

Press Release

For immediate release

Devolution proposals for the East of England

The Greater Cambridge business community has considered the devolution proposals set out by Government and has concluded that the deal on offer would not be of overall benefit to Greater Cambridge, the wider region, or the UK as a whole.

In particular, we believe the proposed 'tri-county' governance arrangements across Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk would be unwieldy, and would fit poorly with the functional economic geography of our area.

We believe that the Greater Cambridge area has an important role to play in boosting the competitiveness of the UK economy as a whole. However, it can only play its full role if the key constraints of insufficient housing of all types and inadequate transport infrastructure can be overcome. The deal on offer would do little to address these issues.

For these reasons we do not support the tri-county deal. We would urge Government to work with us over coming months to develop a devolution deal that recognises the unique circumstances of one of the fastest-growing city-regions and economies in the UK and to provide a better platform for managing and sustaining our remarkable future growth potential.

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This press release has been sent out on behalf of the business community of Greater Cambridge.



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About Cambridge Ahead

[Cambridge Ahead](#) is a business and academic member group dedicated to the successful growth of Cambridge and its region in the long term. Our vision is for Cambridge to be the pre-eminent, small city in the world.

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The [Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce](#) is a gateway to international trade, providing Cambridgeshire's innovative exporters with a unique combination of expert knowledge and the business connections needed to capitalise on new market opportunities and succeed in our global marketplace.

About Cambridge Network

[Cambridge Network](#) is a membership organisation based in the vibrant high technology cluster of Cambridge, UK. We bring people together - from business and academia - to meet each other and share ideas, encouraging collaboration and partnership for shared success

About Federation of Small Businesses

The [Federation of Small Businesses](#) is the UK's largest campaigning pressure group promoting and protecting the interests of the self-employed and small business owners

About One Nucleus

[One Nucleus](#) is a membership organisation for international life science and healthcare companies. We are based in Cambridge and London UK, the heart of Europe's largest life science and healthcare cluster.