Ref: S/0791/18/FL  Objection to relocation of Station, land between Cody Rd and railway North of Waterbeach.

I list my reasons for objecting to the above planning application.

1) I believe the Relocation of the Station to be detrimental to Waterbeach village and the surrounding villages. The distance required to use the proposed New Station would be a struggle for those passengers without their own transport, particularly the older generation and the less mobile. Many people have moved to the village of Waterbeach specifically because of the close proximity of the existing Station to their homes. I do not have confidence in RLW Estates promise of a shuttle bus service, as they have stated this service would depend on usage. There is no guarantee of a free service either. I believe that moving the Station will bring an increase of traffic through Waterbeach and the surrounding villages. Access via Cody Rd to the New Station for the villagers I believe is totally out of the question. Cody Rd is a narrow and extremely busy Rd that feeds a very large housing estate (the former Barracks homes). It and Bannold Rd have barely coped with the ongoing developments and their construction vehicles. Cody Rd and Bannold Rd would never be able to cope with construction traffic to the proposed New Station site. RLW Estates implication that people will be ferried there by bus, so not impacting on increased traffic is quite frankly laughable. Likewise the suggestion that construction traffic will come in from the A10 via Urban & Civic's development, when both developers seem to be not communicating nor working with each other. I believe this attitude will spell chaos for Waterbeach and the surrounding villages. If the Relocation were to go ahead I believe the disruption to Waterbeach village will be ongoing for many many years to come, with RLW’s plans for 4,500 New Homes to follow.

2) Great emphasis seems to be put on RLW's New Town residents being encouraged to park their cars in "Provided parking areas" so as to encourage them to use other modes of transport (meaning cycling or the New Station) I do not see the evidence to support this fact...it is merely supposition. It will lead to a huge increase in traffic using and passing through Waterbeach.

3) The land in question for proposed development falls below the 5 metre contour. The land is low-lying and prone to flooding (known as flood plain). The land is Greenfield, arable land which is presently farmed. It is unsuitable to walk the track through those fields between the months of October until April, it is just too water laden. I believe that this is why all the surveying work was carried out during the summer months.

4) The land in question is an area of land teeming with wildlife, Roe Deer, Muntjac Deer, Foxes, Herons, Small White Egrets, Pheasants, numerous birds of Prey and night life such as Owls and Bats. It is enjoyed as a peaceful haven by walkers and joggers as one of the few delights apart from the riverbank to be enjoyed.

5) The site lies in an area of archaeological potential. The land within the vicinity shows linear features of possible enclosures, these being interpreted as probable settlement eg. Early Saxon or Roman. It is likely that important archaeological remains survive in this area and therefore would be damaged/destroyed by the proposed Relocation of the Station/ and further development by RLW Estates.
6) I remain unconvinced that the Relocation of the Station is what Waterbeach/surrounding villages need, nor what the A10 can cope with. I feel this Relocation is just a ploy to get planning permission through at a later date for more housing on top of Urban & Civic’s former Barracks Brownfield site development. I believe that it would be viewed over time as an intention to further enlarge the proposed Station and this will lead to the ever expanding prospect of further housing over the years to come. I therefore strongly object.

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