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To: [TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE](#)
Subject: Objection to Cambourne to Cambridge Busway
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To the Secretary of State for Transport,

I, Chloe Stone, wish to register my strong objection to the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway, currently the subject of a Transport and Works Act Order application by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP). My objection is based on the proposal's apparent contravention of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), particularly Paragraph 170, regarding flood risk. The proposal poses a serious threat to the safety and security of properties within my community, including my own (79 Gough Way).

The proposed construction of the Bin Brook bridge and embankment structure creates a substantial barrier across the low-lying fields north of Gough Way. This structure has the potential to significantly alter the flow of water along Bin Brook, increasing the risk of flooding to properties in the Gough Way estate. Given the history of flooding in our area, this poses an unacceptable risk to residents, homes, and livelihoods.

The application documents submitted by the GCP fail to provide sufficient evidence to support their claim that the proposed development will not increase flood risks to third parties. Specifically:

1. The submitted modelling does not adequately demonstrate compliance with Paragraph 170 of the NPPF.
2. It is unclear whether the modelling undertaken has used an Environment Agency (EA)-approved model or whether it has been sufficiently reviewed and approved by the EA as the regulatory body.
3. The images provided in the application are symbolised to remove the first 10mm of impact, which obscures a full understanding of the scale of potential impacts. Furthermore, the images are cropped close to the site, failing to account for impacts across the entire Gough Way estate.
4. The modelling work does not address or mitigate the potential impact of a blockage scenario at the proposed Bin Brook bridge. Such blockages, caused by trees or other debris mobilised during a flood event, are crucial for understanding the level of risk to upstream properties, including those on and around Gough Way.

Given these significant gaps, the applicant must address the following before any approval is considered:

1. Provide modelled results demonstrating nil impact to a 1mm resolution both upstream and downstream of the site boundary.
2. Include detailed modelling of blockage scenarios, also to a 1mm resolution.
3. Conduct a thorough review of peak flow rates through Bin Brook, particularly in relation to the proposed new bridge structure.

The current application does not meet the necessary planning and flood risk mitigation standards, and it fails to prioritise the safety of existing communities. I urge you to reject this application unless and until these critical issues are addressed and resolved.

Yours sincerely,

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