

CBC Open Forum

15 December 2025

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Welcome/Agenda

-  Enlivenment update
-  Cambridge South Train Station
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-  Smoking policy for the Campus
-  Wayfinding on Campus
-  Local Plan consultation



About CBC Limited

Cambridge Biomedical Campus Ltd was created in 2021 as a **non-profit partnership** which represents the largest organisations located on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

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

We also want to ensure the Campus is a great place to work, visit or live beside.

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NHS
Cambridge
University Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

NHS
Cambridgeshire and
Peterborough
NHS Foundation Trust

UKRI  MRC Laboratory
of Molecular
Biology

NHS
Royal Papworth Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

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CAMBRIDGE

We exist to deliver global excellence in health, education and life sciences, and to make the Campus the best possible place to work, visit or live beside.

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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

UKRI MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology

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

CANCER RESEARCH UK

MILNER
THERAPEUTICS INSTITUTE

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CIMR
Molecules
Mechanisms
Medicine

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UKRI MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit

IMS Wellcome - MRC Institute of Metabolic Science

NIHR Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre

CCTU
Cambridge Clinical Trials Unit

wellcome-MRC
cambridge stem cell institute

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

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.



Enlivenment update

Christmas on Campus

- **Winter Fair in the Hub**
- **Big lights switch on**
- **Christmas Fair in the Jeffrey Cheah Biomedical Centre (ft. Santa)**



CBC Fun Run returns!

- **Sunday 19th April**
- **10k, 5k and Fun Run categories, for runners, walkers or strollers**
- **Official partnership with our onsite charities – ACT, Royal Papworth Charity and Maggie's**
- **Free for all u17s**



Find out more



CBC Talent: Careers Fair

2-7pm, Wednesday 11th March 2026

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology

Delivered in Partnership with the Cambridge Festival, the CBC Careers Fair is looking to give those interested in a career in science, health and care a chance to learn from employers from across the Campus and wider Cambridge STEM community.





Creating a single smoking policy for the Campus

Smoking Review: Survey and Evidence Review

- **A Campus Smoking Review working group has analysed results of the survey (1247 respondents). Key findings included:**
 - Significant dissatisfaction with smoking in areas on and around the Campus from respondents.
 - There was a small majority in the survey in favour of increasing the provision of designated smoking areas on site.
 - There were a range of comments on how smoking cessation services could be better signposted and a smoke-free policy be better enforced.
- **An evidence review has been conducted looking at the effectiveness of smoke-free sites, unintended consequences and monitoring compliance with smoke-free policies. Other campus policies have also been considered.**

Smoking Review: Smoke-free decision

- **CBC Board senior leaders have made a decision to progress with a single Smoke-Free policy for the Campus. This will not lead to more designated smoking areas on Campus over the longer term.**
- **This has been influenced by a range of reasons, which include:**
 - The Biomedical Campus being at the forefront of health innovation, care and treatments cannot support smoking (incl. vaping) in any capacity.
 - The NHS moving to create further legislation to become smoke-free on the grounds of NHS hospitals, as well as in buildings.
 - The aspiration for the Campus to be a world-class environment.

Smoking Review: Good news and next steps

- Previously, CBC Ltd have had multiple smoking policies across the Campus. With our working group we are working towards a single 'Smoke-Free' policy for the Campus.
- Recognising that current implementation of smoke-free has not been implemented to a satisfactory standard with high levels of non-compliance and unintended impacts. There will be a campaign to publicise 'Smoke-Free' on campus when new policy is launched. We will implement the new policy with a renewed focus on education and training for staff, smoking cessation support and enforcement.
- Recognising the impact smoking is having on the boundaries of the Campus, CBC are looking at how to implement the 'Smoke-Free' policy and minimise any negative consequences for our neighbours. We are keen to get input from our neighbours on how we can do better.



