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RE Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department of Transport (DfT) for a new busy to the southeast of Cambridge

Dear Sir/Madam

I, Urszula Grabowska, of 72 Hinton Way, Great Shelford, CB22 5AL am writing to make a formal objection to the "Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department of Transport (DfT) for a new busy to the southeast of Cambridge" as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025.

My objection to the above application is multi-faceted as I specify below.

Firstly, I cannot understand why a new guided bus way be built through open countryside carving up fields and the remaining green space for nature's very existence when a version of the scheme proposed by the GCP in 2018 which involves building sections of the busway adjacent to the A1307 does not offer a better alternative. The 2018 proposal would diminish much of this negative impact. If planners decide to go ahead with the 9 January 2025 application, they need to be able to defend their decision now and in the years to come.

Many animals have made their homes in the area which would be destroyed were 9 January 2025 application to proceed. Bats, foxes and muntjac deer would be lost.

The selection of the 9 January 2025 application seems to be on the basis that it will best serve the villages en route. I would be very interested to hear the villagers concurring with this point of view. The bus stops of the bus way application of 9 January 2025 are on the periphery of the village which makes them untennable and a mode of transport that will be not be used resulting in a "white elephant" bus way. In terms of other impact on the villages, this would also be deleterious to the villagers as many of the recent building projects have proven to utilize heavy building equipment bringing mud to the roads, making them impassible on foot and destroying the grass verges. These heavy trucks have also exacerbated the pot hole issues which can hardly be favourably viewed.

In conclusion, I cannot understand why the 9 January 2025 application should in fact proceed unless the aim is to build a "white elephant" which the planners can take credit for in the years to come.

Yours sincerely

Urszula Grabowska

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