

10 September 2019



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY



Dear [REDACTED],

Internal ref: EIR03

With reference to your letter received by the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority on 22 August 2019 reference [REDACTED] please find the response provided below:

Question:

My wife and I have the above mentioned property on the market for sale. We have received considerable interest in the property and a number of offers, but to date all offers have been withdrawn on the grounds that the new railway station and associated infrastructure make for an uncertain future for our home and adjoining land.

We have received no approach from or on behalf of ECDC in relation to either the property or the land and have received no information suggesting that either of these will or may be impacted by the Council's plans.

Indeed the Mayor has shown interest in our land should we ever be inclined to sell, suggesting that whatever plans ECDC has there will have a positive affect on its value. As you can appreciate my wife and I are anxious to establish whether there is any merit to potential purchased concerns over the possible impact of ECDCs plans.

In the circumstances could you please confirm to us what, if any, plans or proposals ECDC has for our property and/or land and the land and property and the proposed station.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your prompt response.

[REDACTED]

Further to your letter to East Cambridgeshire District Council of 19 August 2019, which was subsequently forwarded to ourselves and the contents of which are noted.

In relation to the proposed development of Phase 1 of Soham station with a single platform and a pedestrian overbridge to replace the current pedestrian crossing at that location, there was a public information event in February 2019.

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The station location remains the same as always in the location of the former station off Mill Corner in the centre of Soham, on existing Network Rail land. The development of the station at Soham we believe will be of significant benefit providing a public transport solution to the town that currently doesn't exist and will we hope encourage existing residents to switch from their cars to this mode of transport and equally encourage the future growth of the town both in housing and employment opportunities.

Following the delivery of Phase 1, we hope there to be a Phase 2, a second platform and lifts adjacent to the footbridge, but this is very much dependent on the installation of a second track, for which there is no current commitment from the Department for Transport or Network rail, but for which we are in discussion with both and the freight operating companies to influence this coming back into the Department for Transport and Network Rail future plans.

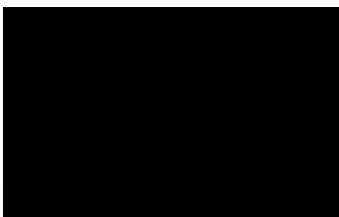
I hope this allays your concerns and enables you to provide confidence for future prospective purchasers.

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address – contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Incubator 2, The Boulevard, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon, PE28 4XA within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.


If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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