

Submission by Save Honey Hill**Request for Additional Locations to Include in Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)****31 October 2023****1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Applicant has submitted AW 8.1 Applicant's Proposed Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Itinerary (Examination Library PDA-001). We are aware that the ExA has carried out an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) on 18/19 September 2023, as briefly reported in EV-001a and in para 1.1.4 of PDA-001.
- 1.2 It is not entirely clear from the USI reporting, exactly which locations were visited en route or stopped at apart from those listed, so where there is doubt, SHH is proposing additional visits in Section 3.

2. Applicant's Proposals for the ASI

- 2.1 The Applicant has proposed a detailed walk over of the existing WRC site within Order limits. Can the Applicant please confirm that the red line boundary shown in Appendix B includes the entirety of the Applicant's land holding within NECAAP? If not, can this wider land boundary please be indicated, so that the ExA can consider visiting any land outside the red line. Can the AW offices, Milton House, be included as a formal part of the ASI?
- 2.2 Can the Applicant please provide a further/updated plan in Appendix B that identifies the spatial extent of (i) facilities which are disused (ii) vacant or unused land (iii) landscaped screening tree belts (iv) operational facilities still in use and (vi) the actual extent of named works specified in the DCO. Can these be separately coloured on the plan.

With those additions, SHH is content with this aspect of the ASI.

3. SHH Proposals for the ASI

- 3.1 Noting that there is some doubt as to locations already visited by the ExA, SHH proposals include all locations which we wish the ExA to visit. Where SHH believes that this should be on an accompanied basis, so that views etc can be pointed out, this is noted.

Remainder of NECAAP area to East of Milton Road

- 3.2 The ExA will have visited at least part of this area to north of Cowley Road. Although a full visit to this area can be done on public roads, we ask that this is

accompanied by SHH and by a senior planning officer from GCSP, to point out features, land ownerships and sites subject to recent planning applications and permissions etc. GCSP is requested to provide a plan indicating all of the principal land ownerships (freehold and long leasehold) within the eastern part of NECAAP. GCSP is also requested to provide a plan showing details of all substantial live planning permissions that could be implemented within the eastern NECAAP area, together with details of all substantial planning applications that have been submitted but not determined, noting which are subject to appeal and the principal reasons for refusal where relevant.

- 3.3 Route to be agreed but to include: Cambridge North station, surface car park and vacant/under development sites/aggregate terminal to the North, industrial area on north east spur of Cowley Road, Cowley Road along south and west boundaries of Cambridge WRC, Cambridge Business Park and the Nuffield Road and Trinity Hall Industrial Areas.

NECAAP area to West of Milton Road

- 3.4 This could be unaccompanied. This comprises the existing Cambridge Science Park and Cambridge Regional College campus.

Site 2 Shortlisted for CWWTP Relocation

- 3.5 SHH would prefer this to be accompanied, but technically it could be unaccompanied. The ExA is asked to visit shortlisted Site 2 and its environs, including the Milton landfill site, Park and Ride site and proposed police HQ site, then travel along Butt Lane to view as near as possible to Site 2.

Proposed and Existing Outfall sites

- 3.6 This could be unaccompanied. The ExA is asked to visit the exact site of the proposed outfall, using the public footpath through the trees and across the meadows in the BB Lock CA on the east bank of the River Cam and also to view the proposed outfall and context within Conservation Area from the towpath on the west bank. This should be from a point to the south of VP23 directly looking across the river. The ExA is also asked to view the existing discharge outfall from the existing WRC.

Low Fen Drove Way

- 3.8 The ExA is asked to confirm that the whole of Low Fen Drove Way has been visited during the USI including the derelict barn at Snout Corner (which has planning permission for a dwelling), the Quay Estate cottages on LFDW and views towards the Proposed Development across Honey Hill.

Poplar Hall

- 3.9 SHH is aware that the USI included Viewpoint 22. The owners/occupiers of Poplar Hall (RR-245) have asked that the ExA make an ASI to include views from their property. Their contact details are given in their IP Registrations.

Red House Close

- 3.10 Noted by the ExA as having been visited, but is not a formal viewpoint and may involve using a private access. If not visited, ExA is asked to include it within the ASI. SHH can provide contact details of occupiers/owners.

High Ditch Road

- 3.11 The ExA is asked to confirm that, when at Viewpoint 10, they stood in the field approximately 20 metres to the north of the road, which equates with views from the houses on the north side of High Ditch Road, including from parts of the Conservation Area, immediately to the west.
- 3.12 The ExA is asked to visit the disused railway line north of High Ditch Road near Viewpoint 9 or view it from the bridge. The area of thick vegetation along the route was included in a bat survey along the former railway line. The fields either side are privately owned but the track itself is understood to be owned separately. This area should be compared with visit to the disused railway where it has been developed for public access, including a cycleway, near the junction of Fison Road and Ditton Lane. The contrast between these two locations underpins the concern about potential habitat loss and impact on existing species due to site clearance.

Waterbeach Pipeline Route

- 3.12 The ExA is asked to confirm that during the USI, all construction access points and routes (COA and CA) shown on Figure 19.2 were visited and stopped at.
- 3.13 In addition, SHH asks the ExA to do ASIs of:
- (i) Clayhithe Bridge, the access from Clayhithe Road into Hatridge's Lane and adjoining land along Hatridge's Lane as far the northern extent of the land included in Order limits. This to include viewing mature trees within limits. This access will, inter alia, need to be used to bring the main HDD machinery and any cranes to site for the River Cam crossing.
 - (ii) The permanent maintenance access being sought from Clayhithe Road at Gayton Farm, Clayhithe Road, Horningsea. This is a locked private drive. This is at the request of the owners/occupiers. Their details are included in their IP Registration.