

## **Railfuture East Anglia Response to the Cambridge City Council Draft Local Plan consultation**

This document records the representation made by Railfuture East Anglia to the "Cambridge City Council Draft Local Plan 2014. The public consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan ended at 5pm on 30 September 2013.

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/draft-local-plan-2014>

### **Representation ID: 26069**

Document: Cambridge Local Plan 2014 - Proposed Submission

Section: Policy 17: Southern Fringe Areas of Major Change

Support/Object: Object

The East West Rail consortium (which includes Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council) is currently developing a case for a railway between Bedford and Cambridge following on from the section from Oxford to Bedford which was due to open in 2017.

The former route of the 'Varsity Line' between Bedford to Cambridge entered the city on an alignment through Trumpington and Clay Farm/Showground now followed by the guided busway. It is vital that an alignment is protected through this area which would allow a similar route to be reconstructed.

The protection should include:

1. A linear site from the existing railway south of Cambridge station, to the Trumpington cutting, wide enough to allow co-location of a new railway and busway
2. Protection of the Trumpington cutting area to ease the construction of a deeper cutting or shallow tunnel to allow co-location of a new railway and busway

Railfuture East Anglia have published a briefing document about possible routes out of Cambridge for this railway scheme. It is available for download here:

<http://www.railfuture.org.uk/east/docs/East-West-Rail-Routes-from-Cambridge-Sept2013.pdf>

Railfuture identified Policy 17 Clay Farm (Site R42a) as directly lying on the potential rail corridor from Cambridge to Trumpington, but we ask Cambridge City Council to check other sites which are on this corridor.

There is more information about the East West rail project here:

<http://www.railfuture.org.uk/ox-cam/>

#### SUMMARY

Add a requirement to Policy 17 Clay Farm (Site R42a) to include provision for the reinstatement of a railway between Cambridge and Trumpington as part of the Oxford to Cambridge East West Rail link which is currently being developed, and check whether there are any other site in Cambridge City which require similar provision.

#### CHANGE TO PLAN

We request that the Southern Fringe Areas of Major Change has an additional point 'k' added to say: "k: includes provision for the reinstatement of a railway between Cambridge and Trumpington following the same corridor as the guided busway to form part of the East West rail link from Cambridge to Bedford and Oxford"

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