

In response to the extreme effects of growth in the city, the University of Cambridge are in the process of transforming 150 hectares of what was flat, inaccessible and somewhat featureless farmland into a new urban district in the north-west of the city.

Only slightly smaller than the historic centre of Cambridge, once completed the new district will include 3,000 homes (of which 50% will be affordable), 100,000sqm of research facilities, 2,000 postgraduate student beds and local facilities such as schools, shops and surgeries needed to create a healthy and vibrant community.

Eddington, the first phase of the development, has prioritised housing to meet the housing supply shortage within the development with half of the 14,000 new homes being built for qualifying University and college staff.

What sets Eddington apart from many other commercially-led developments is Cambridge City Council's insistence that the local centre is to be delivered first.

The University has subsequently followed through on this commitment and is in the process of delivering a significant proportion of the affordable and social infrastructure within the initial phases. This includes a new primary school that has been designed to be expanded as the local population grows, a nursery, a health centre, a hotel, retail units including a supermarket and an energy centre and district heating network.

In addition to this, around one-third of the overall site is to be used as public open space for sports, informal recreation and ecological use.

At the Storey's Field community centre and performance Arts Space, the community can take part in a range of communal activities including ballet, sewing clubs and woodwork.



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