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Dear GCP

Response to Haslingfield Greenway: proposals for Grantchester

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 and Future support many of the changes you have made to the proposals as they affect Grantchester. However, we are still concerned about the off-road path along Grantchester Road swopping from the east to the west side halfway.

We support that the scheme is now being designed in accordance with Historic England's Streets for All guidance to ensure the special character of the Conservation Area is respected. We are pleased to see that red asphalt is no longer proposed and signage appears to have been reduced.

We support the target of 10% increase in biodiversity and a stretch target of 20% increase wherever possible.

We support that the route along the Broadway is now on road.

We are, however, not supportive of the off-road path along Grantchester Road swopping sides, halfway along its route. This introduces the potential for conflict between the pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders on the path and motor vehicles. We suggest that the path is routed solely along the west side of Grantchester Road from the pumping station to the Rugby Club. The explanation we have been given for this route swopping from east to west is land ownership and avoiding having to negotiation the purchase or lease of further land when there is a permissive path on the east side. We do not consider that this argument is justified when there is a safer alternative which removes any conflict between users.

I trust that you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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