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# The Cambridge South East Transport Order

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### Application Letter

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To The Secretary of State for Transport

**Transport and Works Act 1992**

**Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006**

**Application to the Secretary of State under s 6 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for an order under s 1 and 5 of that Act.**

**Proposed Cambridge South East Transport Order**

1. Cambridgeshire County Council (**County Council**) hereby applies, pursuant to section 6 of the Transport and Works Act 1992, for an Order under sections 1 and 5 of that Act referred to as the draft Cambridge South East Transport Order (**draft CSET Order**) accompanying this application.
2. The purpose of the draft CSET Order is to authorise works and purchase of land for implementation of Phase 2 of the Cambridge South East Transport project; namely to allow the construction, operation and maintenance of a guided busway between Cambridge Biomedical Campus at the southern end of Francis Crick Avenue in Cambridge and a new travel hub facility at the A1307/A11/A505 road junction southeast of the village of Babraham (**the Scheme**) for the purposes of the following Scheme objectives:
  - Objective 1 - Improve connectivity to employment sites in South East Cambridge and central Cambridge
  - Objective 2 - Support the continued growth of Cambridge and South Cambridge's economy
  - Objective 3 - Improve road safety for all users of the A1307 corridor
  - Objective 4 - Relieve congestion and improve air quality in South East Cambridge
  - Objective 5 - Improve active travel infrastructure and public transport provision in South East Cambridge
3. The CSET Order, if granted, would authorise the construction, maintenance, and operation by the County Council of a two-way guided busway using one or more of the modes prescribed in

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article 2(g), (h), (i) or (j) of the Transport and Works (Guided Transport Modes) Order 1992 as amended. The CSET Order is sought together with the approval of a request being made to the Secretary of State for Transport to give a direction under section 90(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission, so far as it is required, shall be deemed to be granted for the Scheme to be authorised by the CSET Order.

The draft CSET Order makes provision for:

- a two-way, mostly segregated guided busway approximately 8.5 kilometres in length commencing at Cambridge Biomedical Campus at the southern end of Francis Crick Avenue in Cambridge and terminating at a new travel hub facility near to the A1307/A11/A505 road junction southeast of the village of Babraham;
- intermediate bus stops at Great Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston with upgraded walking and cycling routes to the stops and an emergency and maintenance access track running alongside the entire route designed as a multi-user facility to be shared by pedestrians, cyclists and, for part of the route, horse riders;
- a new travel hub building and Park and Ride site between the A11 and Babraham with car access from the A1307 and an improved active travel route connecting the travel hub with Babraham High Street;
- new bridges over the River Granta and Hobson's Brook to provide for the guided busway and adjoining emergency and maintenance track;
- access roads, temporary compounds, stopping up, diversion and creation of public rights of way, highway crossings, drainage works, embankments, landscaping and attenuation and infiltration ponds.

4. The draft CSET Order, if made, would also permit:

- the compulsory acquisition of land for the proposed works and ancillary purposes, including worksites; the acquisition of rights and restrictive covenants over specified land; provisions for the temporary use of land in connection with the proposed scheme; and the extinction and creation of private rights;
- the temporary stopping up of highways; provisions relating to streets; and powers to survey and investigate land;
- powers to carry out certain works in the highway and the right to use private roads for the purposes of construction;
- powers to carry out works to streets including the temporary diversion of streets.

5. In accordance with Rule 10 of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 we enclose electronic copies of the following:

- Draft CSET Order – (Document ref: CSET 02-00-00)
- Explanatory Memorandum – (Document ref: CSET 03-00-00)
- Statement of Aims (Document ref: CSET-04-00)
- Consultation Report – (Document ref: CSET 05-00-00)
- Declaration of Status of Applicant – (Document ref: CSET 06-00-00)
- List of consents, permissions or licences required under other enactments – (Document ref: CSET 07-00-00)

- Funding Statement – (Document ref: CSET 08-00-00)
- Estimate of Costs – (Document ref: CSET 09-00-00)
- Environmental Statement (Non-Technical Summary) – (Document ref: CSET 10-01-00)
- Environmental Statement – (Document ref: CSET 10-02-00)
- Environmental Statement (Appendices and Technical Reports) (Document ref: CSET 10-03-00 to CSET 10-58-00)
- Deposited Order Plans (Document ref: CSET 11-DO1-00 to CSET 11-DO6-00)
- Deemed Planning Drawings (Document ref: CSET 12-DP1-00 to CSET 12-DP7-00)

6. The following documents are also included with this application:

- Book of Reference (Document ref: CSET 13-00-00)
- Request for Deemed Planning Permission (Document ref: CSET 14-00-00) which includes proposed planning conditions
- Planning Statement and Green Belt Assessment (Document ref: CSET 15-00-00)
- Design and Access Statement (Document ref: CSET 16-00-00)
- Equalities Impact Assessment (Document ref: CSET 17-00-00) and Equality Impact Assessment Technical Note (CSET-17-01-00)
- Transport Assessment (Document ref: CSET 19-00-00)
- Outline Business Case (Document ref: CSET 20-00-00)
- Outline Business Case Addendum (Document Ref: CSET 21-01-00 to CSET 21-05-00)
- Outline Business Case Addendum Appendices (Document ref: CSET 21-06-00 to CSET 21-16-00)

All references to the Proposed Development and the CSET2 Scheme (or similar unless the context indicates otherwise) in these application documents are to be read as referring to the Scheme. Moreover, and for the avoidance of doubt, all references to the CSET2 Order in these application documents are to be read as referring the CSET Order.

7. In accordance with Rule 19 the applicant has also paid (via BACS) the relevant fee to the Secretary of State in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Rules. This has been calculated to be £92,400 based on 116 hectares of order land.

### **Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership (GCP)**

8. Whilst this application is made by the County Council, reference is made to GCP throughout in the application documents and on the cover sheets. The reason for this is that although GCP is tasked with promoting public transport schemes including the Scheme provided for in the draft CSET Order, it is not a legal entity capable of making an application for a Transport and Works Act Order under Section 20 of the Transport and Works Act 1992.
9. GCP was set up under the Greater Cambridge City Deal which was signed with central Government on the 19 June 2014 on behalf of all five local partners comprising GCP, the County

Council, Cambridge City Council, South Cambridge District Council, the Greater Cambridge and Peterborough Enterprise Partnership and the University of Cambridge. GCP has a constitution and the GCP Executive Board represents all the five partners including now the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

10. GCP Executive Board is a statutory joint committee formed by the representative local authorities and is a decision-making body formed under 102(1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 9EB of the Local Government Act 2000. A joint committee is not a self-standing legal entity but is able to carry out delegated activities on behalf of its constituent authorities. Governance arrangements are in place between the authorities and the GCP Executive Board which specifically provide for delivery of the City Deal and its objectives including the Scheme. Specific arrangements are also in place for the County Council to make this application on behalf of GCP and officers acting under the remit of the of GCP Executive Board have prepared the application and instructed consultants in the preparation of the application.
11. All requests for further information and all notices or other documents required to be served upon the applicant should be sent, marked for the attention of Richard Guyatt, to Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP.

We would be grateful if you could also acknowledge receipt of this application by writing to Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP at the above address.

Yours faithfully

*Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP*

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on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council