

Cambourne to Cambridge Public Inquiry Public Inquiry Guidance for Objectors

If you submitted an objection to the TWAO application for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway, you should have received a letter dated 5 February from the Department of Transport (DfT) informing you a public local inquiry into this application will be held.

At this time, we do not know when the inquiry will take place. The Department of Transport will let you know once this is confirmed.

You need to consider whether you wish to speak at the Inquiry. Below is a summary of what to consider and what you need to do. However, you also need to read the instructions in the letter and the brief guide to Transport and Works Act orders, which is available online at: [Transport and Works Act orders: a brief guide - GOV.UK](#)

If you do not want to appear at the inquiry the Inspector will still consider your objection. You can also send more written evidence to the Inspector in accordance with any timescale of procedure explained below, such as responding to others' statements of case.

If you do wish to speak at the Inquiry, you need to let the DfT know as set out in the letter.

The Inspector will not want to hear from lots of people making the same point. Please consider working with others to make a joint response. If you let CBAG know about your objection, they can put you in touch with others who are making similar points.

If you have indicated that you wish to speak at the Inquiry, you are asked to prepare a **statement of case**. A statement of case is a written statement containing full details of the case that you want to present to the Inquiry. The fuller the statement of case, the more this helps the Inquiry.

The statement of case should include a list of any documents (or relevant extracts if the documents are long) that you intend to refer to or give as evidence and copies of those documents. If you have any questions concerning documents, please contact the programme officer Joanna.Vincent@gatelyhammer.com

If your letter of objection was relatively detailed and covers all the points you wish to make, you can ask for it to be treated as your statement of case. However, you may need to attach any documents you refer to.

The statement of case needs to be with the Department of Transport by **March 19**. Details of where to send the statement are set out in their letter.

You will receive a copy of the County Council/GCP's statement of case and everyone's statement of case will be published on an inquiry website. You can comment on somebody else's statement up to **6 weeks before the inquiry opens**.

If you have said you intend to appear at the public inquiry, you will be invited to be a **pre-inquiry meeting**. This meeting, chaired by the Inspector, is to discuss the practical arrangements for the inquiry and set an inquiry programme.

Before the meeting the Secretary of States provides a list of issues they expect the Inspector to examine and report on.

If you want to read from a prepared statement at the inquiry, this known as a **proof of evidence** and sets out word for word what you plan to say. Again, you can use your original objection as your proof of evidence. It needs to be submitted **4 weeks before the inquiry opens**. If your proof of evidence is longer than 1,500 words, you must send with it a written summary, and it is the summary which you read out at the inquiry. However, full proofs of evidence are treated as if they have been given in evidence, and you may be questioned on them.

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