

December Report

Happy New Year to you from the Neighbourhood Plan Team

2025 was a slow year. After engaging the Girton community, we shared an early draft of the Girton Neighbourhood Plan (the NP) with SCDC in May but were unable to have a meeting with them until October. It was by then clear that the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning service (the combination of Cambridge City and SCDC in terms of Planning) were issuing their new Greater Cambridge Local Plan in Draft in December. This is now out for public consultation until 30 January 2026. See the link to see and comment of the emerging Local Plan - <https://engage.cambridge.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/draft-greater-cambridge-local-plan/info>. Despite it running to nearly 800 pages, plus supporting documents, do take a look and comment to the Councils as you see fit.

The NP Team is now having to re-boot as the Girton Neighbourhood Plan needs to sit alongside the Local Plan. It seems sensible to work with this new draft, rather than the 2018 version. We therefore are now in a position of having to hit a moving target!

Our project timetable is therefore having to be re-drawn significantly to produce Girton's Draft Neighbourhood Plan for your consultation.

New year, new beginnings. If anyone would wish to join the team to add to our current strength, then do please get in touch. Whilst we report to Girton Parish Council, we are a separate open group welcoming all with an interest in Girton's future direction where planning policy plays a role.

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