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PART 1: Review Comments

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Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>The authors should, in the results and discussion section, indicate the outcome from the key informants interviews and direct field observations that were used to identify the key drivers of LUC change in the area, as indicated in the abstract</p> <p>Although the author (s) acknowledge that fewer number of studies have been conducted on micro-scales such as small and medium towns as the case of Umuahia, the authors have failed to indicate a gap in knowledge that the study filled given that similar studies have been done before in smaller towns like Umuahia. This should come out clearly in the introduction section.</p> <p>The map showing the study area (Figure 1) should immediately come after under the paragraph where it is mentioned and not at the end of the paper as an appendix. The same applies to all tables and figures</p> <p>The section - INTRODUCTION, should be moved to the materials and methods section and made as the first subsection. It should then be renamed – background to the study area.</p> <p>The entire results and discussion section should be separately organized and discussed as follows using subsections -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use 2001 • Land use change 2001-2011 • Land use change 2011-2021 <p>As discussions ensue for each of the above subsections, their corresponding LUC maps, tables and accuracy assessment should be presented.</p> <p>The authors should indicate the results of the key informants interviews and direct field observations that were conducted</p> <p>The authors should in the conclusion section indicate the implications of the research findings</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>Multiple citations on the same issue in the entire paper e.g. Wood et al., 2004; Abd El-Kawy, et al., 2011; Usman, et al., 2015; Leemhuis et al., 2017; Msofe et al., 2019, should be arranged chronologically starting with the most current publication.</p> <p>The authors should justify why the study was undertaken in Umuahia and not other towns in Nigeria.</p>	
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