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

To Whom It May Concern,

I Stefano Porto of Sawston, [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 main reason for my objection is that the construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside would deteriorate the Gog Magog Hills landscape, cut through fields and natural corridors, with the risk of further developments, while unnecessary to achieve improvements in transport to and from Cambridge.

These, in fact, might be delivered by following the version of the scheme first proposed by the applicant in 2018. Less works and investments would be needed to build sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new road, designed as busway.

By doing so the alternative would

- Avoid building a detrimental new road through a countryside park, two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.
- Serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus in a more efficient and extensive.

In addition to this, 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.

Living in Sawston I can also observe that the proposed busway would effectively not serve the village, being the planned bus stops at the far edges of the village.

Many thanks in advance for considering my objection,

Regards,

Stefano Porto

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