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Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the DfT for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge

Secretary of State for Transport

Dear Heidi Alexander

I, Tim Atkinson, of [REDACTED], am hereby making a formal objection to the Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the DfT for a new busway to the South-East of Cambridge, as submitted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership on 9th January 2025. I am objecting for the following reasons:

1. The proposed Busway will be spurned by hundreds of Great Shelford residents. Living in the village centre my family and I would be most unlikely to use it as it is so far from the the village centre. There is already an excellent Citi 7 bus service linking Great Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston to Cambridge every 20 minutes. Yet the GCP maintain that they have chosen the route to better serve the villagers.
2. In 2018 the Greater Cambridge Partnership proposed an alternative route which would run alongside the A1307 apart from just one mile of busway, and which would have a number of logistic, financial and economic advantages over the current proposals and achieve better outcomes for many stakeholders, including residents of nearby villages.
3. Unbelievably it appears that the proposed busway would not serve the Babraham Research Campus or Granta Park, despite the inevitable growth of these sites in the coming years. This means that traffic congestion would not be eased near these two sites (which even now already house 6000 workers between them).
4. The A1307 route would avoid making an unsightly urbanising blemish over the Gog Magog Hills, the closest and most important landscape near Cambridge which itself is in need of more, not less rural amenity.
5. The proposed busway would encourage further development along its route over the next few decades. It is important to protect the countryside for future generations, and the A1307 alternative route would avoid this swathe of concrete cutting through fields and literally ruining the landscape.
6. The A1307 route would avoid the diversion of a chalk stream underground and also avoid the vast expense and unsightliness of two bridges over the River Granta. The graphics of these bridges are visually extremely worrying and also imply severe disruption to wildlife.
7. No further cycle routes are needed. Linton and Sawston Greenways will soon connect those villages to Cambridge. The DNA cycle path already provides Great Shelford and Stapleford with a route that is far more direct and convenient than the proposed cycle path.

As a resident of Great Shelford since 1982 I would respectfully urge you to take these objections into account and reject this application.

Kind regards

Tim Atkinson

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