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Dear Sophie Moeng,

We are pleased to see plans put forward for Cambridge South Station. Whichever location is selected, we would require very strong and convenient cycling accessibility to the station. Failure to do so would give us cause to object at the planning application stage.

Of all the proposed locations, the northern location appears the most likely to provide good cycling and walking access from both sides of the line. Cycle parking could then be installed on a deck over the platforms.

The station development must also ensure improvements to the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway bridge to include a cycleway separate from a dedicated footway. This is extremely important should there be any accessway between the bridge and the station, because the station will generate high footfall that is completely inappropriate for any shared-use pathway.

Should there not be a connection between the station and the Guided Busway bridge, then we call for additional cycling and walking access to link to the northwest, possibly aligned alongside the railway and connecting with the pathway alongside the Guided Busway.

In all cases, cycling and walking access through the Addenbrooke's campus needs to be studied and improved, and private car access to the station needs to be minimised and any increase in drop-off traffic mitigated for the local community.

The new station must have secure, accessible, abundant and convenient cycle parking included from the start. Lessons must be learned from the problems with the cycle parking facilities at the other Cambridge stations. Two-tier cycle parking cannot be used for all of the cycle parking. There must be a suitable number of oversize stands for adapted and cargo cycles. There must be a significant proportion of accessible "sheffield" type stands with the feet embedded in the concrete. Any double deck racks must have all joints welded. Exposed bolts must be avoided. There must also be security and maintenance plans to ensure the safety and security of the cycle parking is maintained.

We look forward to working with Network Rail and other stakeholders to achieve the best cycling access and parking facilities at this station.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Danish
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