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Attachment to comment S/LAC

Emmanuel College Sports Ground, 15 Wilberforce Road, Cambridge, CB3 0EQ Site Reference: 40380

Re **Flood risk assessment**-this site has been in partially underwater following heavy rain at least three times in the last 25 years

**Landscape and Townscape**-this Red Assessment is correct (except West Cambridge Conservation Area, not Central). Its contribution to these cannot be relocated or mitigated against. The significant views it offers are irreplaceable and are of even greater significance given the intensification of development in other areas of West Cambridge

**Biodiversity and Geodiversity**-do not agree with Green Assessment. It forms part of a green corridor between the Backs, Adams Road Bird Sanctuary and the M11 and Coton Reserve beyond. Its large area is used as landing ground and feeding ground for herons, geese, pigeons and other birds who are seen to feed on the invertebrates in the sports ground turf. The hedges and trees are also valuable for biodiversity and as habitats. Any development of the site would negatively impact this. The prolonged building activity which any development would generate would also negatively impact the green corridor and the sites connected by it.

**Historic Environment**-it is not just the Sports pavilion but the sports ground itself which is part of the essential character of this section of the **West Cambridge** Conservation Area (not Central) as stated, and is recognised by the assessments as such. It form a network of historic sports grounds with St Johns College and Trinity Old Field sports grounds.

Triangle Site, Stacey Lane, Cambridge, CB3 9AD Site Reference: 40396

**Flood risk assessment** –this site is in an area known to have inadequatesurface water drainage and recent and continuing building development in the area will only exacerbate this

**Landscape and Townscape-**the site is in the West Cambridge Conservation Area as well as Green Belt and offers with its related green spaces important views in and out of the area and city. These are of even greater significance given the intensification of development in other areas of West Cambridge

**Biodiversity and Geodiversity**-do not accept that loss of biodiversity could be mitigated. This has been a wild area, formerly farmland, for many years and It would take decades to be re-established elsewhere. Also development of the site would have a negative impact on the designated County and City Wildlife site, Adams Road Bird Sanctuary and the green corridor connecting it and the Backs to the countryside towards and beyond the M11.

**Historic Environment**-not accepted that the damage to the historic environment as noted here can be mitigated. It is a longstanding wild area of natural grassland hedging and trees, echoing the triangle of Cobbett’s Corner (at the other end of Adams Road) , and part of the essential character of the part of West Cambridge Conservation Area and adjacent to a listed building

Land off The Lawns, Cambridge, CB3 0RU Site Reference: 40425

**Flood risk assessment** -this site is in an area known to have inadequatesurface water drainage and recent and continuing building development in the area will only exacerbate this

**Landscape and Townscape** –the site combined with **Site 4030** Emmanuel College Sports ground are a green space in the ever more built up surroundings and as such offer ever more precious views

**Biodiversity and Geodiversity-**the risk of damage to the important green corridor formed by the protected open spaces and large garden in this part of Cambridge , and Adams Road Bird Sanctuary and the habitats of the site itself are understated here

**Historic Environment**-any development of this protected open space is bound to destroy the character of the Conservation Area in particular the historic pattern of playing fields and green spaces which embody the character of this part of the Conservation Area and the views these provide

Land south of 8-10 Adams Road, Cambridge, CB3 9AD Site Reference: 40391

The development proposed would adversely affect the West Cambridge Conservation Area, the Adams Road Bird Sanctuary and the views of the site from the west and out of context with the surrounding area of villa residences in substantial gardens