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- The transport infrastructure does not have the capacity to deal with the increase in traffic that will be created by this new development and there has been no evidence of how this problem will be solved. Cycle lanes have been proposed but with no firm ideas how. Park and Ride has also been spoken of but without a dedicated bus lane that will not work either. Increased traffic will encourage more people to drive through Waterbeach which will affect the safety of children going to and from school.
- The proposed new development will make Waterbeach as big as Ely and could destroy our village identity and also there is the risk of this becoming a dormitory town. There will be a loss of agricultural land which with a growing population will be needed to grow crops on rather than rely on imports which could cost more after Brexit.
- There has been talks of the station being moved but the cost implication is too much in my opinion and no developer will want to pay the amount required to enable this to happen.
- Affordable houses is another concern as we have seen at Northstowe the developer has reneged on the 40% and it is now 20%, what guarantees will there be for Waterbeach, none is my guess.
- Drainage is a big issue with no firm plans to build a new water treatment plant, how to deal with the extra run off surface water as there will be more than the present system could cope with.
- My overall opinion is that there is a housing shortage and it made financial sense to the government to move the army out and redevelop this land without considering the overall impact on the surrounding area or its inhabitants.