Proposed relocation of Waterbeach railway station by RLW Estates

I write in connection with the above planning application. I have examined the plans and I know the site well. I wish to object strongly to the proposed traffic route included in the planning application.

The various public consultations concerning the proposed Waterbeach New Town development have stressed the importance of sympathetic development to preserve the rural nature of the existing village. The protection of Waterbeach’s visual, historic and ecological assets have been at the forefront of the many presentations that I have seen.

I see the proposed routing of traffic in this planning application as poor design that fails to take the opportunities available for improving the character and quality of our area and the way that it functions:

- Cody Road is a small residential street and is not designed for the volume of traffic that will be routed down it. Routing traffic through the village does not fit with the promised sympathetic development.
- The proposed new road will be within metres of the back gardens of houses on Capper Road. These gardens currently back onto agricultural land and are fortunate to be afforded with the tranquillity that arises from this fact. A road so close to these houses will add considerable noise, light and air pollution which is detrimental to the health and wellbeing of the occupants. The proposed noise reduction solutions (ref. Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, Feb 2018) are inadequate. All-in-all, I fail to see how the proposed site of the new road is a sympathetic or an adequate option.

RLW Estates own a swathe of land and have the opportunity to provide infrastructure that is fit for purpose and also sets a positive tone with regards to the proposed Waterbeach New Town development. I do not feel that the proposal in its current form fulfils either of these things.

As an alternative to this proposal, I would support the construction of a road routing traffic directly from the A10 to the new station, moving the road further away from existing properties on Capper Road and Cody Road.

I understand that there are many reports that have been produced to support this proposal but I would ask that the person(s) charged with making the decision on this planning application visit the site and judge for themselves the impact that the proposed traffic route would have on the area.