I am strongly in favour of the station being moved to this end of the village: I get the train every day to work and this will save me 15 minutes each day.

However, this is a spectacularly ill-thought-through application. Firstly, the plans for access via Cody Rd take no account of the new houses that are currently being built on the east side of the road: these will have their main access via Cody Rd, but the plans for these (which must be accessible to the applicants) have not been considered. That road is already becoming congested thanks to residents parking, meaning that it is restricted to a single carriageway for stretches: no consideration has been made to manage this.

Furthermore, access via Cody Rd will increase the amount of traffic using the junction of Cody Rd and Bannold Rd, which is completely unable to take this volume of traffic. This is especially true given that it is the location of the village’s only doctor’s surgery.

In addition the junction of Bannold Rd and the High St needs serious attention: currently it will be unable to take the volume of traffic that is required, given that it is a succession of blind corners, firstly as you head west towards the junction, and then as you turn right onto Denny End Rd.

And finally, the applicants have taken the utterly perverse choice to locate the accessible bridge at the north end of the station platform. This will mean that everyone with mobility issues will be forced to walk an EXTRA 100m to access the southbound platform. This is baffling and can only be because they want to make disabled people’s lives harder than they already are, or because this is a rushed application that has not been fully thought through. As a generous person I hope it is the latter.