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PRESS RELEASE

CB1 – REGENERATION PLANS FOR CAMBRIDGE STATION AREA GETS APPROVAL

Cb1– the ambitious vision to regenerate Cambridge’s Station Road area - has been given the go-ahead by the City’s planning committee.

After over two years of detailed public consultation, and a ringing endorsement from the City’s planning officers and elected members, the redevelopment of the 26-acre site has been given the green light. City Councillors gave the Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners-inspired masterplan an over-whelming vote in favour and say that they are now keen to see the very highest quality scheme brought forward to detailed design stage.

Cb1 will deliver a stunning new quarter for a part of the City that is in significant need of regeneration. The masterplan will create a world-class gateway and transport interchange for a world-class city. It will include:

- 53,294 sq m of office floor space to meet pent-up demand for high quality office accommodation in the area;
- 331 residential units;
- Student accommodation for 1,250 Anglia Ruskin University students;
- A 120-bed hotel;
- A grand station square equivalent in size to Lyon’s Place des Terreaux;
- A new transport interchange including, among other provision, secure parking for 2,812 bikes and 632 cars;
- An expanded railway station concourse;
- 5,255 sq m of retail floor space; and,
- A polyclinic, art workshop, gym, nursery.

David Tannahill, Network Rail Commercial Development Manager said:

“We are delighted that the planning application has been approved. Over the past two years we have worked closely with Ashwell to create a scheme that will deliver significant improvements to Cambridge station, benefiting the local community and passengers. These improvements are the direct result of consultation with our rail industry partners.

“We can now move forward with this scheme with Ashwell.”

Sven Topel of Ashwell said:

“With the Masterplan for this strategic site now approved the city of Cambridge is a significant step closer to getting the world-class gateway it deserves. People want to live in Cambridge, and local businesses are growing. What cb1 will do is provide them with the high quality space and fantastic public transport connections that modern occupiers demand”.

A series of detailed architectural designs will need to be prepared for cb1 with a view to a series of planning applications being made in due course.

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