Neighbour Comments

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

Comment:

The proposed access route for both construction and public use is inappropriate for the volume of additional traffic which this development will generate.

This is because;

- Cody road is a minor residential road serving a contained housing estate.

- Recent residential development on both sides of the road has removed any potential for the sort of road-widening and addition of features which would be critical to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users in the event of a significant increase in traffic.

- Infrastructure layout around the Cody road / Bannold road junction is not designed to support a material increase in traffic. This includes;

  - proximity to the Way lane / Bannold road junction; and

  - presence of the Waterbeach Medical centre, with the majority of pedestrians accessing this site needing to cross either Cody road or Bannold road.

- Position of Cody road in relation to village entry points, forcing all traffic through the heart of the village

- Capacity along immediate access roads, most notably Way Lane which already presents significant safety concerns due to volume of traffic around the primary school entry point.

Access to the site directly from the A10, as designed in the original new town proposal, is the only way to completely eliminate risk and impact to the existing village.

Should direct A10 access not be possible, the creation of a new purpose-built access road running in parallel to the railway line would reduce many of the risks.

Alternatively, a new access road running in parallel to the railway line could connect the new town development with the existing station, negating the need for a station move. Network Rail's plans to upgrade and extend this station would then be undertaken and would allow the same increase in capacity included in the new station proposal.