

31 January 2025

To the Secretary of State for a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO)
Regarding the The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) application to build a Park and Ride and busway into Cambridge (CSET)

A Park and ride . . . 8 miles from nowhere!

I am resident of Babraham and fully support the Betterways for Busways in their **alternative suggestion** to have a dedicated bus lane to run down the existing A1307 instead of across farm land. (see map) Personally I think the actual car park is far too far out of Cambridge and I can't see who would use it. Haverhill has a good bus service, which runs down the A1307 and if you are driving you would use the P&R down nearer the town.

Better options

- Existing bus route/timetable is more than adequate
 - At peak times, the 13 and 13A buses depart every hour into Cambridge.
 - The X13 bus offers additional departures into Cambridge throughout the day.
- Babraham would keep the beautiful countryside that surrounds the historic town the is Cambridge
- Babraham would lose the ancient water meadow, the proposal of a modern road bridge running through it is just terrible
- IF the car park has to be built then surely the best economical route in to the Addenbrookes site is down the A1307 with a dedicated busway all the way in, saving millions of pounds
- Build a car park nearer the Addenbrookes site, surely the planners had that in mind when they gave planning to big companies to build on the Addenbrookes site.

Not so good

- Ruin the countryside forever
- No advantage to anyone in the area
- **Cost would be HUGE to build (est £160m 5 years ago!!) One roundabout in Cambridge was estimated by the GCP as £700,000 . . . ended up costing over £2.3m . . .) That would make the proposed P&R a HUGE £400m +**
- The CSET project would only serve the Addenbrookes site, as an overflow car park
- Granta Park wouldn't use it they have there on parking . . . Granta park travellers would have to change buses or walk from the proposed car park
- Babraham campus just wouldn't use it as they have parking
- Not a direct link to Cambridge centre
- A scheme thought up by people working at a desk who do not know the area
- A scheme thought up before Covid, times have changed people are working from home more

- **£400m could be spent on something that very few will use, can we afford that?**
- The planned bus route does not serve the villages on route, ie Babraham, Sawston, Stapleford and Shelford
- This is not a small concern it will ruin many acres of some of best countryside around Cambridge and once built then housing will be granted all along making all the villages suburbs of Cambridge.
- **Cambridge is one of the tourist destinations of many a traveller . . . the GCP are trying their hardest to turn our historic town into a Milton Keynes!**

