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Dear Sir or Madam,

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) would like to submit this letter of support in conjunction with our submission to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation for the allocation of two sites for residential development: Cambridge Professional Development Centre (HELAA reference: OS042) and Horizons Site (HELAA reference: OS041).

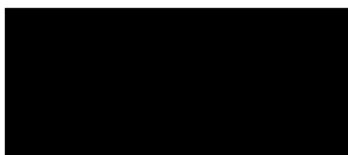
Cambridge Professional Development Centre (CPDC)

The site currently has a temporary 5-year consent for use as a council office facility that expires on 4th February 2026. The rationale for the planning permission for temporary office use was so that it avoided prejudicing the housing land allocation (Proposal R16) of the Cambridge Local Plan 2018 and this is recorded in the decision notice (Ref. FMW/085/19). The building is also nearing the end of its economic life. In light of this, it is considered unlikely that CCC will look to renew the temporary use planning consent, and CCC will be urgently considering its options for the site and the potential relocation of staff to other offices within the Cambridge area.

Horizons Resource Centre

The site is likely to become available in the next 5-10 years as it has been declared surplus to operational requirements. Significant investment is required to address serious condition issues relating to the fabric of the building. Due to these ongoing issues, CCC will be considering its options for the site in conjunction with our services operating from the site.

Yours faithfully,



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For and on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council