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**Response to 24/04245/LBC: Installation of air source heat pumps, associated plant and architectural screening to roof of 16-21 Market Hill building, installation of below ground heating pipes and cable ducts from that building into and through the Old Courts west of Trinity Street with related works in existing plant rooms at Gonville And Caius College Trinity Street Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB2 1TA**

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- 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 Hinxtton Watermill.

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Cambridge Past, Present and Future support the work the college is doing in de-carbonising its estate.

However, we wish to make a number of observations regarding the proposed works.

1. Our one area of objection is the use of lead screening to the roof of 16-21 Market Hill to the St Michael's Court frontage. Unlike the front elevation, the rear elevation of the building has sash windows which defers to the character of the rest of the court. The Court includes the Grade I listed St Michael's Church and Grade II listed buildings. We consider that the use of lead to screen the ASHP will be dominant and intrusive and overshadow the court. We consider that the Court, which is often in shade, would be lighter and more pleasant with stone cladding rather than lead. The use of stone will add texture and tone rather than the lead which has a flat monotone appearance.
2. Noise from the air source heat pumps must be mitigated so as not to disturb occupants of adjoining buildings.
3. The architectural screening on the roof to the front elevation of 16-21 Market Hill building must be constructed of quality stone.

I trust that you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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