

(Part of Item 5.1 iii referring to badgers should be redacted prior to publication)

## Introduction

1.1 This is the Submission at Deadline 2 D2 of Fen Ditton Parish Council to cover:

- Comments on WR
- Responses to comments on RR
- Comments on responses to ExA's ExQ1
- Comments on LIR
- Comments on any submissions received at D1
- Responses to any further information requested by ExA

1.2 As instructed, references include the document number from the Examination Library. Other documents referenced are listed as footnotes with the exception of the D2 submissions of the Save Honey Hill community group (SHH 17 to SHH 31). FDPC supports the SHH community group and will seek to avoid repeating the detailed points they raise.

## 2 Comments on WR

2.1 South Cambridgeshire District Council (REP1- 141). Please refer to FDPC's comments below on the SCDC LIR.

2.2 Cambridgeshire County Council (REP1-139). Please refer to FDPC's comments below on the CoCC LIR.

2.3 Cambridge City Council (REP-128). Please refer to FDPC's comments below on the CCC LIR.

## 3 Responses to Comments on RR

3.1 The Applicant's comments on the FDPC's RR are given in Table 3.6 of REP1- 078. Please refer to FDPC's responses to the Applicant's documents Post Hearing Submission (REP1-082) below.

## 4 Comments on responses to ExA's ExQ1

4.1 There were no responses due from FDPC to ExA's ExQ1.

4.2 FDPC agrees with SHH's comments on responses by the Applicant (SHH 28), by the Environment Agency (SHH 26), by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SHH 18), Cambridge City Council (SHH 29) and Cambridgeshire County Council (SHH 30).

## 5 Comments on LIRs

5.1 South Cambridgeshire District Council LIR (REP1- 139).

- i. FDPC disagrees with SCDC's overall conclusions supporting the Application given in LIR section 22. Please refer to SHH's detailed arguments.
- ii. FDPC agrees with SCDC's conclusion in para 22.3 that there would be negative consequences and that the items listed are incomplete. FDPC considers further mitigation would be required to reduce these impacts if the DCO is approved. Please also refer to SHH's detailed arguments.
- iii. FDPC wishes to follow up two concerns about the natural environment and biodiversity since SCDC's LIR response item 11.1 describes how SCDC Local Plan Policy NH4 may cover measures

including creating, enhancing and managing wildlife habitats and networks, and natural landscape. This item is relevant to the presence of Protected Species and rare and endangered species in the PD. In the last few days, a resident has commented in personal discussion with the FDPC Chairman that a person was seen loitering around badger setts in the Low Fen Drove CWS in the last few days. FDPC reports this in case this activity was not part of any permitted monitoring of badgers or might interfere with such monitoring in connection with the PD. The resident also commented that 'ground nesting bees' have been seen nesting in the embankment and trackbed of the disused railway. FDPC's other concern is that the observation and understanding of the specific siting of rare and endangered species should be improved beyond that quoted in para 8.1.13 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (AS-072) and that the PD requires further mitigation to avoid destroying them.

#### 5.2 Cambridgeshire County Council LIR (REP1- 133).

- i) FDPC considers further mitigation would be required to reduce the adverse impacts beyond those noted by CoCC if the DCO is approved. Examples include FDPC's recommendation for an increased height of the bund to improve visual screening which goes further than CoCC's discussion of PROW's and NMU's in para 10.22. Please also refer to SHH's detailed arguments. Refer also to FDPC WR REP1-143.

#### 5.3 Cambridge City Council LIR (REP-128)

- i) FDPC's comments mirror those given on SCDC's LIR (REP1-139)

### 6 Comments on any submissions received at D1

#### 6.1 Applicant's documents Post Hearing Submission (REP1-082)

- i) Alternatives, Table 1-1, Item1.1. FDPC disagrees with the Applicant's submission. Please refer to SHH's discussion of alternatives relating to site selection including the potential for remaining on the existing site, the inclusion of the Waterbeach pipeline in the permanent works and the possible additional extension of the pipeline to the Cambridge WRC as an interim measure.
- ii) Traffic, Table 1-1, Item1.2a. FDPC welcomes the, previously omitted, inclusion of a prohibited right turn movement from B1047 Horningsea Road into the works which is referenced Schedule 9, Part 2 in the Applicant's DCO REP1-003. However, as noted also by SHH, this third item should be corrected to read "northbound" instead of "southbound".
- iii) Traffic, Table 1-1, Item1.2a. With reference to the Applicant's response, FDPC wishes to be included as a stakeholder.

FDPC remains concerned that the commitment, C64 (REP1-056), to avoid construction and operational HGV movements to the village may be breached especially if the A14 becomes blocked.

Items 2B.3 and 2B.4. FDPC is also concerned about use by any construction or operational traffic of, firstly, Low Fen Drove as a through route linking High Ditch Road and Horningsea Road and, secondly, use of High Ditch Road as a shorter route linking B1047 Horningsea Road and Newmarket Road. FDPC repeats its concern for the natural environment along Low Fen Drove including the rare and endangered species reported there. FDPC would welcome partial closure of Low Fen Drove to through traffic. FDPC agrees with SHH's submissions which include the point that exclusion of the office

facilities for non-operational staff would reduce the number of non-HGVs accessing the works. Refer also to FDPC WR REP1-143.

- iv) Visual impact of the site, Table 1-1, Item1b. With reference to the Applicant's response, FDPC wishes to be included as a stakeholder.

FDPC considers the height of the bund should be increased by at least 1m to improve visual screening. Refer also to FDPC WR REP1-143.

- v) Black Ditch, Table 1-1, Item1c. FDPC supports SHH's submissions on this. Refer also to FDPC WR REP1-143.
- vi) River Cam, FDPC supports SHH's submissions on this concern which include coverage of water quality, flood risk, loss of river bank habitat, recreational use of the river and PROW between Baits Bite Lock and Green End. Refer also to FDPC WR REP1-143.
- vii) Overhanging vegetation DCO part 4. Refer to FDPC WR REP1-143.

## [7 Responses to any further information requested by ExA](#)

### 7.1 No further information from FDPC has been requested by ExA