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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge Cambridge

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Rachel Ford, of [redacted], am writing to make a formal objection to the "Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge", as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025. The grounds for this objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unecessary to deliver improvements in transport. Similar transport and economic benefits can be achieved by building a version of the scheme first proposed by the applicant in 2018. This would involve building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new road (busway). This is clearly the most acceptable alternative and there is no reason to consider the alternative route they have since proposed in order to further their interests at the expense of wildlife and local residents.

This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.

This alternative would avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area. Having seen the horrific scar on the landscape created historically by the concrete works at Byron's Pool, which continue to spoil a valuable beauty spot for future generations, we cannot allow this to happen again.

This alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature. To proceed with the new road would be unfair on local residents, only benefitting those working at Babraham, who do not have to deal with the reality of the mindless and irreversible destruction of their local countryside. We and our friends/neighbours would have no need to use the service and therefore this is an imposition without any benefits.

This alternative would avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside.

This alternative would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus. This would take a longer term view and prevent subsequent redevelopments.

Cycle routes in this area are already under construction and include the Linton Greenway which will connect Cambridge to Babraham, Granta Park and Linton; and the Sawston Greenway that will connect Cambridge to Sawston. Stapleford and Shelford are already served by the DNA cycle path.

We trust you will consider the overwhelming opposition to the proposed route and ensure you do not create irreversible changes which will ruin one of the few remaining areas of the landscape not carved up by roads already. Once this step is taken, we cannot get the landscape back for our children , so I would urge you to consider.

Best,

Rachel Ford

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