

CBC Open Forum

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What is CBC Ltd?

Formed in 2021 as a [non-profit partnership](#) which represents the main organisations located on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

Neither a land owner nor a developer; some of our members own land; we do work with local government and landowners to share our views on how the campus should develop.

Our purpose is to support the sustainable development of the site to keep it globally competitive as a centre for health, education and life sciences.

We want to make the Campus a better place to work, visit and live beside.

We exist to deliver global excellence in health, education and life sciences

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Established in Cambridge; supply two thirds of the world's life scientists with over 110,000 products

AstraZeneca

The UK's largest biopharmaceutical company with global HQ in Cambridge

 **UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

Contributes nearly £30 billion to the economy annually and supports more than 86,000 jobs across the UK with 9 Institutes on. Campus and the UK's leading school of clinical medicine



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CBC Ltd membership

 MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology

Awarded 12 Nobel prizes; commercialisation of scientific discoveries generated over £700 million, to help support UK science

NHS

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
NHS Foundation Trust

Health and social care organisation and have clinical teams providing services in inpatient, community and primary care settings

NHS

Cambridge University Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Major regional centre for specialised services; hosts local Care Partnership; a major UK research centre; the first end-to-end deployment of Epic in Europe

NHS

Royal Papworth Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

UK's first successful heart transplant, world's first heart-lung and liver transplant and world's first permanent battery-operated heart

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 MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit

 **CANCER RESEARCH UK**

 **MILNER**
THERAPEUTICS INSTITUTE

 **IMS** Wellcome - MRC
Institute of Metabolic Science

 **CITIID**

NIHR | Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre

 **CIMR**
Molecules Mechanisms Medicine

 **CC TU**
Cambridge Clinical Trials Unit

 **wellcome-MRC**
cambridge stem cell institute

How we deliver our purpose

Directors oversee a business plan covering three domains:



Optimal development

Ensuring any development of the Campus prioritises sustainable and inclusive growth to drive improvements in health, education and life sciences; engage government planning leads; work with landowners and developers to promote an holistic approach, including provision of sustainable travel.



Curation of place

Attend to both physical and human dimension of the campus environment so that it becomes a better place to work, visit and live next to, enables members to attract and retain talent, and facilitates innovative collaborations.



External engagement

Drive a coherent, compelling and collective narrative to government and key stakeholders, supporting policy and objectives of members, engaging community stakeholders and giving local people a voice in what we do. Sharing stories of health and life science impact.



Cambridge University Hospitals Update



Enabling works for Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital

- Pre-construction works have begun on the Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital (CCRH) site.
- These will include the installation of hoardings, land excavation and an archaeological dig.
- The work is expected to last until autumn and will prepare the area for full construction of the hospital in 2026.
- The project was granted full planning permission in October and in January was confirmed in Wave I of the Government's New Hospital Programme.
- The Full Business Case will be submitted in the summer this year and we remain on track to build the specialist cancer hospital by 2029.





