SOUTH NEWNHAM
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Dear members of the South Newnham Neighbourhood community,

We are writing to update you about the Neighbourhood Plan.

Background. Communities can create 'Neighbourhood Plans' under the Localism Act of 2011, which 'introduced rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare Neighbourhood Plans'. The South Newnham Neighbourhood Forum* was set up initially by 21 local people in 2016 to represent our neighbourhood. Following a number of community events and a public consultation, the Forum was formally 'designated' by Cambridge City Council in March 2017.

Update. We are making good progress in developing a Neighbourhood Plan for South Newnham, which we hope will add a layer of protection for our neighbourhood's outstanding heritage and environmental assets to the existing Local Plan and Conservation Area policies.

Consulting the community. This document is being sent to everyone who lives, works and owns property in our neighbourhood. Your input is vital to ensuring that the plan genuinely reflects the wishes of the community.

'Vision/Objectives'. The statements on the reverse side are seven general, high-level descriptive headings of what we are aiming to do. These are the draft headings under which we will ultimately list the specific Planning Policies required to make sure these aims are achieved.

The headings are based on a summary of the views expressed at six well-attended community events that were open to all, which many of you will have attended. They were held at Murray Edwards and Newnham Colleges (11 & 12 March 2016); the Newnham Scout Hut and the Red Bull Pub (14 & 24 May 2016); and Wolfson College (3 October 2016 & 24 January 2017). The wording has been agreed by the members of the Forum as a draft; we now need your feedback.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM
When you have considered the headings, please complete and return the tear-off slip to confirm to us whether we are on the right track – or give us alternative suggestions, changes or additions.
In this way, you will be helping draft our Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you very much in advance.

From the Neighbourhood Forum Committee: Lynn Hieatt (chair), Jean Glasberg (vice chair), Hugh Clough, Jean Bevan, Pam Gatrell, Sandie Mercer, Fiona Crawford, Robin Lea

More information can be found on our website, or via our email address (at the bottom of this paper).

The Forum now has 31 members from around our neighbourhood (complete list available on request). If you would like to join, please let us know.

South Newnham Neighbourhood Plan *DRAFT HEADINGS*

A. **Support the local economy** – Local small enterprises add dynamism and energy to the area.

B. **Maintain a balanced supply of housing** (e.g., between permanent residences/student flats/social and sheltered housing) – Vitality and vibrancy are maintained through the provision of housing suitable for the area's population and needs.

C. **Protect character and heritage** – The heritage period design and historic character is protected and improved.

D. **Encourage design appropriate to the context** – Good design of buildings is achieved that complements and enhances the character of the locality.

E. **Sustain our natural environment** – Green open spaces, important views and sites of local nature reserves are protected and enhanced.

F. **Promote sense of community** – Local retail and community facilities provide a good place for people of all ages to meet and to satisfy their day-to-day shopping and social needs.

G. **Develop connectivity** – A network of safe routes is available for walking and cycling.

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Do headings broadly describe the aims you would support for our neighbourhood?   **YES / NO**

Would you suggest any changes? Are there any points we have we missed?

Name [optional]: ....

Street name [required please, to help us analyse the feedback]: ....

Not yet on our mailing list? Your email: ....

Please complete and return to:
Lynn Hieatt, 16 Grantchester Road, or Jean Glasberg, 45 Eltisley Avenue, by 10 February.

Thank you. We will keep you updated as we take the next steps