

Cambridgeshire County Council
Place and economy services management team
Shire Hall, Castle Hill
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Attention: Mr Graham Hughes

18th Sept 2018

Dear Mr Hughes,

Fen Road Level Crossing and Cambridge Northern Fringe Development

Although not I am not fully aware of what is currently proposed within the Cambridge Northern Fringe Development, I suggest consideration is given to including provision of a new road bridge over the railway somewhere just north of Cambridge North Station to connect Fen Road to Milton Avenue.

The objectives would include:

- Give cars safer access across the railway;
- Minimise delays to cars while the level crossing is shut;
- Provide space for a cycle /footbridge at the existing level crossing site;
- Reducing timetable risk to Network Rail operations;
- Possibly increasing the number train of paths available;
- Possibly providing more opportunities for a metro style use of the railway if that is a constraint on schemes being examined under the Mayor's proposals; and
- Possibly providing more scope for a direct connection of the proposed Chisholm Trail to the station and CNF area.

The proposed bridge might be more economical if a single lane at the level crossing could be retained for use by HGV or exceptional loads.

As you can see the potential benefits span a wide range of organisations with no single beneficiary and there it is therefore important that whoever is responsible for the spatial planning for CNF does not rule out such a scheme by default. I urge you therefore to consider the proposal and how it might be realised if it is found to have merit rather than have it falling through the 'cracks' between all the organisations concerned.

Yours sincerely



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