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The focus of my objection relates to the location and boundaries of Compound 7 illustrated in document "Proposed Site Plans Vol 2 CSET-12-DP4B-00,"
I wish to refer to sheet 2 of this document.

Compound 7 is shown to abut the western edge of the drainage ditch that runs along side of the full length of the Nine Wells nature reserve enclosure and also encompasses the access track to the reserve.

A substantial wildlife buffer is required between the compound boundary and both the nature reserve and the full length of Hobson's Conduit that is impacted by this proposed development.

Bunds must be used to prevent pollution of the drainage ditch and Hobson's Conduit.

Some of the onsite activities proposed for compound 7 are not compatible with their close proximity to Hobson's Conduit and the connected drainage ditch and should be located away from these sensitive areas. Other available areas are less sensitive to pollution risks and these should be used for the riskier activities.

It should be possible to use a substantial part of compound 7 for storage of inert material and for material associated with longer term storage that will not be constantly accessed and less likely to disturb wildlife. This would provide more breathing space for the Nine Wells nature reserve and be less disturbance for the wild life.

I should add that I am a volunteer on the Cambridge Council nature reserve maintenance team and am very aware of the value of this resource. Many of us believe the Nine Wells nature reserve to be one of the jewels in the crown of Cambridge's nature reserves. The historic connection of Ninewells to the City of Cambridge, both as a historic water supply and a valuable nature reserve can be measured by the substantial investment made by the Environment Agency to provide a backup water supply to the springs in case draught or over extraction of groundwater by Cambridge Water interrupts the flow of water at the springs located within the nature reserve. Substantial investment in time and effort to measure water flow at the springs outlet on the edge of the nature reserve by both Cambridge Water and Hobson's Conduit Trust also are a measure of the importance of this resource.

Finally, the study of the wildlife in the fields adjacent to the nature reserve (including all the land enclosed by the proposed compound 7) have been studied at length by David Meed and data can be found on David Meed's website:

<https://johnmeed.net/ecology/nine-wells/>

He has documented the birdlife found in these fields in his book: A Haven for Farmland Birds.

I hope that when the value of this site to the City and local wild life is considered, decisions on the size and use of compound 7 can be moderated by the negative impact it might otherwise have on this extremely valuable resource.

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