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**Subject:** Responses to ExA's second written questions

Good afternoon

Please see below responses in red to some of the ExA's written questions from our clients Cambridge City Council in relation to Cambridge Crematorium.

Air Quality and Emissions

Q1.2.14: Cambridge City Council has suggested that the applicant undertakes a review of the scheme proposals based on the approach set out in IAN185/15 further to its high level analysis set out in response to Q1.1.2 (REP2-002). The applicant has indicated that significantly different results would be unlikely and therefore does not propose to undertake a further review. Does either party wish to comment further?

City Council will be commenting direct on this in other submissions.

Compulsory Acquisition

Q2.4.3: On our accompanied site visit to Cambridge crematorium on 17 July 2015 the ExA noted that the proposed new entrance to the crematorium close to the north west corner is located between the Muslim burial area and an area of woodland or garden used for the scattering of ashes and the planting of trees. It appeared to the ExA that the proposal would substantially interfere with the area where ashes are scattered and trees are planted. Are there any legal impediments or requirements to be complied with relating to the removal of such an area and if there are, how does the applicant propose to deal with them?

Further, what consultation and discussion has taken place with the Crematorium authority, Cambridge City Council, on this matter and how the intended use of this land will be managed sensitively having regard to its current use.

There are no strict legal impediments or statutory requirements relating to scattered ashes to be considered.

However, the loss of such an area to the proposed scheme would be very sensitive to manage for the families of those whose ashes are finally spread within this area. The Council would undertake a wide public consultation exercise for a matter such as this and there would likely be negative press for the Council and Highways England if they were ultimately disturbed as a result of the scheme. There would be the task of finding an alternative appropriate site and the practicalities of appropriate sensitive removal and relocation of the soil.

Q2.10.15: SCDC is seeking additional noise impact assessment and mitigation at sensitive locations including Orchard Park Primary School, Neighbourhood Play/Recreation Area, Cambridge Regional College and Cambridge City Crematorium/Huntingdon Road Cemetery. What progress has been made in addressing these concerns?

City Council will be commenting on this in other submissions but the issue for the Crematorium needs to be raised here as well (see text below from EHealth in italics). HE is still not accepting the case that there needs to be mitigation along the boundary with the new local access road as well as the A14.

*Of particular concern to Cambridge City Council is the potential impact on the City Crematorium. Highways England have provided further commentary within the document "Written Representations", dated July 2015. This concludes that the major source of noise impacting on the*

*Crematorium is from the A14 and that there will be no impact on the southern area of the crematorium. However, the local access road will result in the introduction of a new noise source to the southern edge of the crematorium. The significance of the noise impacts from the new local access road remains unknown.*

*We consider that the introduction of the access road has the potential to cause a significant impact. Cambridge City Council therefore seek a proposal for mitigation from HE and consider that an absorptive acoustic barrier along the southern edge of the crematorium, to the height of the barrier proposed along the northern side (3m), would adequately address this issue.*

I would be grateful if you would confirm receipt of this email.

Kind regards

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