Transport and Wayfinding

Cambridge South Train Station

- Now expected June 2026
- FAQ published
- Drop in sessions
- Online session being planned in spring with Greater Anglia & Cam Valley Community Rail Partnership





Buses

- We are aware of current disruptions and capacity issues.
- Exacerbated since Saturday's fire in Car Park I.
- We have brought together relevant bodies and authorities to share the experiences we are hearing from staff and patients and to explore solutions and improve communication.
- New section on website explaining transport initiatives on Campus (under 'future plans')
- Working on alleviating pressure and collaborating with the Recovery and Resilience team deal with the car park fire and implications.

Wayfinding: Context

- **Campus 5 year Travel and Transport Plan, 2024-2029**
- **Rationale:** to improve the experience for staff, visitors, patients and local people
- Guided by **Maynards Wayfinding Strategy 2022/23** = multi-year improvement plan
 - Phase 1: Wayfinding Completed April 2024
 - Phase 2: Wayfinding Completed April 2025
 - Phase 3: Live now
 - Continued engagement with Local Voices

Wayfinding – Phase 3

- **Aim:** to improve signage and related interventions to improve wayfinding across the campus with a combination of physical and digital signage.
- **Focus:** Guiding stations users to and from the station, around campus and onwards.
 - Build on Phase 2 which provided new signage in line with ‘Signage Family’
 - Cambridge South Station Opening June 2026
 - CBC to agree a plan for new signage, engaging with Network Rail, stakeholders, for programme of works to be agreed by landowners.

*Work in progress – Illustrative of part of Phase 3

Cambridge Biomedical Campus
The Green & The Gardens

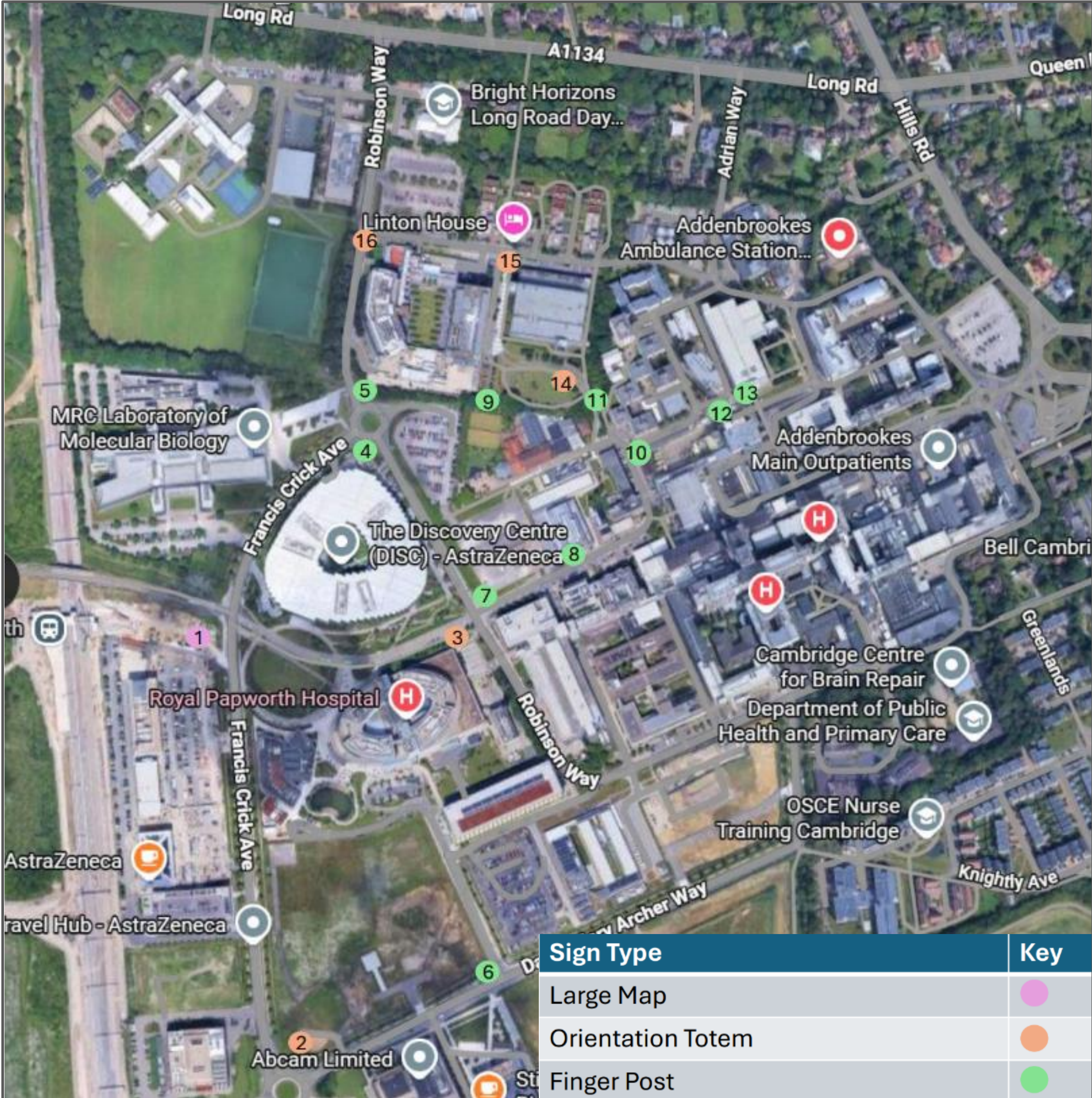
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2. Royal Papworth Hospital
3. AstraZeneca, The Hub
4. Discovery Drive
5. Ann McLaren Building
6. AstraZeneca, The Discovery Centre
7. Cambridge University Hospitals
8. Heart & Lung Research Institute

