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(sent by e-mail)

Dear Ms Smith

Proposed Howes Place Conservation Area

The residents of Howes Place unanimously support the proposal to designate the area encompassing the former National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB) Headquarters (1920's) building and Howes Place as a Conservation Area.

The significance and special character of the proposed Conservation Area results from the architectural interest of the buildings, the grouping and street scene value of the buildings set within formal landscaping and the importance of NIAB and Howes Place in the social and economic history of Cambridge.

The former NIAB Headquarters (1920's) building and Howes Place represent an exemplar of historic place making vision and urban and landscape design which established a community life of peace and tranquillity in an arcadian setting after a period of death and destruction during the First World War.

The vision for NIAB and Howes Place which was realised by generous benefactors over 100 years ago has been lovingly nurtured by four generations of residents and should be preserved and enhanced for future generations.

We have attached to this letter both marked-up and clean versions of the Draft Conservation Area Appraisal and the accompanying plan incorporating our proposed changes and associated comments. In the main, the proposed changes update the draft documentation with the latest position in relation to the former NIAB site and correct a number of errors or inconsistencies within the draft documentation.

Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 imposes a duty on Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) to designate as Conservation Areas any 'areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.'

For the reasons outlined above and within the Draft Conservation Area Appraisal, the residents of Howes Place confidently assert that the area encompassing the former NIAB Headquarters (1920's) building and Howes Place is an area of both special architectural and historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.

We trust that the information provided assists with your consultation process.

We look forward to receiving confirmation in due course that the LPA has fulfilled its duty to designate the area encompassing the former NIAB Headquarters (1920's) building and Howes Place as a Conservation Area.

Yours sincerely



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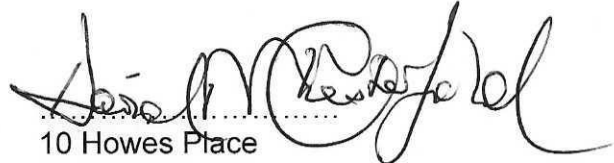

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Note – Nos. 6A and 6B Howes Place are currently unoccupied.