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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 Sirs

I, Francesca Poggia 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 alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature.

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.

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.

I cycle to Sawston each day for work and very much enjoy the fantastic DNA path each day. It's a great mental break and it would be terrible for the Gogs to be carved up.

Improvement wise, I'd love it if the cats eyes from Sheep's Green were added for darker months and can't wait for the DNA path to extended to Sawston too.

When cycling the road section of my ride, the pot holes are worse than any other country. I can't tell you how many flat tyres I've had. Trumpington Road is similar.

Bus route wise, the planning is outrageous and was definitely done by a driver that has never used buses, much like the existing busway.*

The planned bus stops are on the edge of the villages uphill. Silly and no thought to accessibility or users - use will be limited.

*If you look at the existing busway, the stop at foster Road means that instead of what could have been 3-5 minutes to the train station and 20 to town it's 40 mins to the station and an hour some times to town. This is because does a 30 minute tour of Addenbrooke's going in and out of town. Many can walk it in that time so never use the bus, or walk to Trumpington Road and catch the P&R as it's every 10 mins and faster. Consider that the bus is totally empty to the park n ride comparatively. Putting the stop the other side of the Addenbrooke's turn would mean that you could go to Addenbrooke's one side of the busway and the station the other, that people heading to Addenbrooke's could jump off before anyone going to the station got on abaidkng overcrowding.

Thanks

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