

Cambridgeshire County Council Summary of Relevant Representations (as submitted March 2022)

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Main issues

- 1 The following is a summary of the main issues raised in full in the Relevant Representations response provided to The Planning Inspectorate in March 2022.
- 2 Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) has a number of concerns relating to the quality of the information shared in the Environmental Statement. More evidence is required to allow CCC to fully understand the impacts of the scheme and have a view to whether the mitigation measures proposed are sufficient. There are a number of issues related to the quality of the assessments and assumptions used. In addition, more detail is needed at this stage of the process to assure the county council aspects of the scheme are deliverable.
- 3 The County Council seeks these matters to be resolved ahead of any consent given to the scheme.

Key concerns

- 4 The following is a summary of the key concerns identified by technical officers:
 - 4.1 Transport and Access. There is a lack of evidence supporting assumptions made and the conclusions to assessments provided. Consequently, there are several impacts CCC is of the opinion are not sufficiently assessed.
 - 4.2 The draft DCO has not got sufficient highway provisions to ensure the local highway authority is adequately engaged and protected.
 - 4.3 Cultural Heritage Archaeology. CCC's Historic Environment Team (Archaeological Service) has been working with the applicant on the design and carrying out of archaeological evaluation work since the early stages of the project. The mitigation strategy is currently vague and requires development. Relevant documents in the submission pack will need to be revised once an agreed mitigation strategy has been developed: for example, APP-257 Schedule of Environmental Mitigation, and APP-123 ES Appendix 16C Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (FCTMP) and Travel Plan. An Historic Environment Management Plan should be prepared to provide a mechanism by which specific sites will be suitably protected.
 - 4.4 Ecology and Nature Conservation. The ES provides inadequate detail in its assessments. This includes insufficient evidence to demonstrate the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) for the scheme. More supporting information and clarification is required. Until such time as these details

are provided, CCC cannot be satisfied the scheme has adequately mitigated its impacts.

- 4.5 Flood Risk, Drainage and Water Resources. There is a lack of data to evidence the feasibility of the approach adopted and measures proposed. There is no flood zone compensation proposed. More detail of the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features is required.
- 4.6 Socio-Economic and Land Use. Whilst the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) has been provided, the capability to produce crops seems to be understated. Grade 3 soils in Cambridgeshire can produce a great deal more than a Grade 3 soils in other areas of the country. The assessment needs to reflect this. Also suitable mitigation measures need to be in place to address soil compaction on sites during construction, operation and decommissioning.