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To the Secretary of State for Transport

Dear Heidi Alexander,

I wish to object to the recently submitted Transport and Works Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway, travel hub and path for walkers and cyclists to the southeast of Cambridge.

I am a resident of Great Shelford, where I have lived since 1978. I am involved in our local Neighbourhood Plan, so I am familiar with the issues in this area, and I am well-aware of the long gestation of this transport proposal. I wish to object on a number of grounds:

1. **COST:** The cost is said to be around £160 million... There is a far cheaper alternative, which can be delivered faster, with minimal disruption or environmental damage. This alternative solution is only hinted at on p. 71 of the document CSET-05-00, although it was the most frequently-mentioned issue raised at the various consultations, at which 67% to 70% of local people objected to the scheme. It is also gingerly mentioned in CSET 21-12, whilst admitting that 'the context in which the [off-road] scheme sat had somewhat shifted' (1.1.5)
2. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** two bridges over the river Cam, interference with our aquifers and chalk-streams, severance of excellent agricultural land (so that it becomes uneconomic for our farmers, but great opportunities for developers), wild-life habitats destructions, etc.
3. **GENERAL DISRUPTION FOR RESIDENTS:** This busway will not do much to improve air quality, as boasted, but will certainly add to light and noise pollution as well as inconvenience - it is a breaching of the Green Belt
4. **BEST SOLUTION?:** Just like many people round here, I am a cyclist: sharing a path with a guided bus is hair-raising, indeed occasionally fatal. In the documents submitted with the application there is a reference to accidents along the A1307 - but none to fatalities of cyclists along the existing guided bus route to Cambridge, which necessitated the erection of barriers.
5. **WHAT MAKES CAMBRIDGE DESIRABLE:** I am an academic myself, and I am aware of what makes the University attractive, and growth necessary. I am not a luddite, but if you ask people what they value about Cambridge and environs, it is the green spaces, its rural nature as a 'space to think'.
I am seriously concerned that plans for concreting over so much of its surrounding, with unbridled growth, proposals for two guided busses routes and the menace of EWR will 'kill the goose that lays the golden eggs'.

I hope therefore that the simpler counterproposal to ameliorate the traffic flow on the A1307, supported by *Cambridge Past, Present, and Future* and our local Parishes amongst many others, will receive proper consideration, not least because of its huge saving on public spending.

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