Neighbour comments

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

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Comments

This station in its current location has been in use since 1851 and has served the village well, it is extremely well used and to move it almost a mile northwards will be at the detriment of the village residents. It does appear that the main reason for moving it is so that the developer RLW can build their 4000 - 5000 houses and no other reason. Network Rail have agreed to lengthen the platforms of the station so that the new longer 8 car units can stop safely at our station and that negates the need to move the station. The amount of accidents that have happened have been car driver error and nothing to do with the station, if the station was moved the crossing would still be there as traffic needs to get from South of the village such as Fen Ditton and Horningsea so would still need to cross the railway line. The problem that occurs if the station was moved would be that the trains would pass through this crossing at a much higher speed so an accidents would be more likely and not less likely.

The proposed new Rowing Lake complex that may be built on the South between Waterbeach and Milton will create more visitors to the area and it in the original plans it was expected that many people would arrive by train and walk to the venue. If the station was moved to the proposed area then that walk would be less appealing to many and could and probably would result in fewer people using the complex. This has a viability threat to the project as the business plan will need to show that the complex could be easily accessed and that will be in doubt if people have an issue with transport. We want people to leave their cars behind and use public transport and here we are creating that to be impractical. This planning application needs to be refused as completely out of order and impractical.