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Dear Stephen,

Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Call for sites

I write on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council to put forward this joint submission to the Call for Sites, working in collaboration with 

We very much welcome the opportunity to explore the potential for developing the East side of Cambridge to support the City in realising its fullest potential. There has long been an expectation that this land would come forward, and with the passage of time and with Cambridge's unwavering success, the need for comprehensive development of this site only grows in importance.

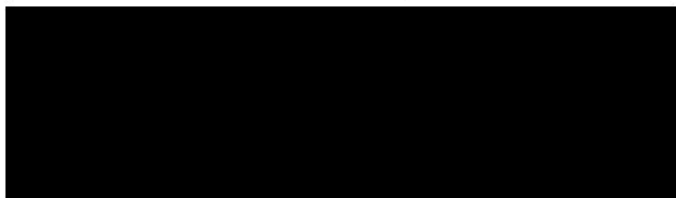
I do not reiterate the content of the submission here, as it speaks for itself. Suffice to say it is a most compelling proposition, and has potential to make a significant contribution to almost all of our social, economic and environmental objectives. The scheme has potential to deliver significant numbers of homes and jobs and to act as a stimulus for investment in much needed transport improvements, with potential benefits extending across the City and beyond. We are very supportive of the principle of a rapid transit connection through the site, terminating at a new Transport Hub close to the A14 Quy roundabout on Cambridgeshire County Council land. Mindful of work being undertaken by the Greater Cambridge Partnership and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, this has the potential to align with wider objectives for the Cambridge sub-region, and the New East Cambridge scheme could be a key catalyst to making this a reality benefiting the scheme itself, but also improving journeys for all.

As a major landowner, we wish to explore the potential for complementary development on land in our control (shown on page 6 of the document), thus making the most of the opportunity to deliver a comprehensive and well planned extension of the City, and by locating homes, jobs, culture or other leisure facilities in a highly accessible location.

There is clearly a lot of work to do to make this happen and Cambridgeshire County Council recognises we have a key role to play. We look forward to working with the Local Planning Authorities and other stakeholders to find the most appropriate way to develop the land.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Cambridge so we need to grasp it with both hands.

Yours sincerely,

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