



# Ely Masterplan

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## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION – RESULTS NOW IN**

Following the public consultation on the Draft Ely Masterplan last autumn, a report is now available providing a summary of all the comments made and an analysis of the key issues raised.

The District Council's Strategic Development Committee will consider this report on 19 January 2010. It will also consider amendments to the draft masterplan which should be made as a result of the consultation comments. The draft masterplan is then expected to be forwarded to a Full Council meeting on 23 February 2010 for formal approval.

Some of the consultation findings are set out overleaf. These are, however, only a small snapshot of the overall results. The full report details can be viewed on the District Council's website - [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) - see the agenda papers for the Strategic Development Committee for 19 January 2010 under the Council's Committee Section.

### **Keeping in touch with future master planning developments**

The Council's Ely Masterplan Working Party has now been disbanded, having completed its task in guiding the development of the draft Ely Masterplan document.

If, however, you would like to keep in touch with future master planning work in both Ely and the surrounding district, ask to be included on the Masterplan contact database to receive the information updates that will be issued on an occasional basis.

Email – [masterplan@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:masterplan@eastcambs.gov.uk), or write to Masterplanning, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs CB7 4EE.

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## Some 'snippets' from the consultation report

A total of 207 responses were received as a result of the consultation, comprising 129 completed questionnaires, and 78 letters or emails. 44 questionnaires were received online, and 85 as paper copies.

A total of 214 people attended the public exhibitions, 163 over the first 3 days at the beginning of the consultation process and 51 on the last day at the end of the consultation period. An estimated 250 people were present at the presentations made to a range of local groups and organisations.

Respondents were asked to list the three development framework proposals which they felt would make the greatest contribution towards Ely's future and which they would most like to see taken forward. By far the most popular development framework proposal was that for Ely on the Move, relating to the transport proposals, which recorded the most votes in all of the first, second and third choice categories.



There was strong support for the suggested Southern Link Road, and several comments that this should be implemented sooner rather than later. There was also a range of comments about the need for transport integration, pedestrianisation, car parking (with mixed views about charging), improved local bus services and cycling improvements.

There was least support for the Ely at Home housing framework, with concerns about the size of the housing growth proposed for North Ely, and comments that it would be too large a scale of development. However, other respondents considered the suggested housing growth acceptable, provided that infrastructure is put in place alongside new development.

Overall, some 57% of respondents to the questionnaire felt that the draft Ely Masterplan proposes a balanced approach towards future growth, with 36% disagreeing, (7% had no view). 61% broadly agreed with a majority of the proposals that had been put forward in the draft plan, with 30% disagreeing (9% had no view).

**To read the full details about the consultation results** view the report on the District Council's website [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) - see the agenda papers for the Strategic Development Committee for 19 January 2010.

