HERITAGE AT THE HEART OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

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In the Iron Age the first tribe of Norfolk controlled this area. To protect their border they built a series of hill forts, large circular enclosures surrounded by one or more banks and ditches. Arbury Camp is one of these. It had a single large bank and ditch and a former bank with a large gateway protected the entrance.

These hill forts acted as fortresses in times of war but were also central places for trade, diplomacy and commerce. The surrounding population were mainly farmers living in roundhouses and hovels around small villages raising livestock and growing crops. There were no towns and the hill fort would have been the 'central place' and very visible in the landscape as a sign of authority.

Arbury Camp was archaeologically excavated and unlike many forts appears to have been reused before being abandoned.
Public Sector Archaeology

….. protects, records, enhances and promotes Cambridgeshire’s archaeology and historic environment…..

Five HET service areas:

- Development Management Advice (NPPF)
- Historic Environment Record
- Archaeological Artefacts
- Public Engagement and Education
- Monument Management
• To provide a strong voice for local authority historic environment services and promote these within local government to strengthen and develop their role within local government in delivering local, regional and national government policy.

• To ensure that local government historic environment services are included within policy (national, regional and local) for culture and education.

• To ensure that policy aims to improve the sustainable management of the historic environment.

• To promote development of high standards in the historic environment profession.
• Archaeology costs under 0.2% of construction spending
• More people work in archaeology than deep-sea fishing or rail freight
• Contributes £240m p/a to local economy
• Local authority archaeologists save £245m p/a
• Does not increase house prices or delay development
• 1/1000 insurance policies claimed against

Source: ‘Archaeology & Development’ (ALGAO 2018)
Historic Environment Assets

Designated assets
- Monuments: 49 (264)
- Listings: 973 (7347)
  - Grade I: 48 (236)
  - Grade II*: 55 (447)
  - Grade II: 870 (6664)
- Parks/Gardens: 4 (34)

Non-Designated assets
- Monuments: 4345 (23912)
- Events: 939 (5556)
Private Sector:
- Development & Growth
- Infrastructure
- Contract
- Archaeology
- New Discoveries

Public Sector:
- Facilitation
- Education
- Curation
- Regulation

General Public:
- Access & Learning
- Sense of Place
- Enjoyment
- ‘Our county’

Cambridgeshire County Council
Fastest growing cities and large towns in England and Wales (2011-2019)

66,700 homes could be built in Greater Cambridge by 2040, under new Local Plan
### Major Development Sites

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### Major Employment Sites in Cambridge / South Cambs

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Cambridgeshire County Council
A planning application for a facility which will showcase heritage and archaeology at Northstowe, Longstanton and the wider A14 has been submitted.

Following a feasibility study carried out in 2018, it became apparent there was a shared ambition to see a new heritage facility to make the most of the discoveries made during the archaeological works from the A14 upgrade and Northstowe New Town alongside existing local collections, especially those relating to RAF Oakington.
Achieving sustainable development means that the planning system has three overarching objectives, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways (so that opportunities can be taken to secure net gains across each of the different objectives):

a) **an economic objective** – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure;

b) **a social objective** – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities’ health, social and cultural well-being; and

c) **an environmental objective** – to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.
Archaeology & Planning

- Applications submitted: 352,568
- Major Applications: 3,229
- EIAs: 537
- Detailed assessments: 32,517
- Archaeological Implications

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- Cases where archaeology was one cited factor in refusal: 52
- Cases where archaeology was the only factor in refusal: 2
“The County Council wants to make Cambridgeshire a great place to call home.”

(Source: CCC Business Plan)

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Waterbeach Barracks
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- 2013 Defence Infrastructure Organisation appointed Urban&Civic as Development Manager

- 2017 Outline Application for 6,500 homes, 45% green space, transport and community infrastructure.

- Allocated for development in Local Plan, adopted 2018

- 2019 granted consent

- 2020 Phase 1 planning is underway and archaeology excavations started prior to development
Building blocks

Inherited features

- Denny Abbey setting
- Historic Causeway running through the site
- Lakeside setting
- Woodland and grasslands legacy of the Royal Engineers
- Runway and historic sight lines
- Historic features:
  - 19th Century Well Head
  - Memorial Garden
  - Soldiers Hill
- Fen Edge / water story –
  - Wicken Fen
  - Car Dyke
  - Internal water design
Strong assets
A rich military history
Planning context

The Tiered Outline Planning Consent: September 2019
Planning Update

Condition 8 Construction Environmental Management Strategy

Condition 9 Explosive Ordnance Mitigation and Safety Management Plan

Condition 13 Heritage Strategy

Heritage Group of local stakeholders to develop the Strategy and support delivery
Protecting

- Buffer to Denny Abbey
- Memorial Garden preserved
- Military Museum preserved
- Designs worked around enhancing Soldiers Hill and well head as a feature of the Causeway
- Designs worked with woodland blocks, but thinned and naturalise them to lessen military plantation approach
Enhancing / Engaging

- Causeway as central feature through the development
- Wayfinding and Public Art
- Community events and activities:
  - Archaeology pre-development
  - Through development
  - Long term community focus
  - Annual 514 Squadron Reunion Event and Museum open days
- Future Community Centre and Library with heritage themes, to connect with Denny Abbey and Farmland Museum, Military Museum and Wicken Fen for pop-up exhibitions and events.
Phase 1 CGI
Happy to meet up and discuss the plans in more detail.

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