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Dear Phil

Independent Audit of Cambourne to Cambridge Transport Project. Assumptions and constraints

Cambridge Past, Present & Future is Cambridge's largest civic society. We are a charity run by local people who are passionate about where they live. We operate in the greater Cambridge area and working with our members, supporters and volunteers we:

- Are dedicated to protecting and enhancing the green setting of Cambridge for people and nature.
- Care about Cambridge and are an independent voice for quality of life in the strategic planning of Greater Cambridge.
- Are working to protect, celebrate and improve the important built heritage of the Cambridge area.
- Own and care for green spaces and historic buildings in and around the city for people and nature, including Wandlebury Country Park, Coton Countryside Reserve, Cambridge Leper Chapel & Barnwell Meadows, Bourn Windmill and Hinxton Watermill.

In relation to this scheme, we are responding both as a civic society and as an owner of land that would be affected by the preferred option. The route would bisect farmland that we own and was purchased by our charity in the early 1930s to prevent Madingly Hill and Coton Village from being despoiled by development at a time before the existence of Green Belts. Covenants were taken out on this land by the National Trust as an additional level of protection.

Please find attached our response. We have previously submitted a report to you "Cambourne to Cambridge: In-Carriageway Proposals for High Quality Public Transport Scheme" but I am also attaching this again. This document is referred to throughout our response, with a weblink to an online version.

I trust that you will take our responses into consideration and we would be pleased to elaborate on these if requested.

James Littlewood
Chief Executive