

Date	Milestone	Notes
Sep 2018	South Cambridgeshire Local Plan adopted	Phase 3 land was allocated in the South Cambridgeshire District Council Local Plan.
2019	Call for sites	Phase 4 land included in the Call for Sites via CCC's agent, Carter Jonas.
2020	First Conversation consultation – Issues and Options	Response to First Conversations Consultation via CCC's agent, Carter Jonas.
April 2021	CBC Vision 2050	<p>A joint submission was made to GCSP on behalf of four landowners [Cambridgeshire County Council, Jesus College, St John's College, and a private family trust] setting out a vision for the development of land to the east and west of Shelford. The proposals were endorsed by CBC Ltd. as they aligned with the ambitions set out in CBC's Vision 2050.</p> <p>The masterplan presented was significantly larger in scale than the Phase 4 allocation (now), incorporating 5,000 homes, schools, and supporting infrastructure. This wider project was known as 'Cambridge South'. The proposed scale of development would have supported a substantial investment in new facilities at the campus and delivered a significant number of campus linked affordable homes. The landowners considered this level of growth appropriate to meet the anticipated growth of the campus.</p>
Nov to Dec 2021	Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals Consultation	GCSP chose not to take forward the proposals for Cambridge South to the First Proposals stage of the draft Local Plan. Instead, a smaller area of land adjoining the existing campus [Phase 4] was identified as potentially suitable for expansion.

		<p>The draft policy emphasised that additional work would be required to demonstrate the exceptional circumstances necessary to justify releasing land from the Green Belt. This would include providing evidence of exceptional demand for new floorspace in this specific location and demonstrating that the additional floorspace would contribute to cross subsidising improvements to the amenity of the existing campus.</p>
Feb 2022	Preparing the evidence base to support an allocation.	<p>CBC Ltd. began work on an evidence base to support the proposed campus expansion. Hawkins\Brown was appointed to lead a technical team in developing a spatial framework for an expanded and intensified campus. The spatial framework outlined the enhancements required to maintain the campus's position as a world leading centre, in accordance with the terms of the draft site allocation.</p> <p>In parallel, Cambridgeshire County Council undertook its own evidence gathering exercise to support the allocation. This work tested the opportunity for comprehensive development of phases 3 and 4 and validated the assumptions on height, scale and massing underpinning CBC Ltd's vision.</p> <p>Both packages of work were submitted to GCSP in December 2022. Feedback was broadly positive; however, officers requested additional technical detail and a more fully developed set of proposals to inform the next stage of the Local Plan.</p>
2023	Landowner Collaboration Group formed	<p>In 2023, responsibility for developing the draft Spatial Framework was transferred from CBC Ltd. to the Landowner Collaboration Group (LCG).</p>

		Allies and Morrison was appointed to refine the framework through a formal change control process, ensuring CBC Ltd. remained actively involved. LCG also commissioned further technical studies in response to requests from GCSP.
2023-2024	Preparation of the draft Infrastructure Delivery Strategy	<p>By mid 2023, LCG had sufficient confidence in the draft Spatial Framework to advance work on the delivery strategy. While not a fixed masterplan, the draft Spatial Framework sets out a developed and comprehensive concept for the uses and investments required to deliver CBC's Vision 2050 and meet the requirements of the site's draft allocation. It illustrates an enhanced public realm, new and improved campus facilities, and a transformed movement network, alongside the delivery of approximately 1.25 million sqm of floorspace.</p> <p>The key components necessary to enhance the existing campus and mitigate the impact of new development – identified as areas of investment – are summarised in the draft Infrastructure Delivery Strategy (IDS). The list excludes costs typically associated with individual plot development.</p> <p>The purpose of the draft IDS is to define the delivery strategy for each area of investment. This requires agreement on responsibility for delivery, funding arrangements, and timing. Without a binding agreement in place, questions arise regarding the deliverability of the spatial framework and implementation of the policy and, by extension, the soundness of an allocation.</p>
2024-2025	Negotiating the draft IDS	LCG has been working throughout 2025 to agree the terms of the Draft IDS, with a view to establishing a distribution of costs and principles that would be set out in an MOU. This would be followed by a binding legal agreement to

		<p>ensure implementation of a detailed infrastructure delivery plan consistent with the draft Spatial Framework.</p> <p>Without a binding agreement in place, concerns remain about the deliverability of the spatial framework and implementation of the policy and, by extension, the soundness of an allocation.</p> <p>Following extensive discussions among LCG partners, the County Council and Prologis made an offer in May 2025 to fund a significant proportion of the items within the draft IDS; however, this offer was not agreed. The terms of the agreement remain outstanding.</p> <p>In the event that agreement cannot be reached, and given GCSP's requirement for a robust delivery strategy to support the site's allocation, Quod was asked to advise on an alternative mechanism. Proposals for a tariff were put forward, which may be based on typical CIL principles.</p> <p>Negotiations on how to settle the delivery strategy remain on-going.</p>
<p>Ministerial Statements:</p>	<p>In March 2024, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities issued 'The Case for Cambridge' which included a reference to the importance of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus as a world-leading science cluster, and provided £7.2 million to progress transport and connectivity schemes, and £3 million to support Cambridge University NHS Trust to develop longer-term capacity and delivery plans for the site.</p>	<p>In May 2024, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities issued a written ministerial statement on the role of the CGC to 'support immediate collaboration between key stakeholders at the Cambridge</p>

	<p>Biomedical Campus and to help to address any barriers to the early expansion and coherent enhancement of the campus'.</p>
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In October 2025, the Minister of State for Housing and Planning issued a written ministerial statement about the plans to consult on the establishment of a centrally led development corporation to deliver nationally significant growth in Greater Cambridge