Acute care strategy clinical model

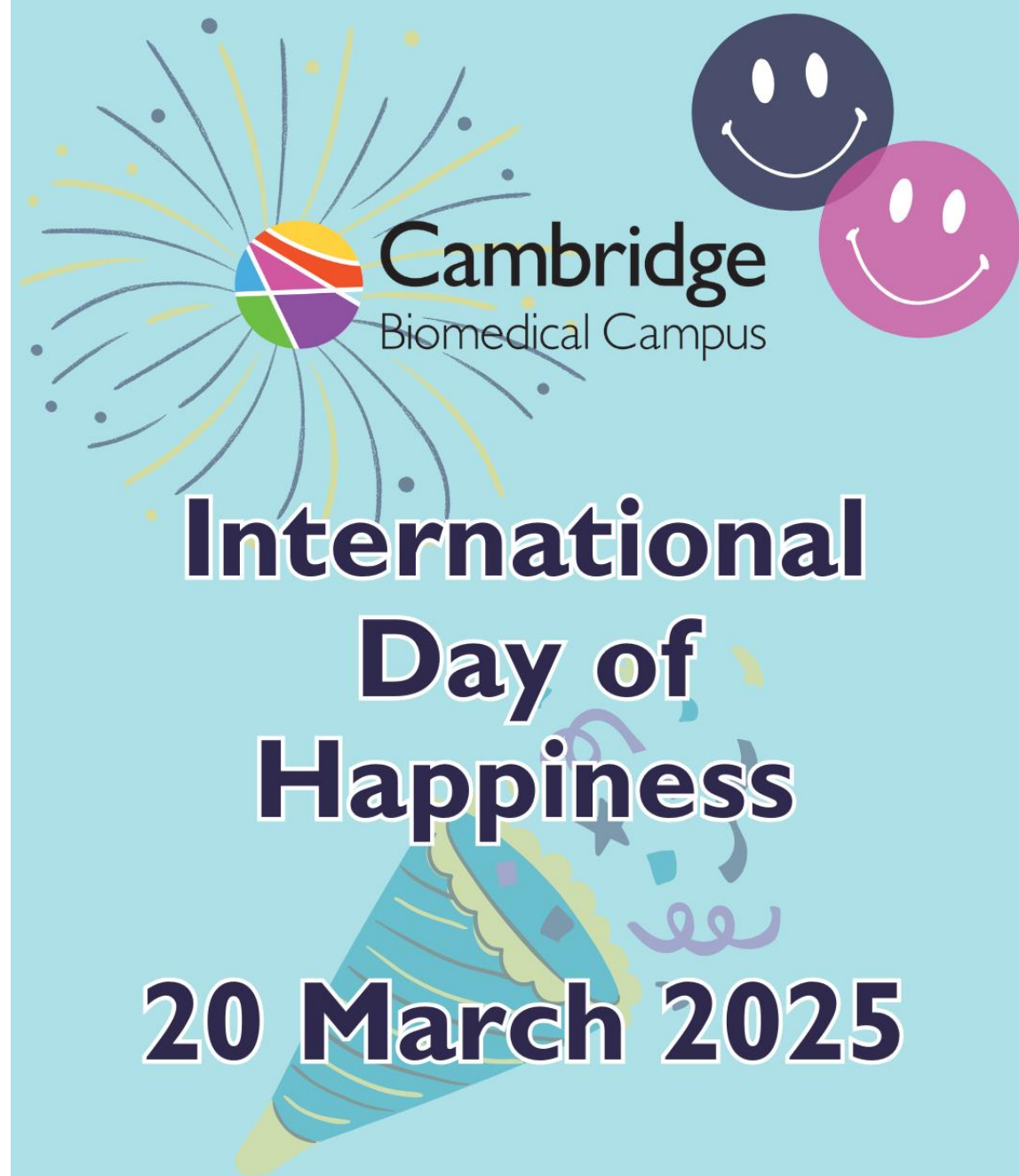
- Thank you to everyone who has taken part in recent workshops to help us develop our vision for urgent and emergency care.
- The work is using the £3 million we received from the Government to look at the future of urgent and emergency care linked to the Government's ambition for Cambridge including housing growth which will further grow the local population.
- This provides an exciting opportunity for us to design how urgent and emergency care services will look and operate in the future.
- We have developed an exciting vision for the future, involving patients, staff and system partners which takes us on a journey from now for the next 10 years.
- The model is based around preventative and precise treatments which change how urgent and emergency care services work both inside and outside of a hospital.
- This includes greater use of Community Diagnostic Centres, a single digital point of access and wider community services.

Thursday 20th March

- Free Happiness Zumba Classes at the Frank Lee Centre –
- A performance of happy songs by our Campus Choir in the Royal Papworth Hospital atrium
- Sip and Paint at the Hub (£10 per head)

Talks

- Brain Boost: Healthy Habits for a Happier Life, Professor Barbara Sahakian
- The Balanced Brain – The Science of Mental Health, Dr Camilla Nord





Campus 10k, 5k and Fun Run



Sunday 18th May

- 700 participants last year raised £12,500 for charity
- A new route
- Reduced prices for entry for adults
- Completely free entry for u17s
- Children's Fun Run





Campus Jobs and Careers Fair

Saturday 21st June (11am-3pm)

- ~500 attended our January event
- Stalls with most of the Campus's employers
- Careers talks and advice





