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Sent: 06 March 2025 16:53
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act order to the Department of Transport for a new busway to the south east of Cambridge.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing formally to object to the proposed busway development in South Cambridgeshire, to the south east of Cambridge. As a local resident, I have significant concerns regarding the environmental impact and the practicality of the proposal.

First, the planned route for the busway would cut through five miles of open countryside, permanently scarring the landscape. This is a relatively tranquil, rural area that is currently free from such infrastructure. The introduction of this busway would not only damage the natural beauty of the region but also make it vulnerable to future development. Once the area has been altered in this way, it will be far easier for additional urban sprawl to encroach upon it, diminishing the very qualities that make the area special.

Second, I believe there are alternative, less harmful proposals that should be considered. For instance, the disused rail line between Cambridge and Haverhill presents an opportunity to create a transport link that has less environmental impact. Similarly, the construction of a bus lane along the A1307, with only one mile on new busway, would offer a more practical and efficient and much cheaper solution, without damaging the landscape in the same way the proposed busway would. These alternatives would be far less intrusive and more sustainable in the long term.

Third, I am concerned that the positioning of the proposed bus stops outside the villages of Shelford and Stapleford will make the busway much less accessible for many local residents. These bus stops would be too far from the heart of the villages, and many residents would find it inconvenient or impractical to use the service. For public transport to be effective, it needs to be easily accessible, and this proposal falls short in that regard.

Fourth, the alternative proposal already put forward would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. Further, cycle paths (existing and planned) already serve the route. In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the proposed busway development and to explore alternative solutions that would equally well or better serve the needs of the local community while preserving the natural environment and costing much less money.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours sincerely,

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