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Sent: 05 March 2025 20:11
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection the Greater Cambridge Partnership proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to strongly object to the Greater Cambridge Partnership proposal to build a new 5-mile bus road through open countryside from Babraham Village to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

At present parts of the A1307 do become congested in the morning rush hour but I believe that there are alternative solutions rather than seriously spoiling a stretch of countryside which is well used by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and local neighbours. The bus route would introduce large areas of car parking, invasive widths of tarmac and bridges over one of Cambridge`s valued river tributaries. The road would seriously affect wildlife, vistas and general enjoyment for both local people and visitors. The intervening bus stops would be invasive and would require parking space, particularly as the stops would be outside the village walking distance and frankly inconvenient.

It would probably also increase car use (and consequent pollution) from towns and villages to the east of Cambridge. A Park and Ride complex next to a quick guided bus into Cambridge would tempt travellers away from buses. There are two valuable bus routes which would be effected - the No.13 from Cambridge to Haverhill and the No.7 from Cambridge to the south. If these buses were more frequent - maybe even just in peak house - they would be more useful. (At present with a half hourly service it is not possible to reach Wandlebury Country Park for 10am walks from Cambridge without wasting half an hour in order to get there on time.)

A popular solution put forward in the past (by the GCP) and at present by many organisations and individuals would be to adapt the A1307. This would be simpler and would save many millions of pounds. It seems to me that the main reason the GCP is ansious to put their scheme forward is that it would ease the way to grab more of the Green Belt for building which would further denegrate the area.

As a past Rambler and lover of nature and agreeing with the Government's statement that taking time out to enjoy the peace and serenity of the countryside would greatly help relieve stress and depression and make the world a better place, I do implore you to reject this application.

I am not an expert at expressing my opinion and would ask you to take heed of the many objections to the scheme put forward by other individuals and organisations - such as Cambridgr Past Present and Future. It would be a sad day if it went ahead!

Yours very sincerely,

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Cambridge resident
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