

Swimming pool contribution statement.

Like all strategic development sites, Eddington provides for a range of community facilities, many of these are on site integrated as part of the development (for example primary education and the community centre), but where appropriate and in-line with the Council's strategies, payments are made for off-site provision (for example secondary education and indoor sports). The population at Eddington, when applied to the council's standards generates a requirement for 0.1 swimming pools, under normal circumstances a payment would simply be made for the Council to invest in swimming provision strategically in the local area. However, when the agreement was made in 2013, the University had plans evolving for a possible swimming pool at Cambridge West, jointly the Council and the University agreed that should this swimming pool be delivered then no further financial contribution would be required. An appropriate time limit for delivery of this pool was agreed at 7 years.

Due to various factors, the University has not progressed with the swimming pool at Cambridge West yet and the payment has now been made to the Council as per the agreement, to spend on swimming provision elsewhere. Both the Council and University are undertaking assessments as to the need for wider sporting provision, including swimming across the city and South Cambridgeshire, and this needs assessment will factor into future plans. The recently approved Cambridge West Outline Planning Application still makes provision for a swimming pool if the need is proven and can be made viable.