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Emerging Cambridge urban  
form.

## Conclusion

The Cambridge Futures experience demonstrates that advanced tools and methods exist for measuring the sustainability of different urban plans. This involves the use of sophisticated interaction models that are capable of simulating land use and transport markets. From the outputs of the model an assessment of the three sustainability indicators of economic efficiency, social mix and environmental impact can be made. Stakeholders can then assess the strengths and weaknesses of each option performance. By adopting a public participation framework with the help of sophisticated tools for forecasting and representation, consensus has emerged on the part of all stakeholders on the most suitable combination of options for all stakeholders, which will guide the development of the Cambridge sub-region in the 21st century.

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