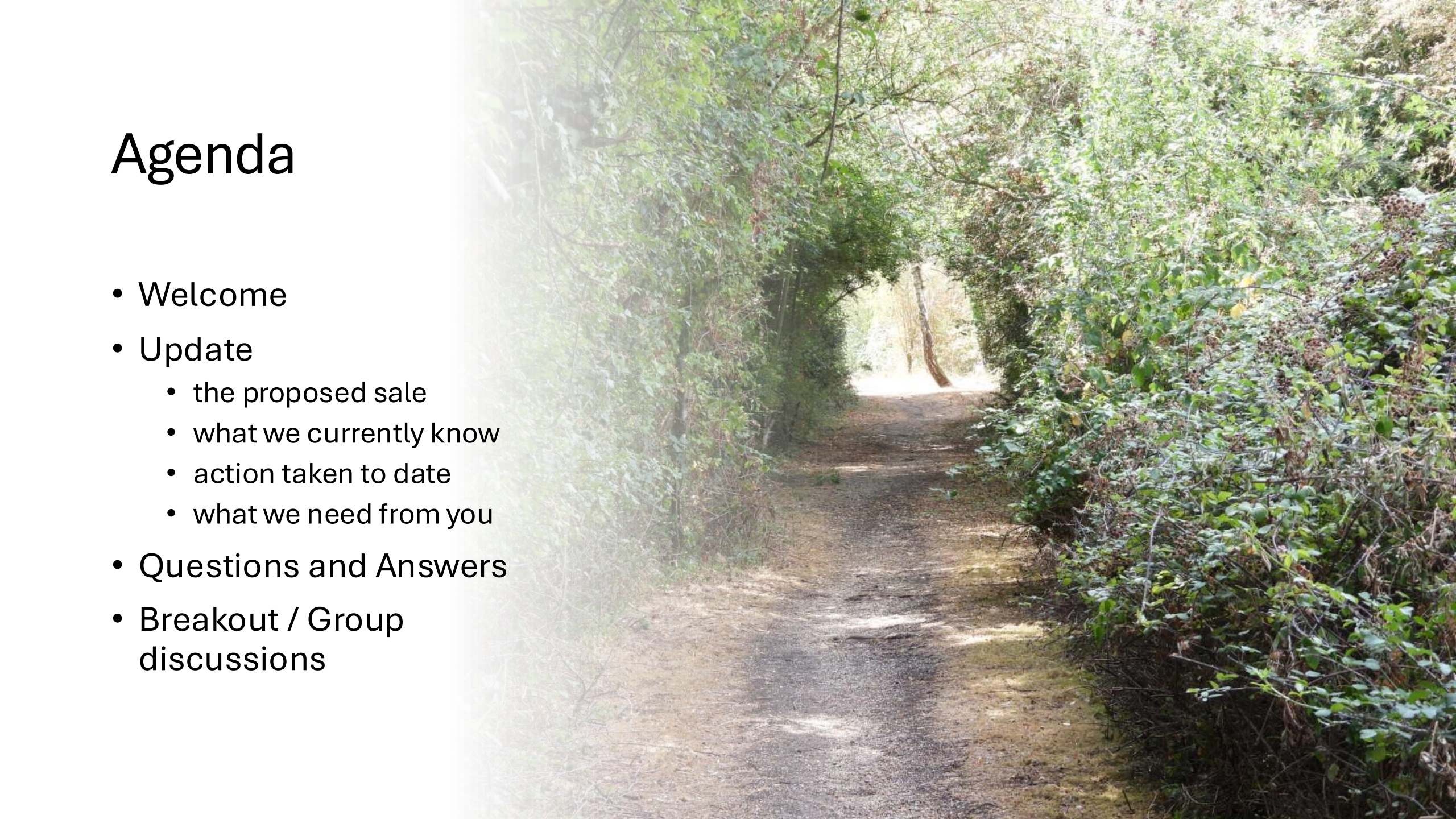

SAVE OUR LAKES
PUBLIC MEETING

Agenda

- Welcome
- Update
  - the proposed sale
  - what we currently know
  - action taken to date
  - what we need from you
- Questions and Answers
- Breakout / Group discussions



