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From: Ken Fletcher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 03 March 2025 15:33
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order - Cambridge

Dear Sirs,

Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge.

We, Mr K.E. and Mrs D.S. Fletcher of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] are writing to object to the "Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the DfT for a new busway to the south east of Cambridge" as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9th January 2025.

With the large numbers of people already employed at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and further increases likely as a result of the planned expansion of the Campus improvements in public transport providing access to the Campus are necessary. However, the proposed busway is totally the wrong way to achieve this.

The proposed busway would be constructed across five miles of open countryside spoiling a large area close to Cambridge. The Greater Cambridge Partnership earlier proposed the development of an improved link by upgrading the A1307 Babraham Road. An upgraded version of this with bus lanes along the existing road and a short length of new road would achieve the same objective as the busway with a much lower environmental impact.

Not only would there be a lower environmental impact, but because the suggested route is alongside the A 1307 construction

would be simpler - and cheaper - as the new bridges and additional road junctions of the proposed busway are not required.

The proposed busway will run to the northwest of the line of villages - Great Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston and this is claimed to benefit these villages. It will not. All the population of these villages live "below" the line of the proposed busway and the bus stops are therefore remote from most of the villagers and so of little use to them. Currently all these villages are served by the Stagecoach Citi 7 route which runs from Cambridge to Saffron Walden along the A1301. It is our fear that new routes along the new busway will take passengers from the existing Citi 7 and damage its long term viability. From our point of view, living in Great Shelford on the southside of the A1301, far from improving bus services, the new busway is much more likely to damage them.

We believe that the proposed busway will have an adverse environmental impact on the open country between the A1301 and the A1307, damage the visual appearance of this countryside from nearby villages, cost more than the simpler alternative and damage the existing bus routes serving these villages.

We therefore urge you to reject this Works Order.

Yours faithfully,
K E Fletcher
D S Fletcher (Mrs)

service.
