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Minutes of the working group charged to respond to the Consultation on the NW Cambridge Area Action Plan Issues and Options Report, held on Tuesday 31 October 2006 7pm

Present: Cllrs de Lacey, Meek, Taylor, Wilson (Chairman)

06/01. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Ford-Smith

06/02. Members' declarations of interests

No interests were declared.

06/03. To approve a response to the NW Cambridge AAP Issues and Options Report on behalf of the Council

Cllr de Lacey prop accepting the text previously circulated and copied below. Sec Cllr Taylor and approved unanimously.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Response agreed as follows:

7.1 We note that the focus of this statement is the City. We note also that there are many unsubstantiated assertions (eg the quality of build) which will need substantiation.

RA1: The University needs to *demonstrate* the need for this development and explain the future of central sites (eg the New Museums Site).

8 a We approve

b The acreage and width of the current green belt should be at least preserved, if not increased. We would welcome parks, wildlife areas or allotment development within this green belt. Any suitable areas (eg the terrain of the known bat colonies) should be designated as wildlife areas.

c The boundary between the City and the Village of Girton should be significant (cf 7.1) Further comment is difficult without a definition of "appropriate".

d See our response to 8c.

j Such planning *must* be done in conjunction with the development of the NIAB site.

m It is hard to increase biodiversity if the green belt is decreased.

9 a None!

b Of as diverse character as possible -- as it is at present (with respect to Girton Village).

- c Maintain the existing green belt and only accept plans which limit development outside the City to landscaping alone.
 - d The City boundary, with all the area to the north being the Green Corridor.
- 10.5 This is the only option which allows the site to be developed as a single community and which preserves the integrity of Girton Village.
- 12.1, 2 The quantity of traffic which 12.2 would generate is not sustainable.
- 13.2 This is the only realistic option.
- 13.5 This is the only realistic option.
- 13.7 The Planners should note that most of the supposed cycle facilities in Cambridge are inimical to cycling as a form of transport. All cycle routes should be designated cycle paths (for cycles only, not shared-use) and be built to the highest Sustrans/DfT standards as far as quality and width are concerned.
- 14.2 Preferable to 14.1, but must be planned in conjunction with the NIAB site.
- 14.4 Preferable to 14.3, but must be planned in conjunction with the NIAB site.
- 14.5 Preferred.
- 15.1 Preferred.
- 16.1 YES!
- 17.1 YES!
- 23.1 We believe that the integrity of Girton Village is already fragile, with the A14 bridge a constant threat to its unity. We beg the planners to be aware of the danger of the destruction of our community if a third sector of the Village, with its main focus to the south, is developed.

The massive changes experienced in Cambridge will inevitably have knock-on effects in Girton. Can we have some suggestions from the planners as to the effects these may have on political representation, both at Westminster and locally.