The history of Marsh Lane Lakes



early 1940's



1960s

As gravel extraction finished in the early 1980's limited public access was permitted

early 1980's



1999

HGPC listed the lakes as an ACV

2019

Between 2020 and 2023 resumed sand and gravel extraction south of Lake Ashmore

2020 and 2023



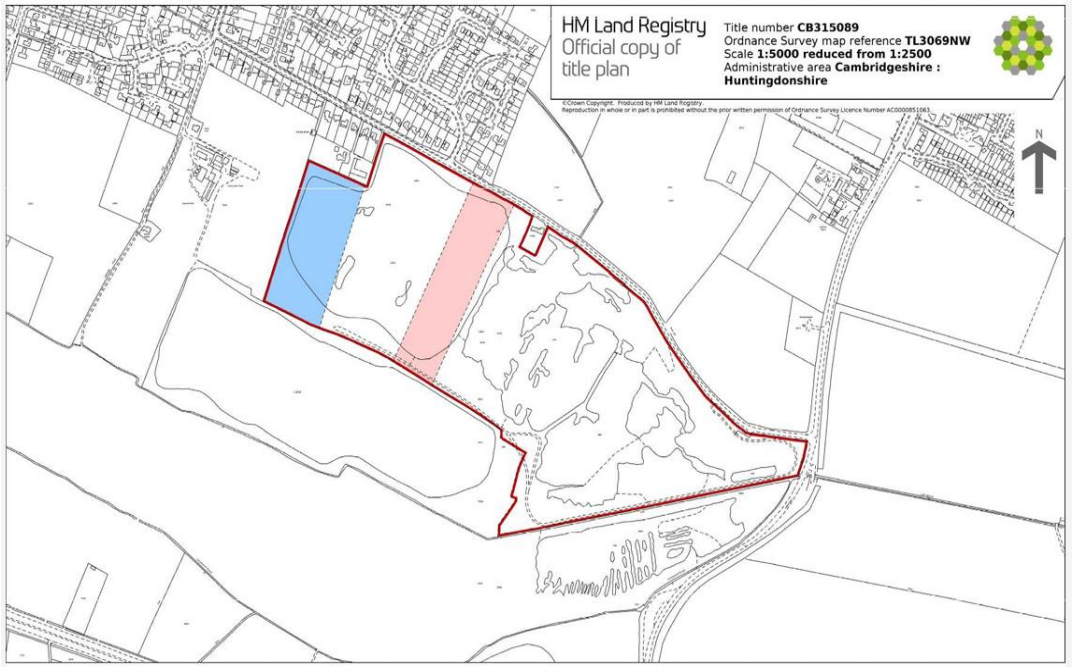
2025

Tarmac confirm their intention to dispose of the lakes and HGPC instigate a six-month moratorium

July 2026

What is for sale?

The site covered by the ACV is approximately 73 acres, (the lakes covering 50 acres and the remainder woodland and scrub) and has a guide price of £650,000





Additional land may be available, but we are awaiting the sales particulars

Who also might be interested?





Why protect Marsh Lane Lakes for the community?



Environmental value: Protecting local biodiversity, natural habitats, preventing unwanted private development.



Recreational value: Enhancing public access for quiet recreation - walking, fishing, and wildlife watching.



Social value: Creating a community-owned space that boosts local health, well-being, and civic pride.

A shared asset for generations to come

What been achieved so far

Steering Group

Richard Allen, Peter Quest, Keith Elliot, Anne Meredith, Kate Adtkin, Stephen Wright, Helen Peat, Riva Elliot, Richard Sewell, Deshini Newman



Finance and Fundraising

Legal and Governance

Environment and Biodiversity

Community Use and Recreation

Community Engagement and Communications

Planning and Infrastructure

What been achieved so far (2)

In addition to Tarmac's agent, we've contacted and spoken to:

- Histon and Impington Green Spaces
- Somersham Local Nature Reserve
- Great Ouse Valley Trust
- The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire
- The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
- Campaign to Protect Rural England, Countryside Regeneration Trust
- Langdyke Countryside Trust

- London Anglers Association
- Liquid Skillz
- Local landowners

- County and District Councillors
- Other Local Parish Councils



What we need from you today

- **Confirm your support** - let us know if you agree with a community purchase or not
- **Tell us your thoughts and ideas for the future of the Lakes**
- **Make a pledge** – let us how much you're willing to donate
- **Volunteer** - we're still looking for volunteers inc. surveyors, marketeers, web designers, and fundraisers.



Q&A

Breakout

On your tables please discuss:

- Do you think the community should buy the Lakes?
- What would you like to see happen to the Lakes?
- How would you like the Lakes to be used?
- Anything else you think is relevant
- Any other questions you have

Next steps …

Review and analyse feedback ideas, and pledges from today

Report back to the steering group and sub-groups

Make a go / no-go decision

Continue to dialogue with Tarmac, their agents, other key organisations,

Provide further regular updates – social media, printed versions and hopefully a dedicated website