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Dear Sir,

In order to register your objection, we require a postal address

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I wish to object to the proposals for works associated with the application for Cambridge South East Transport which was posted in Dec 2024 and is open for consultation until the end of Feb 2025.

I live in [REDACTED] and I believe this application involves changes to the Sawston bypass to accommodate cyclists and walkers and as we have a Riding for the Disabled school in Sawston, equestrian users.

Sawston has many cycle paths and footpaths already and there is no requirement for anyone to cycle along Sawston Bypass.

Indeed the real need in Sawston is improvements to the Sawston/McDonalds roundabout where a flyover is needed or something to improve traffic flow – there have been many accidents here including a fatality in December 2024 involving a motobike.

The recent installation of a pedestrian/cycle barrier has hindered traffic flow enormously, for which there was no local consultation with either the public or the Parish Council.

The amount of cyclists and pedestrians using the roundabout is minimal yet the traffic hold ups resulting are enormous.

Coming back to the South East Transport proposal I wish to object for the following reasons:

1. No local demand for this work and unnecessary and unwelcome
2. Public waste of money – the scheme is proposed to cost between £128M and £160M – money that could be spent upgrading the roundabout and repairing potholes in Sawston, Stapleford and Gt Shelford.
3. Cyclists do not contribute a penny to road maintenance as do not pay road tax
4. Disruption to traffic flow whilst work is underway will be considerable
5. Cost/benefit does not balance in favour of the work – the cost far exceeds the benefit.
6. No reliable data on the amount of cyclists and pedestrians that will use the new facilities created in Sawston – in fact no data at all on this in the application.
7. Will only add to congestion at the Sawston/McDonalds roundabout that already has miles of queues every day from Duxford one way and from the A11/A505 junction the other way.
There is nothing in the application addressing this issue and the knock on effect this pathway will create at this junction
8. Nothing in the application concerning improvements to the roundabout resulting from this work – it is as if this is being ignored and it will go away – which it will not.
9. The Dernford Reservoir connection to the proposed pathway is straight after coming over the Stapleford Bridge which is dangerous and subject to accidents already.
10. The new proposed pathway is not wanted locally and there is no local demand or need for this work.

I would be grateful if my comments could be taken into account before any decision is made to go ahead with this costly, unnecessary and unwelcome scheme.

Paul Whitmell



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