Neighbour comments – 24th March 2018

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

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Comments

I object to the application to relocate Waterbeach railway station as the proposals do not take into account the existing users of the current station. The assessment of walking times to the new location is not adequate and appears to be based on straight line distances and not the distance using public rights of way. Pedestrian access to the new station will also be poor, with the main route being a narrow road shared with cycles and some motorised vehicles. Rather than proper street lights, lights will be in the road surface where they will be easily obscured. Such inadequate lighting does not create a safe nor welcoming walking environment. The application suggests that a bus will be provided from the existing village for some rush hours trains at any new station but does not provide any details. Such an arrangement does not acknowledge that the current station is well used 7 days a week and not limited to a few trains during rush hour.

Road access to the new location is poor, with the main access being via narrow residential streets. Bus services to vicinity of the proposed station location are also poor, and have recently been significantly reduced due to the negative impact that it had on the rest of the bus route. The proposed station location is not on a through route to anywhere making it inconvenient for the majority of bus services. The application is also proposing traffic restrictions in Way Lane but there is appears to be no assessment of the impact that will have on the village.