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Inquiry into:

THE CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE ORDER

SUMMARY OF PROOF OF EVIDENCE

of

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On behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council

8th August 2025

Planning Inspectorate reference: DPI/E0535/25/1

Barrell reference: 25024-Allder-Proof-Arboriculture

1. I am instructed by The Greater Cambridge Partnership to provide a Proof of Evidence relating to the Transport and Works Act Order application for a public transport route linking Cambourne to Cambridge.

2. I am the author of the Arboriculture Proof of Evidence ref: 25024-DRAFT-Allder-Proof-Arboriculture, and have visited the site during the course of my instruction. I am a Chartered Forester (www.charteredforesters.org), and a Fellow and Registered Consultant of the Arboricultural Association (www.trees.org.uk), and have the requisite experience and qualifications to undertake the assessments in this report (https://www.barrelltreecare.co.uk/who-we-are/).

3. I can confirm that the evidence which I have prepared and provide for this Inquiry is true and I confirm that the opinions expressed are my true and professional opinions.

4 My evidence will consider the following elements in relation to the apple trees within Coton Orchard:

   a. Policy and guidance relating to veteran trees in a development context
   b. Tree protection, translocation and mitigation proposals
   c. Conclusion

5. Six trees numbered T5-T10 inclusive are directly affected by the proposed works within the limits of the route. In summary:

   - Trees T5, T9, and T10 will be retained and protected in accordance with best practice industry recommendations, without detrimental impact.
   - Trees T6, T7 and T8 will be successfully translocated by nationally recognised tree moving specialists without loss or deterioration of their ongoing contribution to habitat biodiversity.

6. In conclusion, the scheme does not cause an unacceptable tree loss in terms of the veteran apple trees. Compensation and mitigation proposals will provide for enhancement to the orchard of significant benefit well into the long term. The proposals comply with the national and local policy requirements, and do not cause any unacceptable impacts in respect of the retained trees