The Cambourne to Cambridge Order

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To The Secretary of State for Transport

Transport and Works Act 1992

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 in the terms of the draft Order (**draft Order**) accompanying this application.

2. The object of the draft Order is to authorise works and purchase of land to allow the implementation, operation and maintenance of a guided busway, mostly segregated from local highways between Cambourne and Cambridge (**the Scheme**), for the purposes of:

   (i) improving accessibility to support the continued growth of Greater Cambridge and

   (ii) delivering a sustainable transport network that connects Cambourne to Cambridge and

   (iii) enhancing the quality of life by relieving congestion and improving air quality.

3. The draft Order would authorise the construction, maintenance, and operation by the County Council of a guided busway using one or more of the modes prescribed in article 2(g), (h), (i) or (j) of the Transport and Works (Guided Transport Modes) Order 1992 and 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 development proposed to be authorised by the draft Order. The Order, if made, authorises the County Council to construct, operate and maintain:

   - a two-way guided busway 13.6 kilometres in length commencing at Sterling Way, Cambourne and terminating at Grange Road, Cambridge segregated from local highways except for stretches of on-road running along St Neots Road, Hardwick and Charles Babbage Road within the Cambridge University West Cambridge Campus;

   - intermediate bus stops along the route and an emergency and maintenance access track running alongside the two-way guided busway for most of the length of the guided busway which would be accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. Most of the length of the track will also function as a bridleway or permissive bridleway;

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- a new travel hub building and Park and Ride site at Scotland Farm, Dry Drayton with access for the buses over the existing bridge carrying Scotland Road over the A428;

- new bridges over the M11 and at Bin Brook to provide for the two-way 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 and attenuation and infiltration ponds.

4. The draft 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;

- acquisition of replacement land for exchange open space land.

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

- Draft Order – (Document ref: CtoC-02-00)

- Explanatory Memorandum – (Document ref: CtoC-03-00)

- Statement of Aims (Document ref: CtoC-04-00)

- List of consents, permissions or licences required under other enactments – (Document ref: CtoC-05-00)

- Consultation Report – (Document ref: CtoC-06-00)

- Funding Statement – (Document ref: CtoC-07-00)

- Estimate of Costs – (Document ref: CtoC-08-00)

- Environmental Statement (Non-Technical Summary) – (Document ref: CtoC-09-00)

- Environmental Statement – (Document ref: CtoC-10-00)

- Environmental Statement (Appendices and Technical Reports) (Document ref: CtoC-10-ES1-00 to ES4-00 and CtoC-11- TR01-00 to TR14-00)

- Deposited Order Plans (Document ref: CtoC-12-D01-00 to DO6-00)

- Book of Reference) (Document ref: CtoC-13-00)

- Request for Deemed Planning Permission (Document ref: CtoC-14-00) which includes proposed planning conditions

- Deemed Planning Drawings (Document ref: CtoC-16-DP1-00 to DP7-00)
- Declaration of Status of Applicant (Document ref: CtoC-24-00)

The following documents are also included with this application:

- Outline Business Case (Document ref: CtoC-20-00)
- Outline Business Case Addendum (Document Ref: CtoC-21-00)
- Planning Statement (Document ref: CtoC-15-00)
- Design and Access Statement (Document ref: CtoC-17-00)
- Green Belt Assessment (Document ref: CtoC-18-00)
- Transport Assessment (Document ref: CtoC-25-00)
- Code of Construction Practice Document ref: CtoC-26-00)

6. A certificate under Section 19 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 is also required for the purposes of the proposals included in the application for the draft Order. The following request is hereby made to the Secretary of State for a certificate under section 19(1)(a) that in relation to the acquisition of open space land there will be land given in exchange as provided in the following documents:

   - Open Space Assessment (Document ref: CtoC-19-00)
   - Application for certificate regarding open space (Document ref: CtoC-22-00)

7. Please note, historic references to “C2C” in the application documents should now be read as “CtoC.”

8. 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 £84,150.00 based on 92.86 hectares of order land.

Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership (GCP)

9. Whilst this application is made by the County Council, reference is made to GCP in the application documents and on the cover sheets. The reason for this is that although GCP is funded and tasked with promoting public transport schemes including the Scheme provided for in the draft 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.

10. GCP was set up under the Greater Cambridge City Deal which was signed with Government on the 19th of June 2014 on behalf of all five local partners comprising GCP, the County Council, Cambridge City Council, South Cambridge District Council the Greater Cambridge Greater 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.

11. 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.

12. 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

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