

# Waterbeach Parish Council

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**The Old Pavilion  
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Dear Mike

**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  
RLW Estates Ltd

The railway station application is of great local interest and concern and Waterbeach Parish Council (WPC) wishes to undertake a full local consultation involving a public discussion. Unfortunately, the timing of the application in relation to the local elections is such that this event cannot be organised in advance of the purdah period. The Council is therefore not in a position to make a full and final response but is submitting this holding reply as you requested.

Having regard to the strength of feeling already expressed the Council wishes to lodge a holding objection pending completion of the consultation process.

In particular WPC expresses concern in relation to the following matters:

1. The Council considers that the application is premature having regard to the uncertain planning position of the local plan, SPD and application for the new settlement.
2. The Council considers that on its own, and without planned context of the proposed new settlement, the relocation of the station is not necessary.
3. The Council is extremely concerned at the proposed access arrangements, especially the use of Cody Road for private car access, to be wholly unsuitable and inadequate.
4. The Council is extremely concerned at the proposed access arrangements for construction traffic via Bannold Drove which is deemed unsuitable.
5. The Council questions the need to build a new station at this point given that it will only accommodate an 8-carriage train, which is the same as the proposed upgrade to the current railway station.
6. With the proposed new settlement, and the use of the current use of the railway station, is there a requirement to consider operating both the relocated station and the current station.
7. The Council considers that the position of the lift at the end of the platform could cause problems for disabled users in the event of an evacuation.

8. The Council opposes the loss of a rural bridleway due to the location of the station.



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