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**Response to PCU/S19/E0535/3355531:
Acquisition of Land Act 1981 ("the Act")
The Cambourne to Cambridge Order
Transport And Works Act 1992
Transport And Works (Applications And Objections Procedure) (England And Wales) Rules 2006**

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 do not consider that the exchange land is equally advantageous to the public, and a further search for a site should take place.

The Open Space Assessment has identified potential site C as a suitable replacement area for the loss of two areas of existing open space both as identified in the Cambridge Local Plan 2018. The area of the replacement site might be deliverable, but we do not believe this is an appropriate location to encourage public access and dwell time because it is an isolated and unsurveilled area that includes a balancing pond and is adjacent to a motorway and a steep embankment.

The Open Space Assessment (CtoC-19-00) references Local Plan Policy 67 which requires replacement sites to be of an equal or better standard than the site to be lost. Yet, all three of the short list of Potential Open Space sites did not score as high in terms of quality when compared to the existing Open Space Site. We consider therefore that the area of search for replacement sites should be extended. We consider that sites to the east of the existing open space site, for example adjacent to the busway where it sweeps around the

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