

22/03615/REM: WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS - A1301 Improvements: Resubmission and response to consultation comments (Outline reference: S/4329/18/OL)

Thank you for consulting Hinxtton Parish Council ('HPC') on the above application. The following comments have been endorsed on behalf of HPC.

Proposed new area shared footway / cycleway north of North End Road

This is a complicated intersection because of the amount of pedestrians and cyclists heading from both the village and the expansion area north towards Whittlesford Station.

Traffic here is heavy and often fast moving, and there is already concern about the potential conflict with the at-grade crossing and the junction with North End Road (the northern point of access into Hinxtton).

Altering the status of this section from 'footway' only to 'shared footway / cycleway', following the safety audit, adds pressure to the crossing. We would therefore welcome a discussion on this issue with U&C's engineer and CCC highways.

Proposed new area shared footway / cycleway south of New Road

The change in status to shared footway / cycleway appears to be a helpful amendment; cyclists are now unlikely to use the proposed second bridge, some 130 metres to the south and arguably, therefore, it calls into question the rationale for using the second bridge as a cycle crossing.

There is also considerable concern in Hinxtton village as to how traffic using New Road will join and leave the A1301, with additional queuing on New Road believed to be significant. There is also potential concern about the quality of sightlines at this junction once any bridge comes forward.

Realignment of shared footway / cycleway south of northern roundabout

We note that the proposed realignment follows the road and the roundabout more closely, and this amendment appears to have been made simply to facilitate the northern bridge, which we do not support in principle. Being closer to the road, it would also appear this section will become less pleasant and less safe for pedestrians and cyclists.

Removal of Tree Group 24

We understand that these trees are not being translocated. Trees should be preserved wherever possible, and we urge U&C to reconsider this point.

Continuing concern about the bridges proposal

HPC welcomes U&C's willingness to present its ideas for the proposed bridges on 30th November 2022, and its commitment to continue the dialogue with HPC.

However, we do note the numerous references to the bridges within the schedule of Consultation Comments and Applicant's Response, and we consider that this application (highlighted above) is designed to lay the ground for the bridges themselves.

We therefore urge SCC to delay determination of this RMA until the separate bridges application comes forward, allowing all matters related to the A1301 upgrades to be determined concurrently as one package.

Hinxtton Parish Council / 29.12.22