

The Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Ltd response to Policy S/WNT

Part 15b of policy S/WNT requires Waterbeach New Town to provide direct, segregated high quality pedestrian and cycle links to nearby existing facilities such as Cambridge Research Park.

We support part 15b of policy S/WNT as it promotes sustainable travel and enables effective integration between Waterbeach New Town and the adjacent Cambridge Research Park which is an Established Employment Area. High-quality walking and cycling connections will reduce reliance on private car trips and support access to jobs, services and facilities across Waterbeach New Town and to and from Cambridge Research Park. It should be recognised that occupiers of CRP will still need to travel using the private vehicle in light of the timescales for the new sustainable travel based infrastructure.

This approach is consistent with paragraph 109 of the NPPF 2024, which requires transport issues to be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making and development, using a vision-led approach to promote walking, cycling and public transport and to create well-designed, sustainable places.

Policy S/WNT and part 15b of policy S/WNT is therefore considered to be justified and effective as set out in paragraph 36 of the NPPF 2024.