Interested party comments – 19th March 2018

S/0791/18/FL - Land between Cody Road and railway, north of Waterbeach, Cambs

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Comments

1. Access- An access road from the A10 should be included from the start. The extra traffic generated on what are residential streets by people travelling FROM from the former married quarters and the new estates along Bannold Rd and Cody Rd is already adding significantly to the traffic down Way Lane and Bannold Rd. Traffic coming INTO the village to go to the proposed new station will cause increased congestion and be in conflict with traffic trying to leave the area. The suggested traffic calming will not reduce the congestion unless it deters people so much that they decide use Cambridge North instead. It could cause problems for residents. An increasing number of children are walking to school from homes north of Bannold Rd. They have to cross the road outside the doctors’ surgery where there is the staggered junction of Cody Rd, Bannold Rd and Way Lane. which is often difficult for both pedestrians and drivers. Increased traffic will only make this worse.

2. Station design. The design of the two lift towers looks horribly like watch towers for guards in a prison camp. Might it be possible to design something which is not only functional but reflects in some way the character of the older stations in this region? The proposed close board fencing on platform 1 means that passengers arriving or waiting for trains would not be able to see the rather lovely and distinctive Fen Edge views which contribute to making this area so special. Has the possibility been considered of using a transparent material for the boundary instead of a timber fence?. This would provide security and at the same time act as a shield from the wind. This might also reduce the visual impact of the station on the view from the East.