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

I John Rymell, 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 unnecessary 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 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. This is an area that I visit regularly as a member of a walking group.

This alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature. It would also avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside. If the busway is built as proposed by GCP, there's a danger that the degradation of the countryside caused will leave the area less valued as a natural resource and open to further development and destruction.

Yours sincerely

John Rymell

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