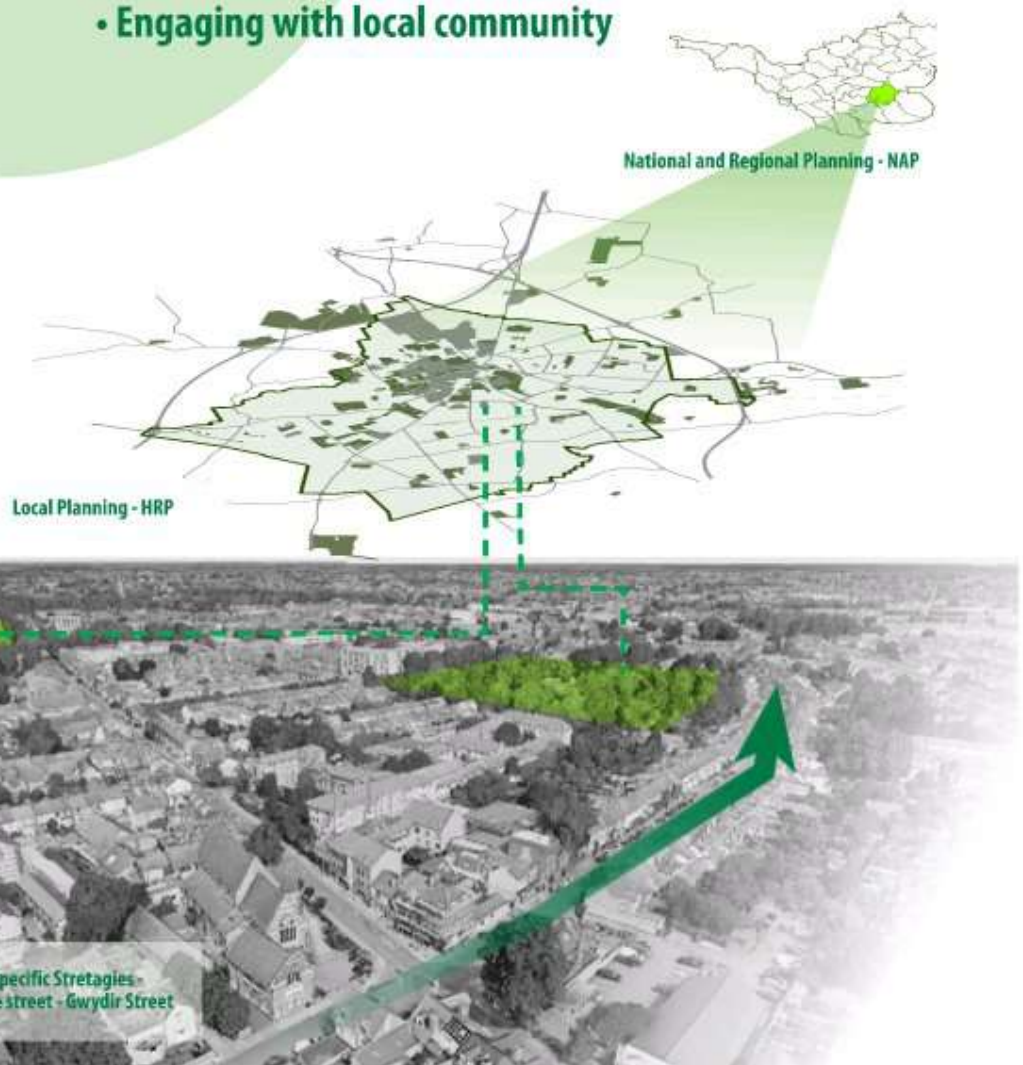


Phase 1

Envision

Cambridge has considered the regional goal based on their local challenges, developing plans that are local, specific and community focused

- Aligning with the National plan
- Addressing Local Challenges
- Engaging with local community



National and Regional

Aligning with the National plan

Supporting the National plan

National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (NAP) 2013

The NAP aims to promote sustainable chemical use by reducing the risks and impacts on human health and the environment. It encourages the development and adoption of integrated pest management and alternative approaches or techniques. One of the measures is to monitor the use of chemicals and their impacts.

Local

Addressing Local Challenges

Low percentage of Natural Green Space

In May 2019, Cambridge City Council raised a concern as it had one of the lowest percentages of natural green space and habitat in England. Hence they have declared a biodiversity emergency to recognise, act and reverse the decline in biodiversity.

Plan development

Develop plans while considering regional and local goals

Herbicide Reduction Plan (HRP)

In response to the NAP and to combat the loss of biodiversity in Cambridge, the Cambridge Council created a **Herbicide Reduction Plan (HRP)** and established trial areas without herbicide use. These trials aim to assess the feasibility of phasing out chemical use, learn from the trial areas, and identify the most effective alternative weed management practices and equipment for the site.

Engaging with local community

The Council has also set up regular meetings with Councillors, Pesticide Free Cambridge, On the Verge, residents, volunteers, and community groups to discuss the development of the plan and review the strategies.