Neighbour Comments

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

Comment:

In principle the idea of relocating the station is a sound one, however, the present application falls down on several points:

1. The new station location will result in considerably increased traffic on Way Lane, Bannold Road, and Cody Road. We need better traffic management at the junctions between these roads, especially at busy times. This is especially true given that the planned shared-use path on Bannold Drive is to the east of Way Lane and Cody Road: cyclists and pedestrians from most of the village intending to use it will need to cross this newly busy junction somehow.

2. Much of the motivation for this station relocation is to serve residents of the new large housing developments by U&C and RLW, to the north of the village. Yet as it stands, the first residents of those developments - in phase 1 of the U&C development - will have to use the A10, Denny End Road, and Bannold Road to access the station. Clearly the intention is that, at some future date, access to the station from the new developments will be along new roads within those new developments, and not along the proposed access road from Cody Road. It seems best therefore to require the construction of these roads *prior* to construction of the station, or of the phase 1 houses, whichever is sooner. Possibly this could also be used for better access to the station from the village, for instance joining such a new road through the old Barracks entrance. This may well be preferable to the Cody Road access which may well be too much traffic for this narrow residential street.

3. Construction traffic for the new station should similarly be required to use roads through the U&C and RLW sites. Problems during recent developments along Bannold Road have shown the unsuitability of the existing village roads for heavy construction traffic.