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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Foxton Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 16 consultation)

I write further to our original representations letter dated 14 April 2020.

Whilst we understand this is a 'restart' of the paused consultation from last year, and remain supportive of the Foxton Neighbourhood Plan (FTP), we would like to provide an update on the proposed Foxton Travel Hub (FTH) since making our previous comments.

Draft Policy FOX/19 of the FNP relates to the FTH and the map on page 85 indicated two possible locations for the travel hub.

As mentioned in our original representations, two possible site options were being considered ('northern option' and 'southern option') and that a decision on which option to progress to the planning application stage would be made on 25 June 2020. Since our previous representations, the decision has been made to progress the 'southern option'. Therefore, the GCP believes it is important, for the purposes of consistent and completeness, to reflect this update in the FNP. This would also avoid any confusion from local residents, stakeholders and readers of the FTH.

In addition to this, the proposed FTH will now also include a pedestrian footbridge over the railway line to improve access to each platform when the barriers are down. The GCP is working closely with Network Rail to assess whether a ramped footbridge or stepped footbridge with a lift would be required to ensure there is inclusive access. At this stage, no decision has been made on this but both options are being worked up for consideration. In addition to consulting with Network Rail, the GCP will be carrying out consultation events to inform local residents, relevant local groups (including the Parish Council) and key stakeholders about the footbridge options.



Alongside the footbridge, the GCP is also looking making other improvements to improve accessibility and connectivity to railway station such as reducing traffic speed along a section of the A10, providing a refuse island for people crossing the A10, and provide disabled car parking spaces closer to the railway station to provide safe and convenient access to the station.

These improvements and particularly the addition of a new footbridge crossing would be consistent with draft Policy FOX/18 (New Development and Connectivity) which seeks to ensure the users of the new development (travel hub) can conveniently and safely access, amongst other things, Foxton railway station.

A planning application for the FTH including footbridge is currently being worked up in the background in terms of carrying out relevant surveys and assembling the detailed designs. An application is expected to be submitted in July 2021 but before then the GCP will be carrying out public consultation events on the latest proposals.

Overall, the GCP welcomes and is supportive of the Foxton NP, and is committed to working with the Parish Council to progress the Travel Hub project in a way that benefits the local community and local environment.

Yours faithfully,



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On behalf of the Greater Cambridge Partnership