No smoking
No e-cigarettes
No vaping

Cambridge South

Cambridge University Hospitals
NHS

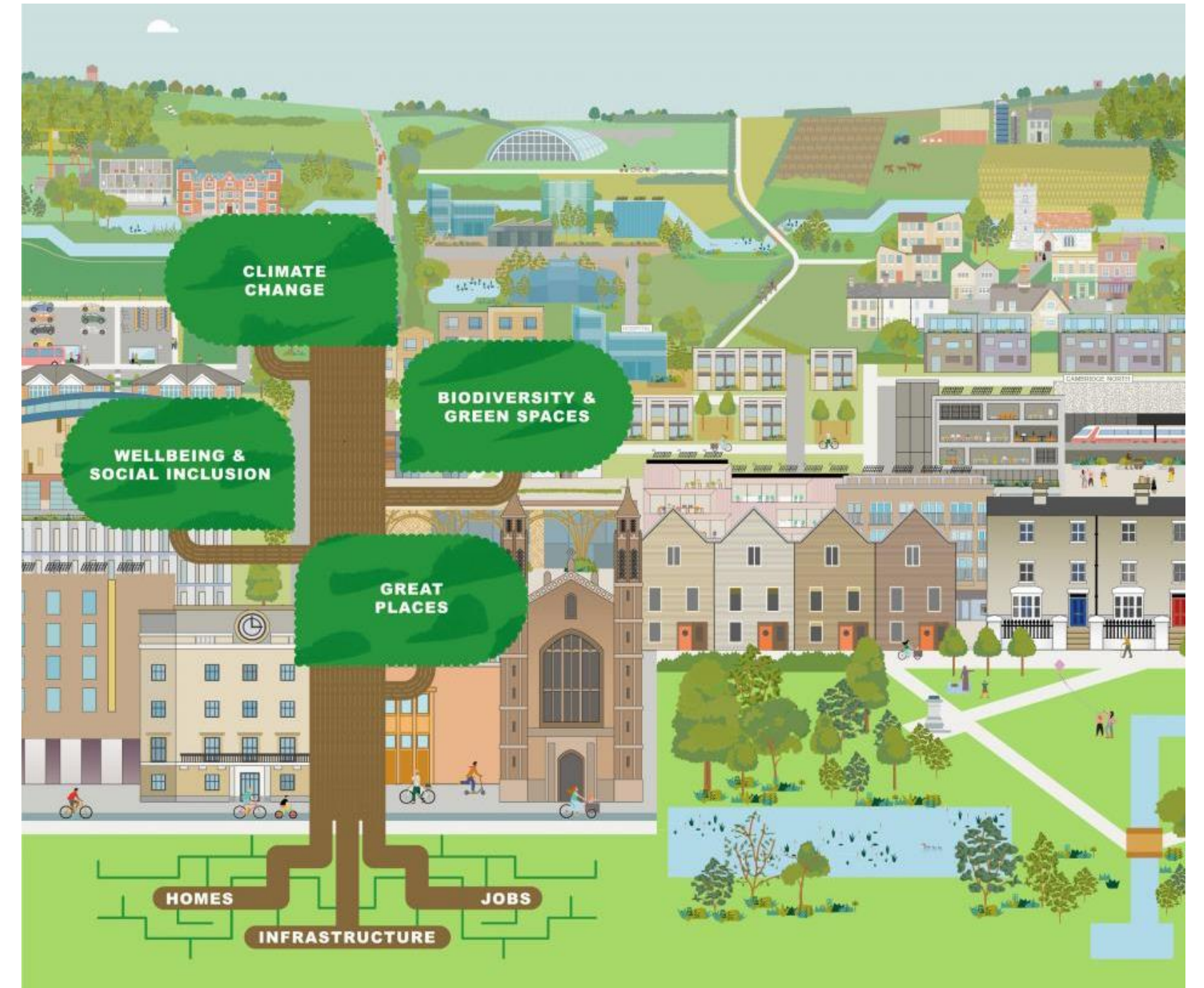
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Institute of Metabolic Science
- ← Rosie Hospital
Level 2 access through A&E entrance
Breast Unit
- ← Cambridge Clinical Research Centre
- ← Main Hospital
Concourse
- ← Outpatients
Urgent Treatment Centre
- Royal Papworth Hospital →
- ← Accident & Emergency
- Car Park 2 →
- Cambridge South →



