

## WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### Planning Committee 28 March 2018

#### Item 17/132i)– PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A RELOCATED RAILWAY STATION FOR WATERBEACH S/0791/18/FL

#### Note from the Clerk

At its March meeting, the Parish Council agreed it wished to consult residents on the application but, given the restriction imposed by purdah in view of the pending local council elections, it is unable to do so before these have been held on 3 May. The Clerk is exploring options to hold such an event in the week commencing 15 May.

The District Council is sympathetic to our predicament but requires us to send in at least some initial comments. Having taken advice from Tim Slater, our Planning Consultant, the following text is therefore suggested and now tabled for agreement from the Planning Committee:

*The railway station application is of great local interest and concern, and Waterbeach Parish Council wishes to undertake a full local consultation involving a public exhibition. 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 and as such the council is not in a position to make a full and final response.*

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

*In particular WPC expresses concern in relation to the following matters.*

- *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.*
- *The Council considers that on its own and without planned context of the proposed new settlement, the new station is not necessary*
- *The Council is extremely concerned at the interim access arrangements, especially the use of Cody Road for private car access, to be wholly unsuitable and inadequate*