Dear Mike Huntington,

Planning application reference: S/0791/18/FL

Relocated railway station comprising platforms, pedestrian bridges, access road, pedestrian and cycle routes, car and cycle parking, with other associated facilities and infrastructure: Land between Cody Road and railway, north of Waterbeach, Cambs.

Thank you for consulting Network Rail on the above application. We have been working closely with the applicant on the design of this station and fully support the proposed relocation.

The current Waterbeach Station would require considerable improvements to ensure it can meet the predicted upward growth trend in customers from the local area, which is largely anticipated as a result of the 11,000 new dwellings proposed to the north of the existing village. Relocating the station would allow for a station to be built in accordance with modern rail industry standards, whilst providing a safe interchange for customers travelling to and from the station on foot, bicycle, public transport and by car.

It is understood that the applicant will be signing up to an Asset Protection Agreement with Network Rail to allow them to undertake the construction of the station in line with rail industry standards.
It must be noted that the proposed relocation of the station does not remove the fact that the level crossing immediately adjacent to the current location of Waterbeach Station remains a high risk level crossing. An assessment of the status of the level crossing and suggested improvements can be found in response to application reference S/0559/17/OL.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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