

To: Planning Inspector John Woolcock

Hinxton Parish Council's confirmation of objections

- 1. Hinxton is the community most immediately affected by the proposed SmithsonHill business park. We have taken considerable care to set out our Parish Council's objections to this application: in our initial comments (22 January 2018), in our comments on the appeal (24 October 2018), and in our comments on the applicants' amendments (22 May 2019). We stand by all these comments, as updated. We are more than willing to answer questions and to expand upon them as you wish. We also support strongly the grounds on which South Cambridgeshire District Council has rejected the application.**
- 2. The proposed business park, covering an area much the same as that of the village, would be placed on open arable fields adjacent to it. As we have described, it would have a deeply damaging impact upon the landscape and environment of our village.**
- 3. The traffic associated with the proposed 4000 employees on the site would have a crippling impact on the economic life of our village. The site's only access would be from a single junction on the A1301, which is the main road to Hinxton. We have described the likely consequences in terms of extreme congestion and rat-running through Hinxton, Ickleton and Duxford.**
- 4. There is no justification for building the proposed general purpose business park (with use-classifications B1, B2 and B8) on this farming land. There is neither relevant scientific expertise nor are there substantial future tenants associated with its marketing aspiration of agricultural technology. Since it was the present land-owners who initiated the application, the developers' claim that alternative sites received detailed consideration is implausible.**
- 5. Hinxton has no principled opposition to employment growth in the parish. We support, for example, the growth of research work at the Hinxton Wellcome Genome Campus. Our opposition to the SmithsonHill application arises from its being misdescribed and misplaced, and with wholly inadequate mitigation of the severe adverse consequences it would have for our community.**
- 6. We will be happy to do everything we can to assist this hearing.**

William Brown (Chair, Hinxton Parish Council)