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Dear Miss Graham and Mr Wood,

Cambridge Local Plan Examination Hearing

Matter CC4 – Supporting the Cambridge Economy; Issue 4A.1 Policy 40: Development and Expansion of Business Space

Clarification of the University of Cambridge's Position Further to Evidence Given by Other Parties at the Examination Hearing Session

I have been advised that evidence given at the Cambridge Local plan examination hearing session for Matter CC4/Issue 4A.1 on Tuesday 6th September 2016, by Mr Carpenter (CODE Development Planners, on behalf of Pigeon Land) and Mr Miles (on behalf of Cambridge City Council) related to material from the University of Cambridge, specifically:

- Mr Carpenter made reference to the concern of practitioners working in the bio-medical and life science research sector that there is a current and concerning shortage of available land in close proximity to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC), and referred specifically to the letters of 6 Oct 2015 from Roger Taylor (on behalf of the University of Cambridge) to Councillors Blencowe and Turner (attached); and
- As part of a wider response by the Council to Mr Carpenter's points, Mr Miles replied that the University had confirmed in paragraph 4.7 the Supplementary Statement of Common Ground for West Cambridge (RD/SCG/440), agreed between the University and the City Council and

dated 16 May 2016, that there is sufficient space for B1(b) Research and Development uses on the edge of Cambridge.

I wish to clarify the University's position on this matter, for the benefit of the Inspectors and to inform the parties mentioned above.

Supplementary Statement of common Ground

The purpose of the Supplementary Statement of Common Ground was to address matters relating to draft Policy 40 and its application to the University's West Cambridge site:

'1.2 This supplementary statement provides an update on the progress relating to the West Cambridge site and addresses the issues identified by the Inspectors' Matters and Issues for CC4 4A.1 to Policy 40: Development and expansion of business space as they relate to the West Cambridge site.'

In the Statement it is made clear that the West Cambridge Site is being developed for research in the physical sciences and technology:

4.4 a. For many years, the University's strategy for West Cambridge has been to develop the site for academic and commercial research and collaboration in the physical sciences and technology.....

4.4b. A development cluster for University science and technology research, knowledge transfer and/or open innovation will encourage the development of the higher education cluster and benefit the economy of the Cambridge sub-region and the United Kingdom.

4.4c The growth of the physical sciences research base at West Cambridge, alongside the increasing focus on Cambridge as a centre for open innovation, is expected to drive significant levels of demand from commercial research businesses at West Cambridge.

Within that context, the joint response to the Inspectors' question vii 'Does the Plan allocate sufficient space for B1(b) Research and Development uses on the edge of Cambridge?' was:

...the Council and the University agree that there is sufficient space for B1(b) Research and Development uses on the edge of Cambridge and the West Cambridge site has the potential to make a very significant contribution to meeting this demand for B1(b) research and development uses on the edge of the city.

That response is specific to the Submission Draft Cambridge Local Plan in relation to the West Cambridge Site and to the development of research in the physical sciences and technology. It does not respond to matters relating to planning for the biomedical and life sciences sector in close proximity to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, or to specific proposals for the allocation of land in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan.

The University's Position on Planning for the Biomedical and Life Sciences Sector close to the CBC

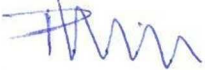
I confirm that the University's letters of 6 October remain valid.

In addition, the Inspectors will be aware that the University supported the proposed provisional modification to the South Cambridgeshire Draft Local Plan to extend the CBC (Proposed Modification PM/SC/8/A; Representation ID 65241); the response is summarised below:

With so little land now available at the Campus, the University supports the provisional modification to release land from the Green Belt to enable further expansion. The additional allocation of land to meet the future development needs of the life sciences sector is helpful, but the scale of the allocation (8.91ha) is unlikely to be sufficient for the plan period to 2031. More still needs to be done to plan for the development needs of the sector on the south side of Cambridge, close to the Biomedical Campus.

I confirm that the University's response to the proposed provisional modification remains valid.

Yours sincerely,



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