

6th January 2025

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Dear Secretary of State,

Cambourne to Cambridge Busway – Response to Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) Application

We are the owners of the land known as 'Bourn Airfield', a site which now benefits from outline planning permission for approximately 3,500 new dwellings and associated infrastructure (South Cambridgeshire District Council planning permission reference S/3440/18/OL, dated 30 July 2024, 'the Bourn Airfield permission') illustrated on the attached red line plan. The route of the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway ('the CtoC scheme') passes through the Bourn Airfield site, and we welcome the provision of this new transport infrastructure to facilitate sustainable development along the A428 corridor.

There are clear and important links between the delivery of the CtoC scheme and the implementation of the Bourn Airfield permission, and we do not therefore raise any in principle objection to this TWAO in relation to extent of the route which falls within the Bourn Airfield site. We have had an opportunity to consider the material submitted with the TWAO application, but there are a number of matters which require further consideration and we are therefore submitting this holding representation to allow us to consider the detail further.

In particular, work is ongoing to:

- 1) consider the physical compatibility and consistency of the submitted TWAO details against the details approved under the Bourn Airfield permission, including the parameter plans, and details required pursuant to planning conditions, to ensure the approvals will allow co-ordinated delivery; and
- 2) to analyse the assumptions in the Transport Assessment and the alignment with the Bourn Airfield permission.

This holding representation is also necessary because we are contracted to sell the site to a master developer who will oversee the reserved matters approvals and implementation of the permission. We anticipate that the master developer will be in a position to represent the Bourn Airfield site by the time of any public inquiry into the TWAO, including to demonstrate how the development of the site is able to support the delivery of the CtoC scheme.

As a continuation of the ongoing engagement recorded in the Planning Statement which forms part of the application for the TWAO, we and the master developer would welcome the opportunity to discuss the CtoC scheme further in advance of any public inquiry into the Order and consider that the preparation and agreement of a Statement of Common Ground would be mutually beneficial.

Yours sincerely,

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