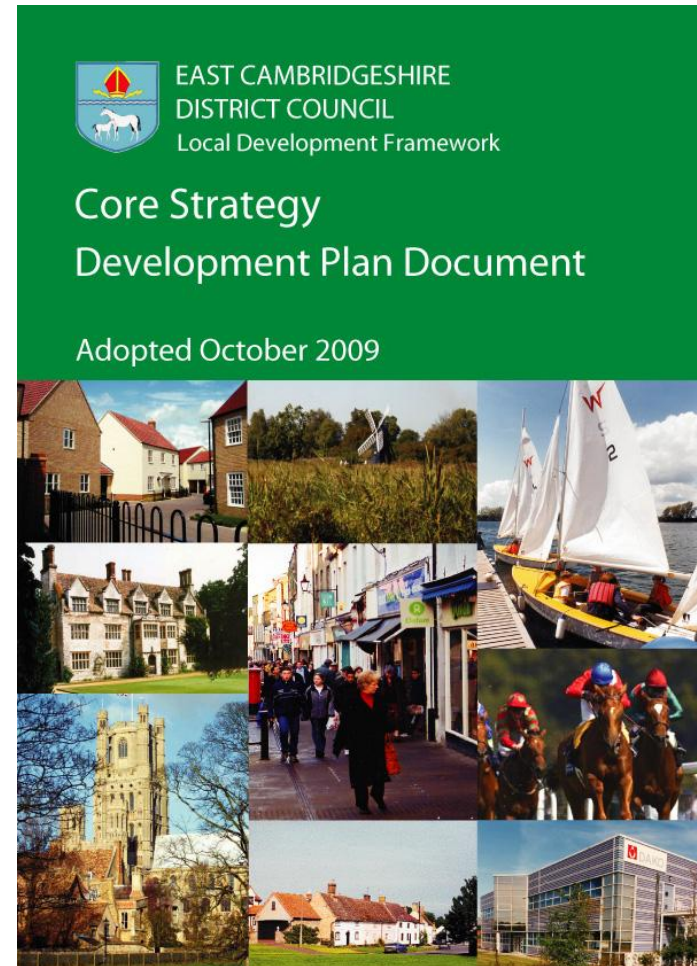
- Local Plan review to 2031 (review programme: 2011-2014)
- Delivering the existing strategy. Future of Cambridge East and NE fringe?
- Housing and employment provision – current targets to 2031 of 14,000 homes and 20,000 jobs need to be tested
- Green Belt pressures and cross-boundary issues
- Transport - tackling congestion, promoting non-car modes and providing new infrastructure
- Affordable housing provision, design quality, delivering sustainable growth, quality of life
- Duty to co-operate – Ongoing relationship with South Cambs, the County Council and the LEP





