I am writing to raise my concerns over aspects of the planning application for the proposed relocation of Waterbeach railway station. I am generally in favour of the proposed location of the station itself; my concerns are related to the use of Cody Road for construction vehicles and, later, for access to the station car park from the existing village.

**Road surface**
Cody Road is currently being used for construction vehicle access for a housing development to the east of Cody Road/north of Bannold Road, and in the last 24 months has been used by construction vehicles for access to the new housing development to the west of Cody Road. Since these developments began, the road surface has begun to crumble in numerous locations between Bannold Road and Kirby Road which suggests that this road is not suitable for use by heavy construction vehicles. I note that the application refers to using Bannold Road for some construction traffic; in my view this must be the case for all construction traffic unless it is completely unavoidable.

**Parking and driveway access on new developments**
The new housing development to the west of Cody Road has resulted in an increase to the number of cars parked along Cody Road, and the housing development to the east of Cody Road is likely to increase the number of cars parked on Cody Road. The development to the east will introduce another junction off Cody Road.

Parked cars have recently been cited as the reason for the removal of the Stagecoach #9 bus service to Cody Road, Capper Road and Kirby Road. I note that the application refers to assessments made of the suitability of Cody Road for bus access, however these only appear to go as far as assessing whether the buses will physically fit on an uncongested road, making no consideration to the effect of parked cars.

**Proposed new shop**
A new shop is proposed at the intersection of Capper Road and Cody Road, however no consideration appears to have been given to the affect of both of these applications being approved as-is.

**Junctions**
Access to the doctor’s surgery car park is situated very close to the junction between Cody Road and Bannold Road. An increase in traffic along this road is likely to make emerging from the surgery car park more dangerous than it already is.

The junction to Cody Road from Bannold Road is relatively narrow, and suitable for a low volume of residential traffic, not as an access road for a busy station car park.

People driving from the existing village to the station will approach Cody Road mainly from two directions; from the west, along Bannold Road from the High Street/Denny End Road, and from the south along Way Lane.

The junction from High Street/Denny End Road is unsighted at various points and an increase in traffic using this junction will increase the risk of incident.
Way Lane is effectively a single lane at the junction to Bannold Road due to parked cars, and an increase in traffic at this junction will also increase the risk of incident. Way Lane is particularly notable as morning rush hour will overlap with school drop-offs, at which time Way Lane is already heavily congested due to parked cars accessing the school.

**Summary**

Given the concerns listed above, I would recommend that the proposed station relocation should be considered as part of a more holistic view of the road infrastructure in the existing village, addressing:

- The junction between High Street/Denny End Road and Bannold Road, specifically the blind corners;
- The junction between Way Lane and Bannold Road, specifically parking on the junction;
- Way Lane, specifically relating to congestion at morning peak time where drivers wishing to access the station will come in to conflict with drivers dropping off children at the primary school;
- Cars parking on the road along Cody Road, limiting the flow of traffic and restricting bus access

I believe a better solution to the issue of vehicular access to the new station from the village would be to route traffic along a redeveloped Bannold Drove, and to postpone construction until an access road directly from the A10 is built, removing construction traffic from the village entirely.