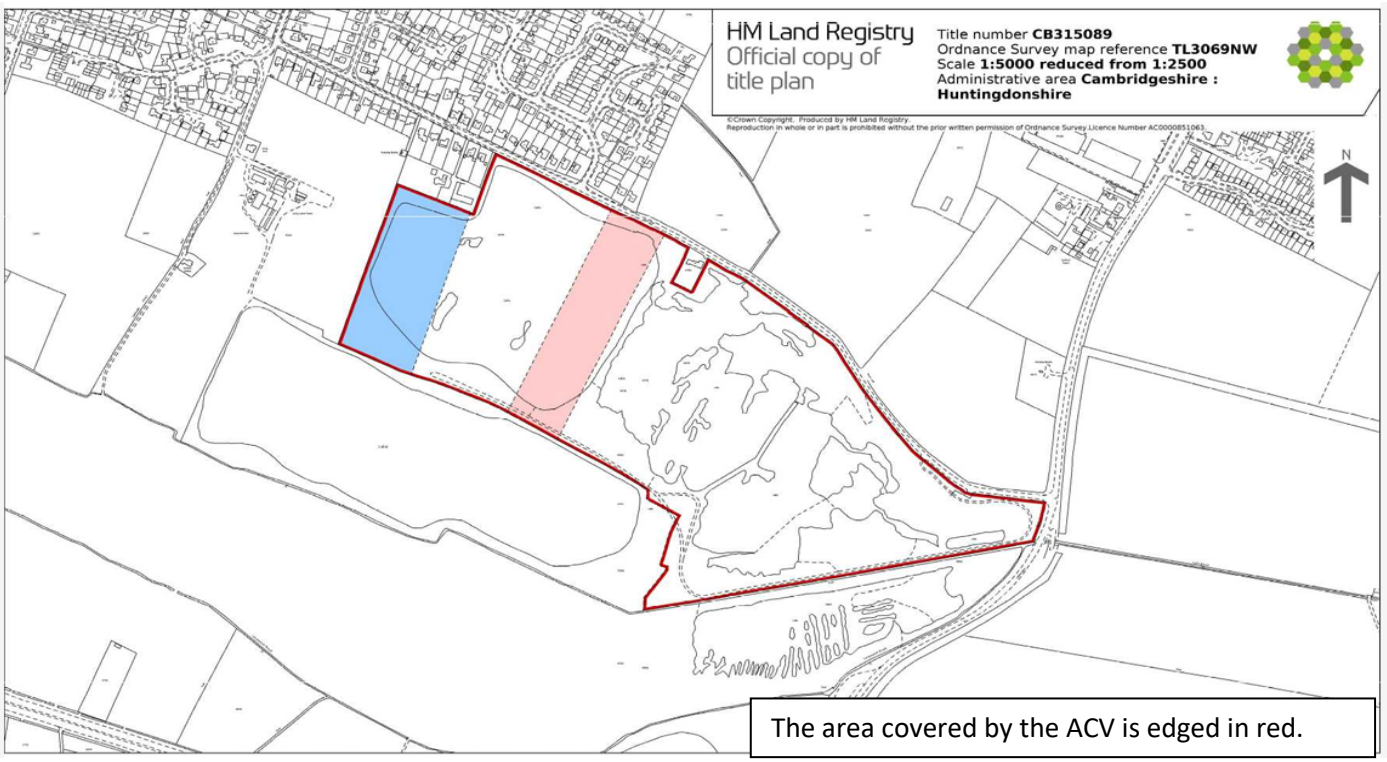
HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL

Community Notice: Marsh Lane Lakes

SAVE OUR LAKES



Tarmac, the current owner of the Marsh Lane Lakes (known as the Fishing Lakes), has decided to sell them. Hemingford Grey Parish Council wants to update residents on the proposed sale as the local community could try and buy them to save them for continued community use, but WE NEED YOUR HELP as we only have 6 months to organise a bid.



The area covered by the ACV is edged in red.

- In 2019, the Parish Council listed the site as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) under the Localism Act 2011. This means that when the owner (Tarmac Aggregates Limited) wishes to sell it, the law gives local community groups -

including the Parish Council - time to organise a bid to buy it before any sale can complete.

What has happened so far:

- On 7 July 2026, Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) notified the Parish Council that the owner had given notice that it intended to dispose of the site.
- The Parish Council has triggered a full six-month moratorium period, running until 7 January 2027. During this moratorium, the owner cannot sell the land to anyone other than a qualifying community group.

What it does not mean:

- It does not commit the Parish Council to buying the site, nor guarantee it will be sold to a community group.
- It does not fix a price or give the Council first refusal — all we have is a protected window in which to organise a bid.
- Once the moratorium ends (or if no bid proceeds), the owner is free to sell to anyone, at any price, during the following "protected period" (to 7 January 2028).

The Council will keep residents informed as matters develop. So far:

- An interim Steering Group has been formed of residents and councillors to coordinate the campaign to save the lake for community use and the nature it safeguards

BUT:

- The search is on for people to help – eg. lawyers, bid writers, marketeers, web designers etc. Please consider if you have skills to contribute.



- Information and advice are being gathered from organisations who have purchased land for community use
- Planning has started for public meetings and guided walks in September 2026

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