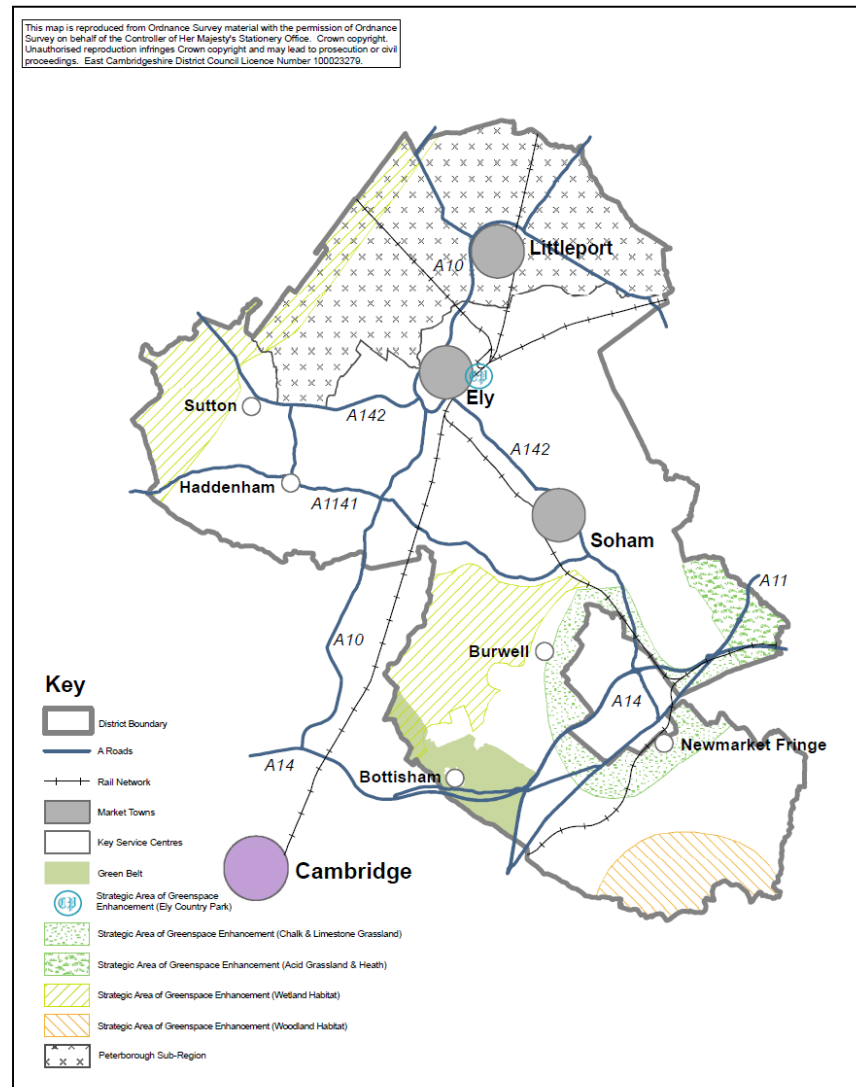
# East Cambridgeshire – Existing plans

- Core Strategy Adopted October 2009 – end date of 2025
- 5,688 additional homes; 61 hectares of employment land
- Development focused on market towns (Ely, Soham & Littleport); masterplans for each
- Key issues – tackling out-commuting, transport infrastructure, affordable housing, quality of life



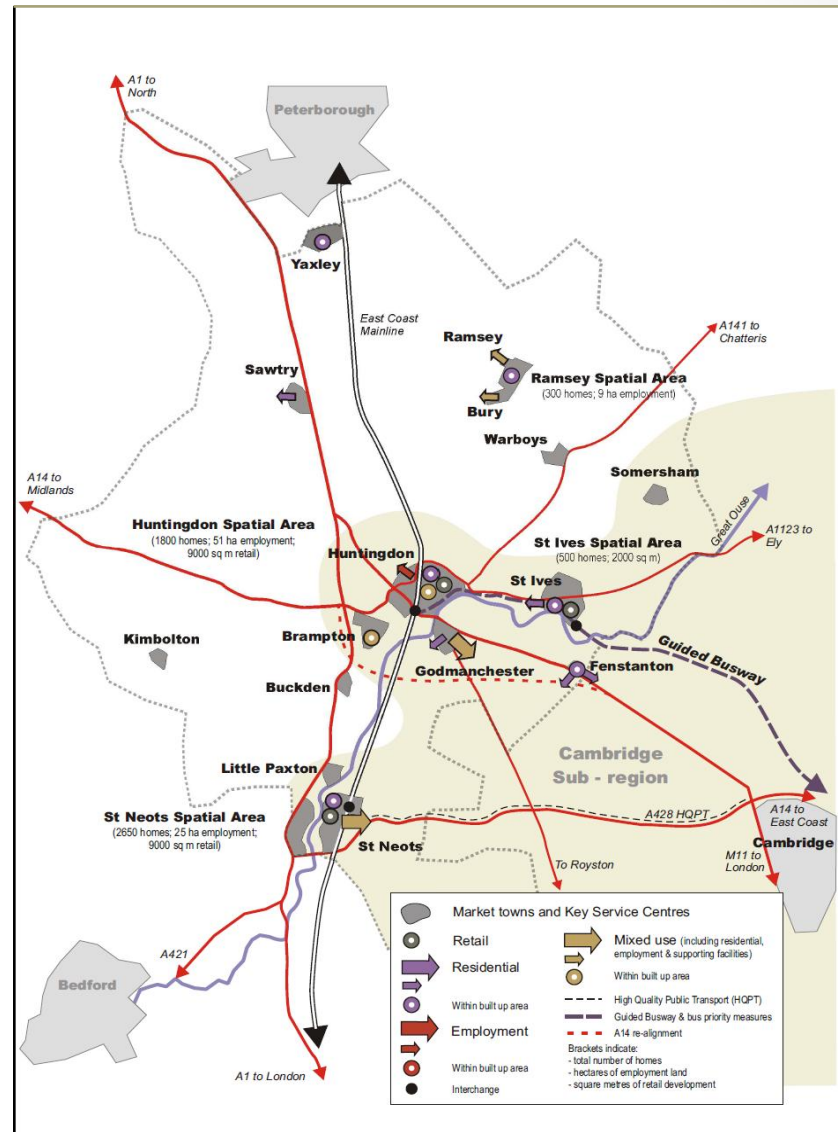
# East Cambridgeshire – Future plans and challenges

