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Dear David

On behalf of Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust (formerly known as Cambridge Rowing Trust), please find enclosed our application for full planning permission for change of Use of Land to a Multi-Sport Park with Lakes and Water Storage; construction of new and changed road, bridges, cycle tracks, embankments and outline planning permission for the Sports Centre with Boathouse including 2 buildings for wardens' accommodations. The proposed development is located on 95.1 Hectares situated on land adjacent to Milton and between Milton and Waterbeach. Enclosed, please find the following materials in support of the application for approval under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990:

- I)
 - 1) 6 copies of the Application for Planning Permission.
 - 2) 6 copies of site plan indicating the boundaries of the application area.
 - 3) 6 copies of drawings enumerated in the appended schedule.
 - 4) 6 copies of Certificate "B" as required with a schedule of people to whom notice was issued.
 - 5) A completed copy of the fee form. We understand that Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust is being granted exemption from filing fees relative to this application following the refusal of Planning Application S/0917/93/F.
 - 6) A copy of the Companies House Change of Name Certificate.

- II) Also enclosed is the following supporting information, please find 25 copies of the following:
 - a. Planning Statement Summary
 - b. Environmental Statement Executive Summary
 - c. Environmental Statement
 - d. Landscape Design Concept and Masterplan
 - e. Stage 1 Flood Risk Assessment
 - f. Ecology and Nature Conservation
 - g. Research Design For Archaeological Mitigation
 - h. Transport Assessment

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The Trustees are grateful to the South Cambridgeshire District Council for having granted a resolution of approval in 1995. This refreshed application maintains the best elements of the original application and has been expanded to greatly increase the means to address the proposal within an updated context of a growing community's needs in the areas of health, recreations and sport. The application has been updated to reflect principles of planning requirements. Descriptions of the features of the project are to be found in the attached Planning Summary, and in the supporting studies that form a part of this application; these have attracted considerable support. In light of Section 54A of the Town and Planning Act, 1990 and now Section 38(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the applicants believe that planning permission should be granted for this development.

This application responds to many national and regional policies to widen public participation in sporting and recreation (Planning Policy PPG17) and to assist local authorities in providing community sport and recreation facilities (Regional Planning Guidance RPG6). Cambridge Sport Lakes further responds to the priorities listed in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 (CPSP 2003) to provide residents easily accessible recreation facilities in the face of the rapid expansion west and north Cambridge. The new park and Lakes will offer a balance between the development proposals and protection of the environment as stated in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (SCLP) adopted in 2004.

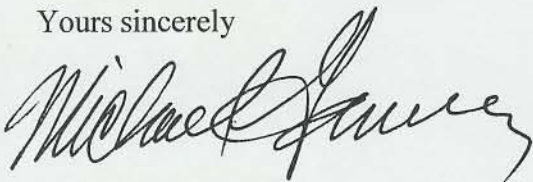
The main principle guiding the purpose of the development seeks to offer a safe and accessible means for the public to use the facilities, experience active life styles while seeking working collaborations with schools, universities, community clubs and national sport associations promoting the enjoyment of sport in the outdoor setting of a country park.

When completed, Cambridge Sport Lakes will not only serve the sport and recreational needs of the community, it will be available as a international standard competition venue serving five major sports (cycling, triathlon, BMX, canoeing, and rowing) suitable for the training of high performance athletes such as those preparing for the London Olympics 2012.

With the real prospect that by 2016 the region will be accommodating at least 45,000 new residences within a fifteen minute access of Cambridge Sport Lakes, the case for having this multi-sport park, lakes and Water storage area should be supported. The granting of planning permission will lead to a major resource for all to enjoy.

The Trustees of Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust would like to express their gratitude to you and your colleagues for the input in the preparation of this application. We also wish to acknowledge gratefully the involvement of many people and groups (including local clubs and national governing boards) representing many differing interests in the community who shaped the development of the programme that will be at the Lakes. The proposal reflects their hard work and input to create an environment that will have a major impact on the recreational and leisure opportunities for the region and beyond. The mission of this charitable trust is to create and operate through Cambridge Sport Lakes a multi-sport outdoor park where residents of any age can easily experience the benefit of activities that promote better health and healthy lifestyles and enhance the quality of life for residents who live and work in the region.

Yours sincerely



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