

Proposed New Town

The building of a New Town, 'South West Cambridgeshire', is being proposed by a property developer based in rural Sussex. Thakeham Homes Ltd describe the development as 'being on the doorstep' of Cambridge. It would be built on open farmland and meadows and could cover an area the size of Cambridge.

It would include a Business Park and 25,000 new homes. The population of the New Town is estimated to be three times the size of the City of Ely – indeed its estimated population would be larger than 17 cities in the UK.

The impact of this urban development on the historic city of Cambridge, the environment, wildlife and local communities would be substantial. It would engulf nine villages, destroying their historic character (all date back over 700 years) and cause extensive environmental damage, increased air and noise pollution, traffic congestion, water shortages and create unprecedented additional pressures on schools, hospitals and health care services.



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Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District are in the process of drafting a Local Plan which addresses local housing needs and meets central Government's targets and long-term projections for housing. The proposed New Town by Thakeham Homes Ltd would be in excess of any local or national government requirements.

If planning is approved, it could set a precedent for other New Towns and Business Parks to be built across rural England with Thakeham saying that it would be '*a global blueprint*' for other such developments.

An example of Thakeham's approach to planning can be seen here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-surrey-33187178>

It is vital we raise awareness both locally and nationally of this proposed development and the impact it will have.

Please share this as widely as you can.

For more information please see:



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