- Core Strategy Review commenced January 2011.  
Adoption: May 2013
- Incorporation of Masterplans for the three Market Towns (including ambitious growth targets)
- Creation of 'Village Visions' for the rest of the district
- Need to maximise job creation to achieve a better balance between housing and employment
- Need for significant infrastructure improvements: including a potential Southern Bypass for Ely



# Huntingdonshire – Existing plans

- Core Strategy to 2026 (adopted 2009)
- 14,000 additional homes
- 13,000 jobs/85 hectares of employment land
- Growth focused on Spatial Planning Areas in and around four market towns (Huntingdon, St Neots, St Ives & Ramsey)
- Major devt. locations:
  - west of Huntingdon
  - east of St Neots
  - west of St Ives





# Huntingdonshire – Future plans and challenges

- Local plan to be produced to 2036 (timetable for preparation to be agreed shortly)
- Focus on delivering existing strategy (eg St Neots eastern expansion) and major new challenge of Alconbury and Enterprise Zone
- Future housing and jobs numbers + key infrastructure issues – A14 and Huntingdon viaduct
- Housing affordability and development viability
- First Cambs authority likely to start operating Community Infrastructure Levy

# Fenland – Existing and Future plans

- Local Plan – adopted 1993 – now well out of date
- Core Strategy for 2011 -2031
- Aim for adoption – very end of 2012

## Key Targets:

- 2011-2031 – 11-16,000 dwellings
  - 2011-2031 – 125ha of employment land
  - Flexible criteria-based approach to growth focused on four market towns
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- Out of date plan – challenges of managing development prior to CS adoption in late 2012
  - How to create jobs as well as housing
  - Flooding and transport issues (esp Wisbech)

# Peterborough – Existing plans

- Core Strategy – to 2026 (adopted 2011)
- Key Targets:
- 2009-2026 – 25,500 dwellings
- 2007-2026 – 215ha of employment land