Dates for your diary



CBC Open Forum: Tues 11 March 2025

International Day of Happiness: Thurs 20th March

Campus 5k, 10k and Fun Run: Sun 18 May

Cambridge Biomedical Campus Summer Picnic: 9 July

Cambridge Wellness Festival: 9 September





CBC Travel & Transport Plan

- This plan aspires to improve all journeys to, from and within the Campus for all users, whether it may be staff, visitors, and patients.
- Builds upon the previous Transport Strategy and 5-Year Implementation Plan
- Comprises 25 transport measures, each of which needs its own plan for delivery, with clear roles and responsibilities.
- Reviewed updated annually, which will be shared.
- Ongoing engagement





Engagement so far

- The CBC Travel and Transport Group
- Trumpington Residents Association (TRA)
- Great Shelford Parish Council
- A resident from the Queen Edith's Ward (engagement with the Queen Edith's Community Forum continues)
- The last CBC Councillors Briefing
- It was presented and discussed with the public at the CBC Open Forum



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Creating a single smoking policy for the Campus



Smoking policy – Why?

1. Engage stakeholders to inform the production of a common policy.
 - Consistency
 - Enforcement
 - Support smoking cessation
2. Have this policy agreed by CBC Ltd partners.
3. Encourage adoption and communication of it across the Campus.



Smoking

- Gather/review existing policies
- Engage professional leads (security, facilities, HR etc)
- Creation and promotion of survey – staff, visitors, local people
- Analyse results/make recommendations
- Agree and implement



Meanwhile use

Part of the enlivenment programme and, subject to funding, includes:

1. Outdoor cinema/big screen
 - Located: Green and Gardens
 - Up to 6 weeks in summer 2025
 - For users and local people
 - Free sports and film events – incl children's season
2. Enhanced Food Truck Offer – incl Subsidy
3. Padel/Pickleball Courts – at business case stage



Off Site Logistics update

Objective: Explore reduction of freight activity on campus through an Off-Site Logistics and Consolidation Hub - improving air quality, cutting carbon emissions, easing congestion.

Key Findings:

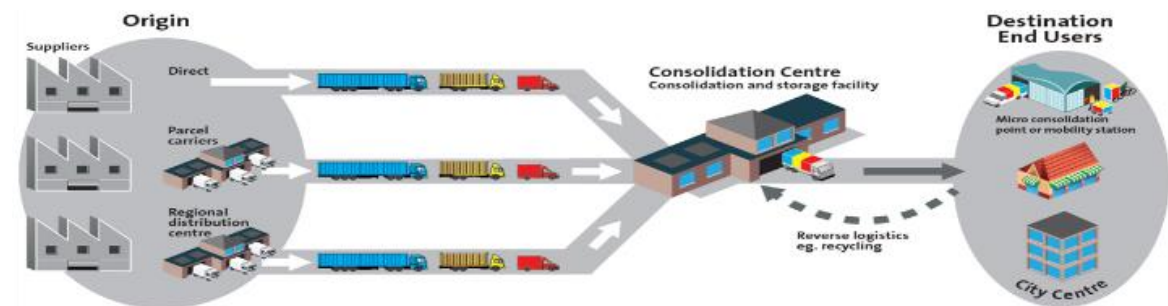
- Off-site hub is the most effective solution.
- Barriers: procurement, capacity, expertise, and data gaps.

Proposed Approach:

- Phased Implementation: Use existing providers and sites - gradual member transition.
- Data-Driven Decisions: Strengthen data collection for robust business case(s).
- Policy Support: Explore stronger policies for optimised freight activity.

Next Steps:

- Members to progress independently based on insights report has enabled.
- Work on Travel and Transport Strategy and plans for real-time monitoring data collection that can inform transport modelling.





Life Sciences Incubator update

Objective: Create a Life Sciences Incubator on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Why it matters:

- Cambridge's life sciences breakthroughs — from DNA discovery to monoclonal antibodies — have transformed global health.
- Rapid sector growth + market failure in high spec, start up facilities means a shortage of LS incubator space.
- A lack of available, affordable options, means talent and investment could move overseas.

Strategic Ambition:

- A business incubator, within a new development, on campus that provides wet labs, shared facilities, and collaboration space.
- Uniquely offers benefits of co-location with leading institutions - like AstraZeneca, University of Cambridge, and NHS trusts - offering direct access to expertise and opportunity for collaboration.

Next Steps:

- CBC Ltd is leading this as a medium term strategic priority to strengthen Cambridge's global life sciences status.

Any questions?

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