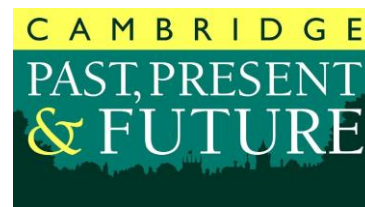


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Dear Claire

Response to 23/00482/FUL: Construction of two bridges and all associated structures at Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road Hinxton

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.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future support the concerns of Hinxton Parish Council and local residents of the visual impact of the bridges on the character of the area.

The proposal of two bridges, in close proximity to each other and of such design (height, width, lighting etc) will introduce an urban form contrary to policy HQ/1 which states that proposals must preserve or enhance the character of the local rural area and respond to its context in the wider landscape; and policy NH/2 which aims to enhance the local character and distinctiveness of the local landscape.

It is accepted that the landscape will change with the larger development, but the intention is to retain a village character. The introduction of two bridges will read as a feature of an urban landscape and detract from the rural character.

We ask that you consider a single bridge in a more central or southerly location between the two A1301 roundabouts where there would be less impact on Hinxton's rural character.

I trust that you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Nicholas
Principal Planning Officer