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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Haverhill Research Park at Hanchett End

University Campus Suffolk (UCS) supports the creation of a Research Park at Hanchett End. UCS views the possibility of offering a purpose built home for its future and current collaborative research partners as particularly beneficial and in line with our Strategy for Business and Community Engagement and assisting in our continuing delivery of direct social benefits. UCS has recently invested in the establishment of a team of stem cell scientists researching the emerging regenerative medicine industry and is actively looking to attract commercial organisations in this field to the Suffolk area. Haverhill's proximity to the Cambridge Biotech Cluster and to UCS is seen as a major advantage.

We agree with the conclusions of the recent PACEC Haverhill Research Park Viability Study and also believe the utilisation of the residual surplus land at the site for residential or some higher value added use to allow the development to be pump primed will be central to attracting businesses. The proposal is backed with an experienced professional team and we have confidence in its potential to be a long term success and believe this exciting project will bring significant economic and employment benefits to Haverhill and Suffolk.

Yours faithfully



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