I wish to object to this application. It is for a large development in the open countryside outside the development framework of the village. It is in a comparatively elevated location for this area and will be visually intrusive, particularly when viewed on approaching Cottenham from Rampton. It is also not sustainably related to village facilities. The only community facility which is within reasonable walking distance of the proposed development is the primary school, and this is already at capacity. Other community facilities such as shops, medical practices, library and village college are beyond reasonable walking distance and this will encourage more car journeys from the new development in order to access them. Despite what is suggested in the travel plan which forms part of the application, no regular bus service passes the site, and the bus stop in Lambs Lane which is referred to is, in fact, the penultimate stop on the route from Cambridge to Cottenham before buses terminate at Victory Way. They then wait there before starting the return journey to Cambridge via the northern end of Lambs Lane and the High Street, not passing anywhere near the proposed development site.

The proposed development will generate significant extra traffic onto Rampton Road and Oakington Road which are already congested at peak times. To mitigate this, changes to the present mini roundabout at the junction of Rampton Road and Oakington Road are proposed. Apart from bringing traffic closer to neighbouring houses, these changes will bring traffic almost to the doorsteps of the south-western section of the listed John Morton's almshouses and will entirely remove the green in front of them which is an important part of their setting. The Built Heritage statement which accompanies this application makes no attempt to consider or even acknowledge this issue although NPPF 128 & 129 require this to be done. There is also no attempt to address the issue of extra traffic noise and danger to the elderly occupants of these almshouses which will arise from the proposed changes to the junction. I hope the Planning Authority will note these substantive concerns and will reject the application accordingly.