Alconbury Parish Council – Right of Reply to news article

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To the Editor,

Proposed Brampton Cross Commercial Development Site

Alconbury Parish Council welcomes investment that brings jobs and opportunities to our community, but we believe it is essential to approach the Brampton Cross proposal with caution and a clear understanding of its potential impacts.

While the prospect of 15,000 new jobs is encouraging, there are serious concerns that require thorough consideration:

1. **Traffic and Infrastructure:** The proposed site lies close to an already heavily congested junction of the A1 and A14. Without major investment in local roads, we fear significant increases in congestion, pollution, and road safety risks for residents in our village and the surrounding area;
2. **Environmental Impact:** The development of 945 acres – even with proposed green spaces – represents a major change to the landscape. We seek firm commitments to biodiversity preservation, sustainable building practices, and carbon reduction measures;
3. **Community Engagement:** While we acknowledge the recent consultation, Alconbury Parish Council have repeatedly asked for more transparent dialogue with the developers. Following the first public consultation, it is clear that they need input from local voices to facilitate their plans, rather than simply expecting us to respond to their final proposal.

We ask Endurance Estates and Huntingdonshire District Council to provide clear guarantees that traffic mitigation, environmental protections, community infrastructure and flood risk will be prioritised before any planning application is approved.

Alconbury Parish Council remains open to constructive discussions, as they have been from the outset, and will continue to represent the best interests of our residents as plans progress.

Yours faithfully,
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