

## ELY NORTH RAILWAY JUNCTION



Above: Lucy Frazer MP, Sec of State for Transport Chris Grayling MP, Cllrs Charles Roberts, John Clark and Steve Count at Queen Adelaide

### Local Conservatives at all levels of Government in Cambridgeshire agree that the Network Rail project to upgrade the Ely North Junction at Queen Adelaide needs a proper road solution

"Closure of the road to accommodate the railway junction upgrade at Queen Adelaide is simply unacceptable." That's the view of the Conservative Mayor James Palmer, and District and County Councillors in Ely and their colleagues. It would destroy Queen Adelaide, negatively changing the way of life for everyone in the area. It would also have huge negative impacts on traffic flow in the wider area, including residents in north Ely needing to access Soham, Newmarket, the A11/A14 and beyond, (who would be forced through Ely city centre), as well as residents needing to come into Ely.

#### Meeting with Network Rail (NR)

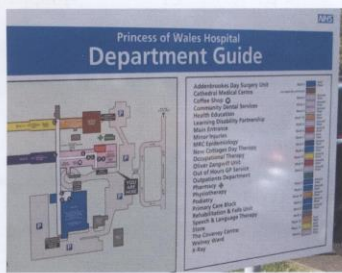
At a recent meeting with Network Rail, we have established:

- NR is not planning to close the road at Queen Adelaide
- NR is working on plans to double the track in the 'loop', which will increase the rail traffic through the Ely North junction
- This causes the need for full width barriers at the road crossings
- Full width barriers have to be closed for longer, meaning the traffic backs up, and the crossings become unsafe for road users

- NR is not allowed to cause an unsafe situation!
- NR is developing options for the railway junction by Summer/Autumn 2018, and looking to select the final option in 2019

Lucy Frazer MP is raising awareness of the issues with the Sec. of State for Transport, Chris Grayling. County Councillors Lis Every and Anna Bailey are working with the Combined Authority and the County Council to get a road solution designed within the same timeframes - an item will be on the agenda of the Combined Authority meeting in March.

### Local GP Provision & Princess of Wales Hospital Redevelopment



Above: Conservatives are pushing for the redevelopment of the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely to include new GP surgery space, a Local Urgent Treatment Centre and specialist accommodation for older people

There is enormous pressure on our local GP services, but the redevelopment of the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely is a huge opportunity to accommodate new, fit for purpose GP space to cater for the growing area.

Conservatives have been working with the NHS to push for increased, locally based expanded health services, with the Princess of Wales Hospital at the heart of those plans.

#### Minor Injuries Unit Pilot

The pilot to expand the range of conditions that can be dealt with in the Minor Injuries Unit is progressing well and health chiefs are pleased with progress towards a full Local Urgent Care Service. The redevelopment of the Hospital is now also firmly on the agenda. Conservatives locally are pushing for inclusion of GP services and specialist accommodation for older people to be included in those plans. We look forward to the planning application coming forward.

On your side, fighting for Ely

