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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Matthew Forrest, of [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:

The current proposal will cut a swathe across five miles of open countryside, but similar benefits (both economic and transport), can be achieved by building a version of the scheme first proposed by the applicant in 2018. This would involve building sections of busway adjacent to the A1307 and ~1 mile of new road.

Shelford is already served with cycle lanes (the DNA path) to Addenbrookes and town and to Sawston/Babraham that are far more convenient and the proposed Shelford stop is so far from the actual village that it will be quicker to just go into town than to walk there. I doubt my family will use it.

The alternative route won't scar the Gog Magog hills, which are the only interesting bit of landscape for miles around and will avoid the need to build two bridges over the Granta and put Hobson's conduit chalk stream into a culvert.

Aside from all the ecological/actual usage reasons, perhaps the main reason to go with the alternative proposal supported by Better Ways for Busways is that it will save £100 million that can be used for other purposes!

Yours faithfully,

Dr Matthew Forrest

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