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At the foot of this letter you will find a link to our proposal for a new Cambridge North (Milton Road) railway station as part of our submission to the Greater Anglia Rail Franchise consultation at the DfT. I also enclose a copy of the associated press release for reference.

CAST.IRON recognises the UK's current financial constraints but Cambridge is being strangled by inadequate transport infrastructure in a period when it is seeing record expansion.

The main station is already at capacity and the proposed Chesterton station is many years away – and indeed may never come to fruition.

The public realise that something needs to be done urgently and that despite the creation of the guided busway, it will do nothing for the weak link between the north of Cambridge and the station for onward journeys to Stansted and London (as well as anywhere else on the network).

Our proposal will transform this situation virtually at a stroke, at low cost, *but it must be developed in close coordination with the new island platforms at Cambridge station*. If this can be achieved, then within eighteen months journey times from north Cambridge to the station can be slashed to a fraction of all possible road options.

Many people were impressed at the ability of Network Rail, with the support of DfT, to open a station within a week of the floods in Workington last year. Here is another opportunity to create a win-win situation for the railways, the public and for hundreds of businesses.

I urge you to take just a little time to read through our submission. I am sure you will agree that almost every aspect is positive and most aspects are utterly compelling.

This is a very important proposal, which will reduce some local journeys from 45 minutes to just five serving over 27,000 workers and a similar number of residents. More importantly, journeys from London to the Science Park will be reduced from around one-and-a-half hours to fifty-two minutes with similar time savings to and from Stansted Airport.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Phillips'.

TIM PHILLIPS
Chairman

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