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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

We, Trudy Hill & Kevin Hill of [REDACTED] are 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 Greater Cambridge Partnership on 9 January 2025. The grounds for this objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary to deliver 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).

This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.

This alternative would avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of our most important landscapes in the Cambridge area.

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

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

This alternative would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus.

This option is supposed to help the local villages but the proposed guided busway stops are on the very outskirts of places such as Sawston and Great Shelford. Thus making them not suitable for large parts of those villages who don't also have an additional form of transport to get them to the stop. The current No.7 bus route doesn't take people anywhere near this stop. Here in Pampisford where we live this is of no benefit to us to access or use. We only have one bus an hour from our village but do have access to three an hour from Sawston a ten minute walk from us. Under these new plans the provision states that the normal no.7 bus route through Sawston Village will actually be reduced therefore making our access to public transport even worse than before.

Might we also add that the guided bus route through our countryside will no doubt be a much more expensive option than the one running next to the existing road. When money is short it makes far better sense to go for the cheaper and less disrupting option that provides as much functionality with less damage to the countryside.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards

Trudy & Kevin Hill

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