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Sent: 06 March 2025 18:23
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Dept of Transport for a new busway to the SE of Cambridge

Dear Sir/Madam

I, Alexandra Sigsworth of [REDACTED] am writing to object formally to the proposed busway development to the southeast of Cambridge as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025. As a local resident, I have significant concerns regarding the environmental impact and the practicality of the proposal.

Firstly, the planned route for the busway will cut through five miles of open countryside, permanently scarring the landscape. This is a tranquil, rural area that will be completely spoiled and will also become more 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.

I believe there are alternative, less harmful proposals that should be considered. For instance, the disused rail line between Cambridge and Haverhill presents an excellent opportunity to create a transport link that has less environmental impact. Similarly, by building a bus lane along the A1307 which would offer a more practical and efficient solution without damaging the landscape in the same way. These alternatives would be far less intrusive and more sustainable in the long term and a considerably cheaper option.

Furthermore, I am concerned that the positioning of the proposed stations outside the villages of Shelford and Stapleford will make the busway unviable for many local residents. These stations will be too far from the heart of the villages, and many residents will 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.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the proposed busway development and to explore alternative solutions that would better serve the needs of the local community while preserving the natural environment.

Thank you for considering my objections

Yours faithfully,
Alexandra Sigsworth

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