

**JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (CAMBRIDGE FRINGE SITES) –
21ST JUNE 2017**

Amendment/De-brief Sheet

CIRCULATION: First

ITEM: APPLICATION REF: 17/0285/REM

Location: Plot M3 – Land Between Madingley Road and Huntingdon Junction

Target Date: 24.05.2017

To Note:

Additional Consultation Response

A consultation response has been received from the Ministry of Defence (MOD). The MOD raises concern that the proposed roof garden has the potential to attract and support nesting hazardous birds, with potential to increase bird strike risk to air traffic using Cambridge Airport.

To address the issue of bird strike risk, the MOD has requested a condition which requires a bird management plan which makes provision for any potentially hazardous birds (in particular gulls) occupying the roofs to be controlled. Further evidence was sought from the MOD regarding the requirement for this condition.

The application site is situated approximately 6.2 km from Cambridge Airport, and is not within its flight path. The proposed roof garden is a decked space which will contain a variety of hard and soft landscaped areas. It will provide both private and public amenity functions for residents.

Further advice on this issue has been sought from the Council's Ecology Officer. In his opinion, whilst gulls could take up residence on the roof, he is not aware of any colonies in Cambridge. Moreover, he does not consider that the roof garden would be an attractive nesting habitat given that it is publically accessible amenity space for residents.

Officers do not consider that the MOD request for a condition requiring a bird management plan for gulls is justified. It has not been requested on any of the other reserved matters applications on the North West Cambridge Development.

Amendments To Text: None.

Pre-Committee Amendments to Recommendation: None

DECISION:

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