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I, Michael Pooles KC of [REDACTED]
am writing to make a formal objection to the "Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge", as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025.

The grounds for my objection are:

*The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary to deliver material improvements in transport. Similar transport and economic benefits can be achieved by building a version of the scheme first proposed by the applicant in 2018. This would involve building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new road (busway) ("The alternative").

*The alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. Both are significant features of the countryside.

*The alternative would avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most prominent and important landscapes in the Cambridge area.

*The alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature.

*The alternative would avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside.

*The alternative would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus and the surrounding communities.

*This alternative would save a very significant sum of money which would be far better served repairing the local roads so as to render the surfaces sufficiently safe to allow residents, such as my wife and I, to return to bicycle use, which cannot presently be contemplated.

*Cycle routes in this area are already under construction and include the Linton Greenway which will connect Cambridge to Babraham, Granta Park and Linton; and the Sawston Greenway that will connect Cambridge to Sawston. Stapleford and Shelford are already served by the DNA cycle path.

*As a resident of Great Shelford it is highly unlikely that my wife and I or our fellow villagers might ever use the proposed 5 mile busway. The proposed stop is remote from the heart of the village, the pavement access has long been, and remains, of such poor surface quality as to be unsafe, and access to the hospital area will be amply served by the new railway station, shortly to be completed.

Yours,

Michael Pooles

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