

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER) Call for Evidence

The purpose of the Review is to help the greater Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area consider the case for greater fiscal devolution and powers to unlock the delivery of major infrastructure, including showing how the area delivers benefits to the rest of UK. It will provide a clear understanding of the priorities which can help local stakeholders to unite behind a common strategy.

The Commission is expected to conclude its work in the summer of 2018.

A vital part of the work of the review is the gathering of evidence. Much of this is in the form of statistics, forecasts and reports by economists and others. But evidence can take many forms and come from anyone with a view and experience of the issues considered by the Review.

The Commission is seeking evidence in relation to the following key questions set out in its terms of reference:-

1. How important is Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for the regional and national economy?
2. What are Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's regional, national and international links?
3. How far can economic activity that occurs in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough be shown to be net additional to the UK economy, rather than just displacement?
4. Do other growing cities like Cambridge and Peterborough share common characteristics, problems and infrastructure requirements and what can we learn from them?
5. How does Cambridgeshire and Peterborough achieve continued prosperity and high growth rates?
6. How equitable is growth across the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and what strategies should be adopted in future to address this issue?
7. What types of infrastructure and other investment would best enable Cambridgeshire to achieve its full growth potential and contribute to regional and national economic growth?
8. How should Cambridgeshire and Peterborough describe its uniqueness or brand to attract further investment from Government and the private sector?
9. Are there any policy and planning recommendations which arise from the answers to these questions?

Where do I send my evidence?

Evidence should be submitted to the Commission at its email address which is evidence@cpier.org.uk.

Is there a deadline for evidence to be submitted?

Yes. To be considered fully as part of the Review, your evidence needs to be submitted by Thursday 15th February 2018.

To whom is the call for evidence directed?

The call is primarily (though not exclusively) directed towards business representatives, academics and policymakers including local councils as they play a key role in shaping the future of the region.

When submitting evidence please say which of the key questions – 1-9 above you are responding to.

What will be done with my evidence?

All evidence will be read and considered as part of the advice given to the Commission. Summaries of the evidence will be made available to the Commission and used to help formulate the Commission's final analysis and recommendations. Unless you request otherwise, the Commission will treat your evidence as being in the public domain and may quote from or reference it and/or may publish it on the Commission website.