Sign Type	Key
Large Map	
Orientation Totem	
Finger Post	



Update: Greater Cambridge Local Plan process





Consultation now live

Landowners (not CBC Ltd) have submitted include outline plans for development and expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

The draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan and supporting evidence was published in October for discussion at both Councils' Scrutiny and Cabinet meetings in November: [Greater Cambridge Local Plan: the 20-year master plan for the Greater Cambridge area](#).

Public consultation between 1 Dec 2025 – 30 Jan 2026.





CBC Ltd Position

Feb 2024: Directors reviewed the landowners plans and sent a letter setting out the 5 core conditions under which CBC Ltd support may be secured. These conditions were:

1. **Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)** required. Campus wide, deliverable, phased and funded
2. Submission, agreement and implementation of a **Transport Strategy**
3. Prioritisation of **mental health services** space on phase 4 land.
4. Programme of **community engagement** before GCSP submission
5. **Legally binding** agreement for holistic vision incl IDP

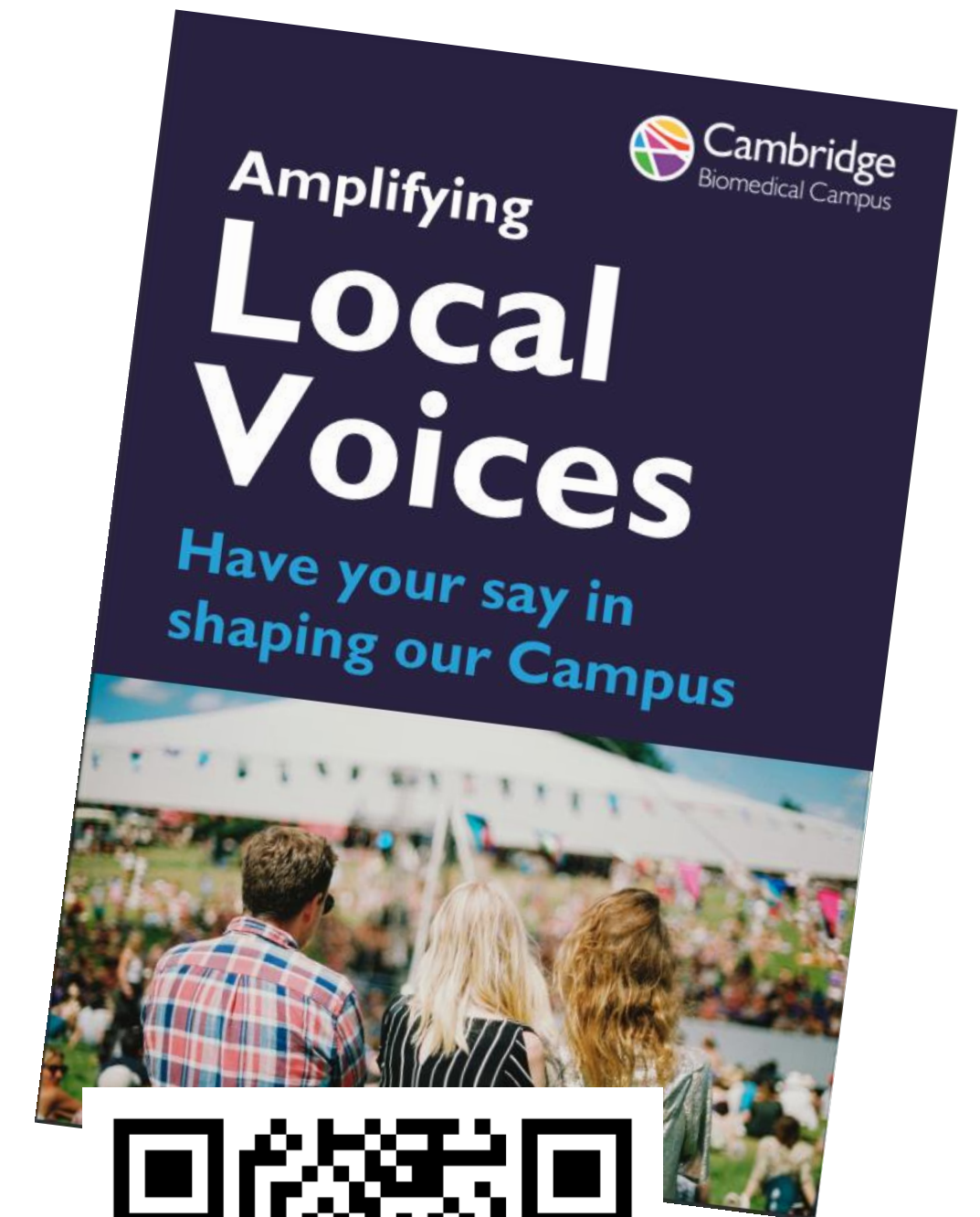
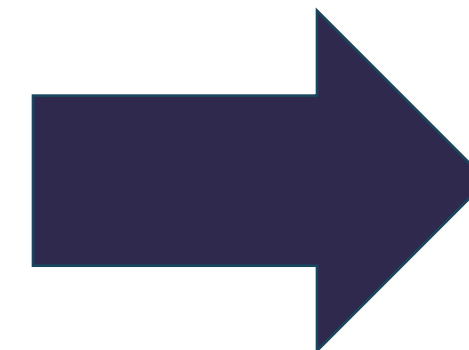
Note: GCSP have confirmed that CBC support for the Landowners Group plans is critical to securing a proposed allocation in the draft local plan

Helping us build a Campus that works for everyone

We want to ensure the Campus is a great place to work, visit or live near.

Our Local Voices help us to understand the views of our community and those most affected by what happens on the site, to help shape the events we run, how people find their way around and where and how we develop.

Please encourage people to get involved.



Dates for your diary

Open Forum (in person)

- Wed 18th March 2026, 5.30-7pm
- Wed 17th June 2026, 5.30-7pm
- Mon 21 Sept 2026, 5.30-7pm
- Tues 15th Dec 2026, 5.30-7pm





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