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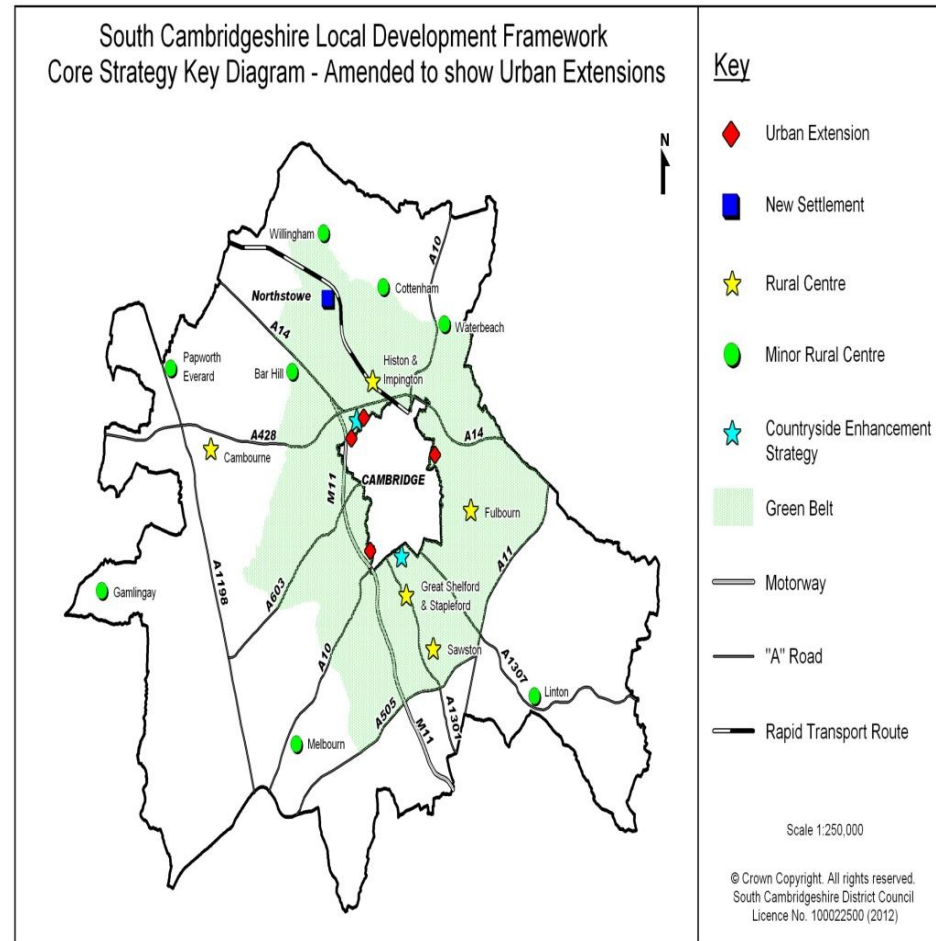
- Growth strategy focused on city centre, district centres (Peterborough urban area) and key service centres
- Key growth locations/urban extensions – Hampton, Stanground south, Great Haddon, Norwood
- Major implementation challenges:
  - continued viability issues, putting pressure on infrastructure (including affordable housing)
  - continued increasing regulation, putting pressure on viability eg increasing Code levels, new duties on developers arising from the Localism Act, such as duty for developers to undertake pre-app consultation
  - national issues eg lack of finance

# South Cambridgeshire – Existing plans

- Full set of Development Plan Documents to 2016
- Jobs led development strategy - 80% of housing for people moving into district for employment
- 20,000 dwellings 1999-2016 (1175 per year)

Sustainable development strategy -  
11,400 in urban extensions

- \* Cambridge East 7,500
- \* NIAB2 1,100
- \* University 1,100
- \* Orchard Park 1,100
- \* Trumpington Meadows 600
- 10,000 in Northstowe



- Development proposals extend beyond 2016



# South Cambridgeshire – Future plans and challenges

- Local Plan review with time horizon to 2031 (review programme: 2011-2015)
- How much growth to 2031(housing/jobs forecasts)? Continued business-led growth?
- Challenges from existing strategy - Cambridge East not coming forward and delivery of Northstowe
- New sustainable development strategy:
  - Further green belt changes; urban extensions and/or new towns?
  - Development at villages?
  - Providing affordable housing
  - Funding all the other infrastructure and services
  - A14 upgrade
  - Congestion on approaches to Cambridge
  - Sustainable transport
  - Heritage and quality of life

# Common Issues and Challenges

- Delivering existing development strategies
- Balancing jobs and housing growth (including affordability)
- Transport capacity/infrastructure improvements
- Maintaining a focus on design quality and quality of life for existing and new communities
- Waste, water and energy
- New opportunities and challenges:
  - Local Enterprise Partnership
  - Enterprise Zone
  - Guided busway
  - Chesterton station
  - Localism/neighbourhood plans
  - Duty to co-operate
  - NPPF