Comments

I am a frequent user of Waterbeach Railway station both for business and pleasure and I wish to object to this proposal to move the railway station. The proposal will significantly affect the people in the village Waterbeach. The railway station, opened in 1845, is currently less than a 10 minute walk from the centre of the village which, if it was relocated, would make it much less practical for people in the village to use. The proposal to move the station clearly only benefits the new development not the current village. It has been cynically suggested with no regard to the existing community of Waterbeach and one can only assume so the developer can sell their new houses at a premium price.

Furthermore it has already been acknowledged that the Waterbeach to Kings Cross line is already at capacity and cannot be improved without major infrastructure changes. It is pointless building both a new town with a new railway station until this major issue is addressed. That's before we even start on the A10/A14 both already being over capacity.

The road access to the new station site also makes its choice of location inappropriate. Currently the railway station can be approached from two directions, from the village down the aptly named Station road or from Horningsea via Cleyhithe road. Moving the station to the end of Bannold Road will see a larger volume of traffic travelling through the village. Building a large car park will further encourage traffic through the village. Adding "pinch points" to the existing roads will both increase the noise levels for existing residence and also result in a large increase in air pollution as cars are forced to slow and stop at the pinch points. Believing a large of people will cycle is simply the stuff of fantasy.

The simple solution to this planning application is to reject it. I believe the platform length at the existing station are about to be extended to allow 8 carriage trains to use the station. This is an eminently sensible approach to improved the facilities for Waterbeach. There is ample land around the existing station to improve the facilities further if required.