

**Environment & Planning Sub-Committee**  
**Compendium of Reports to the Bursars' Committee 2017/18**

**Report from the Environment and Planning Sub Committee**

The committee met on 9 November. Minutes have been circulated via OIS. Noteworthy ongoing items for Bursars are as follows:

**1. Local plan-main modifications consultation**

City and South Cambs Councils consulted on Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plans (the consultation period ends on 16 February). This is not necessarily the final stage in the plan making process, but reflects the changes that the Councils consider need to be made to make the plans sound compared to how they were initially prepared and submitted to examination. Whilst the Inspectors have been consulted on these intended modifications (and have agreed the Councils should proceed and consult) the Inspectors have not yet expressed their own views on the soundness of the plans and may retain concerns over other aspects. Individual Colleges will be making/have made submissions relating to sites/policies that are relevant to them.

**2. Consultation on Cambourne-Cambridge busway and Park and Ride sites**

BEPSC prepared and submitted a response to the above consultation from the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The proposed scheme is made up of three key elements:

- A new bus-only route between Cambourne and Cambridge.
- A new Park and Ride site off the A428/A1303.
- New cycling and walking facilities along as much of the bus route as is feasible.

BEPSC was in favour of "Option C" for the bus route, which maximises connectivity with West Cambridge and any future Western orbital bus route. However the safety concerns of a number of Colleges along the route were noted as key areas for further work. Several Colleges have submitted individual representations both in favour and against Option C.

**3. Punt touts**

The Committee has been looking at ways to limit tout activity and improve enforcement of the Public Space Protection Orders. There is no panacea but initiatives include:

- Strengthening wording of leases to prevent local tenants giving administrative help to touts
- Court action by the Council (this is slow moving and fraught with errors, however a court date is expected in the coming months)

**4. University Spatial Plan**

The University is preparing an all embracing and cohesive spatial plan for the first time during 2018 and Collegiate support will be sought for various inputs. The findings of the land holdings survey conducted over last summer will be incorporated. Commercial sensitivities will be respected.

### **Bursars' Environment & Planning Sub-committee**

1. The Sub-committee met on 7 June, 2018. Minutes are posted to OIS website.
2. The Chair met with Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City and S. Cambs on 14 June. The following points of interest emerged:
  - a. *City Access update* – A discussion paper on City Access from the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is attached. Work will progress on this issue over the summer with further consultation likely in the autumn. Bursars will note that the Workplace Parking Levy is relatively unfavoured as a demand management/fund raising measure and that our earlier response in this matter is directly cited. Bursars are invited to pass views on the options raised herein to me as BEPSC Chair over the course of the summer in order that collective College views can be put forward and assist the discussion. Note that “Intelligent charging” (ie a congestion charge) is moving up the list of options.
  - b. *Mayor's non statutory spatial plan* – the regional Mayor is developing a non - statutory spatial plan (NSSP). While this is expected to cohere with future Local Plans (and may even gain statutory force at some point) there is currently some distance between the NSSP and the Local Plans. Colleges are invited to note the Mayor's ideas, (eg on land value capture above a threshold of 10x agricultural value) and reflect them both individually and collectively via BEPSC. The Mayor's thoughts are captured at: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/mayor/mayors-blog/>

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