

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Housing Strategy: DRAFT

Housing is the key

Housing is key to everyone's health, well-being and employment opportunities. It is vital to a thriving, healthy local economy. No single agency has all the answers to the housing issues facing our area. By working with partners, the Combined Authority can share resources, data, learning and experience to:

- Deliver new homes and communities to support economic success.
- Ensure homes and services support better health and wellbeing.
- Improve standards in existing homes and encourage best use of all homes.
- Identify and meet housing need, extend housing choice and tackle homelessness.

These four broad priorities cover our local housing challenges.

New homes & communities

We work together to deliver new homes to support economic success, in cohesive communities.

- Deliver a total of 100,000 new homes over the next 20 years and developing plans to secure 40% as affordable homes.
- Ensure the new homes provided meet the needs of our local economy and our changing demography.
- Investigate the feasibility of delivering modern methods of construction including off-site.
- Using new tools outlined in the Housing White Paper, work to deliver new homes particularly addressing the barriers leading to delays. In Cambridgeshire 23,005 homes had planning permission (March 2016). Of these;
 - 14,423 had outline planning permission (63%)
 - 2,723 were under construction (12%)
 - 5,859 were not yet started (25%).
- Explore ways to ensure that the right infrastructure is in place to support new development and to build places that people want to live.

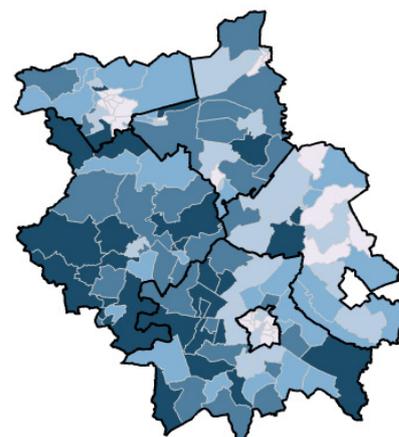
This work is supported by

- Strategic partnerships to deliver new homes and communities, such as CPL working on the Cambridge Southern Fringe.
- A housing market assessment which covers a broad area, supported by a shared research resource and used to inform local plans.
- Shared housing market data, so we can compare trends between our seven districts with the East of England and the rest of England.

Homes for wellbeing

We work together to ensure homes and services support better health and wellbeing.

- Working with health and social care partners on Devo2, including improving standards in existing homes.
- Meeting our need for older peoples' and specialist accommodation, following the Older Peoples Accommodation Strategy once finalised, so we can
 - Address current issues to help manage demand in the health, social care and housing systems in the short term.



Growth in 65+ population 2001-11

- Increase choice and affordability for those requiring specialist care in the medium and long term.
- Influence and develop a choice of good accommodation options for older people (general needs and specialist supported) in the medium and long term (*Ref: draft OPAS v0.9*).
- Deliver *Northstowe Healthy Town* ensuring the 10,000 homes planned truly enhance residents' health and wellbeing and share learning and good practice across the CA.
- Enable more new homes for people with disabilities; and adaptations to existing homes, using disabled facilities grant funding (DFG) where appropriate.

This work is supported by

- Our older persons housing strategy group
- Our joint strategic needs assessments and our health and wellbeing network

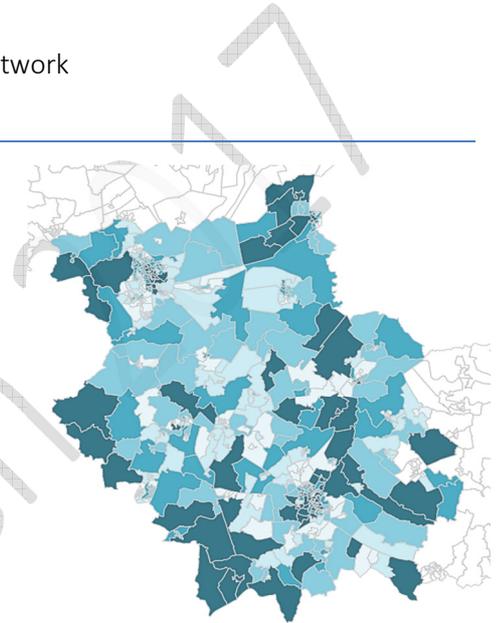
Existing homes

We work together to raise the standard of existing homes and encourage best use of all homes.

- Tackling overcrowded homes
- Reducing fuel poverty
- Enabling people to bring empty homes back in to use
- Tackling homes in poor condition, particularly where they pose a threat the health or safety

This work is supported by

- Shared projects such as *Action on Energy*
- Data to support a new approach to identifying areas of privately owned and rented homes where investment is most needed, including our *Instant Atlas* tools



Est. households with low income & high fuel costs, DECC 2014

Housing need

We work together to identify and meet housing need, extend housing choice and tackle homelessness.

- Operate a housing needs register across our area whereby partners can let homes to those in most pressing need, and residents have an accessible system to bid for homes they choose
- Work to implement solutions to housing un-affordability across our populations and develop new homes which are genuinely affordable and therefore support the local economy and our residents' well-being, in the longer term.
- Reduce all types of homelessness.

This work is supported by

- A shared choice-based lettings system to help people apply for housing in the area needed, which helps us see our area's housing needs change over time
- An action plan to work together on shared homelessness initiatives and *trailblazer* funding to make homelessness the "unacceptable outcome".

Homelessness acceptances per 1,000 households, 31 Mar 2016	
Cambridge	3.62
East Cambs	1.57
Fenland	2.86
Huntingdonshire	3.42
South Cambridgeshire	1.89
Peterborough	5.65
England	2.52

Planning for the future

Working with planning colleagues and others to connect with the emerging spatial strategy.

- Develop a five year plan for the period 2022 – 27
- Link to the masterplan for our market towns.