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Sent: 29 January 2025 08:34
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge Cambridge

Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

I, Eleanor Turnbull-Jones, [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 this objection are the following:

As a resident of Stapleford I can assure you that there is no requirement for this bus route. Myself and my family will not be using it as we already have well established methods of getting into Cambridge and work. Most people from here who work at the Cambridge biomedical campus cycle to work as it is a flat 15 minute cycle, using a well defined cycle route. The people who drive are those who are taking their children to school in different villages/in Cambridge before work so they wouldn't use the bus route either.

In addition I would like to ensure that an environmental survey is conducted in this area. There have been numerous sitings of great crested newts in the area planned for development and legally their habitat must be protected. There has been no mention of this in current planning meetings.

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 the 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.

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.

I urge you to please reconsider this alternative route for the sake of the countryside and nature.

Best wishes
Eleanor