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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

Dear transport team,

My name is Robin Borchert and I'm a resident at [REDACTED] in Cambridge as well as a resident doctor at Addenbrookes hospital in the Cambridge biomedical campus.

I 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 busway to the southeast of Cambridge" as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on January 9th 2025.

I genuinely think this busway will not have the added benefit which is intended. Myself and many of my colleagues live in Stapleford, Greater Shelford and Sawston. Many of us cycle and the cycle infrastructure from these villages to the biomedical campus is already very good (even from Sawston) and receiving updates in the near future. Of course, an alternative form of transport is needed but the proposed busway route is in no way beneficial to those in the villages between Sawston and the biomedical campus. The stops are on the edges of the villages which are not an insignificant distance from most peoples' houses. For example, my colleagues and I who work at Addenbrooke's all live at least 10-15 minutes away from the proposed Stapleford bus stop by foot which is on the edge of town - there is already a good bus service through the centre of Stapleford/Shelford (number 7 bus). Once the south Cambridge train station opens, many of my colleagues are intending to use the train from Shelford station as a back up which is much closer for most people who live in Great Shelford and Stapleford compared to the proposed bus stops.

The main benefit of a new public transport system would be for the residents of Sawston and I think there is a better alternative than creating a busway through beautiful green countryside which my wife, me and our local running clubs (C&C and South Cambridge Striders) love so much - the alternative would involve building sections of a bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of a new road (busway) proposed by the Better Ways for Busways group. There is no obvious disadvantage of this busway compared to the current proposal which would have so many deleterious consequences for South Cambridge and the surrounding villages.

Again, just to reiterate, the proposal in its current form does not benefit the vast majority of residents between Sawston and the biomedical campus who work at Addenbrookes and the surrounding hospitals/research institutes. Please consider the alternative route which will be of great benefit to the people of Sawston while preserving the countryside.

With kind regards,
Robin

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