

APPENDIX B FORMAT OF THE OPTIONS ASSESSMENT REPORT

Document Structure and Overall Approach

A systematic and strategic review of the evidence available is required to take account of new evidence and to ensure concerns raised by stakeholders are fully considered.

Chapter 1 Introduction Transport problem and need for intervention, potential options. purpose of Option Assessment Report.

The Option Assessment Report (OAR) has been written in line with Department for Transport's TAG Unit 2.1.2 which was adopted in January 2014. It provides an auditable trail of how a number of potential options for intervention have been identified, assessed and subsequently discounted, in order to help inform decisions on a preferred option.

Chapter 2 Summarises the current and future situation for the area under study, in respect of land use and environmental characteristics, socio-economic characteristics and local transport network and market characteristics. This provides the context for problems and constraints in the area, and establishes the need for intervention. Potential local opportunities on which proposed transport interventions could draw upon are also highlighted.

Chapter 3 Summarises the key objectives which any proposed transport intervention must meet.

Chapter 4 Describes the option generation, assessment and sifting process which has taken place to date and describes the four options which have been identified for further consideration.

Chapter 5 Presents an assessment of the five shortlisted options against the Five Cases Model Criteria – Strategic, Value for Money, Financial, Delivery and Commercial – in line with the Government's Transport Appraisal Guidance (WebTAG) on preparing an Option Assessment Report; and local objectives including priorities. It also presents supporting commentary and highlights the discriminatory factors across the options.

The following supporting technical evidence is provided in appendices

Appendix A: Policy Fit – assessment of options in the context of planning policies, including National Planning Policy Framework, Fenland District Council's Core Strategy, Whittlesey Market Town Transport Strategy

Appendix B: Performance of the transport network – summary of transport model outputs

Appendix C: Environmental Assessment Sheets

Appendix D: Public Accounts, TEE, AMCB, Affordability and Financial Sustainability tables

Appendix E: Social and Distributional Impacts Analysis – describes characteristics of residents living near proposed options; identified concentrations of vulnerable groups and presents the findings for a social and distributional impacts screening assessment (Step 0) based on WebTAG Unit 3.17.