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Dear Michael

Ref. 21/03822/FUL – Site 1 , Granta Park – erection of R & D building and associated carpark and landscaping

Recommendation: The Parish Council recommend REFUSAL of this planning application.

Comments: The Parish Council objects to the size and scale of the development which is overtly dominant in its size, height and location. Initial buildings on the site were limited to two storeys and the existing two storey buildings on the Granta Park site fit reasonably well into the rural landscape. However, the proposed speculative four storey building is over twice the height of the tree and therefore would not be shielded from local householders and would dominate the rural skyline.

There are already problem with the existing volume of traffic using the site, at times queuing back along the A505. Therefore, the Parish Council is very concerned about the implications of a further 600 staff entering the single entrance site adding to the existing morning congestion, that delays local residents and can make the roads hazardous to negotiate. Mitigation of existing traffic movements is necessary, and the Parish Council's view is that there should be improved cycling access to and from Granta Park, not building more car parks, and that the Linton Greenway route should go along Newmarket Road to the Entrance to Granta Park and then continue along Pampisford Road until it meets the A1307.

The noise and light pollution (car park and some building lights are on all night) from the site are an existing problem to local residents, which would increase with a further large and highly conspicuous building and car park on the site.

The Parish Council does request that the application be referred to the District Council Planning Committee.

Yours sincerely

Paula Harper
Parish Clerk