Cambridge Study Tour

In December 2024, following an invitation to those who had expressed an interest, a small group of local residents visited Trumpington and Eddington, two new neighbourhood developments on the outskirts of Cambridge.

The group met with a local councillor and several others involved with the design and delivery of the neighbourhoods. A series of guided walks explored the places and key decisions that communities, planners, politicians and others had made, to create these neighbourhoods on the edge of an established town.

The study tour provided an opportunity for local residents to ask questions, learn about the achievements and anything they might now do differently. They discussed parking, maintenance, social housing, energy, sustainable drainage and many other aspects of the planning and ongoing management.





Lessons from Cambridge neighbourhoods

- Good quality design and materials
- Effective design and management of parking
- Important role of public transport
- Provide local shops and services
- Integrate energy and sustainability
- Well-executed flood management and mitigation
- Mix of public and private spaces and gardens
- Overall phasing and provision of services and amenities
- Importance of early delivery of key infrastructure (schools, social infrastructure)
- Stewardship mechanism with residents, elected members, developers

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Beautiful designs of very high standard with good variety. Good connections to central Cambridge by bus and train. They learn from mistakes.

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