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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to the Busway Link from Babraham to the Bio Medical Campus, SE Cambridge

I, Mary Cooper 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. I agree that something needs to be done to ease the congestion into Cambridge but the grounds for this objection are the following:

An alternative alongside the A1307 would be much cheaper, do much less damage to the countryside and would allow people to access the centre of Cambridge on one form of transport.
The new proposed busway will start at a Park and Ride site in Babraham so people will need to drive there or catch a different bus, get onto the new busway which will then terminate within the Bio-medical Campus so people will have to take a third form of transport to get into the centre of Cambridge. A single express route direct from Haverhill to Cambridge on the A1307 via the Addenbrookes site will appeal to many more people and be quicker and cheaper to build.

The concrete used to cover good agricultural land will be detrimental to the climate.

Alternative cycle routes are already planned and these will be more useful to me as I cycle into Cambridge. The route from Stapleford is direct and flat whereas to get onto the new busway, I would have to cycle uphill and out of my way. Haverhill Road is already dangerous to cycle up as it is narrow with fast vehicles.

Crossings with traffic lights are planned across the 3 roads used by emergency vehicles to access Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston. The traffic lights will hold up such vehicles.
The crossing in Hinton Way is near the brow of the hill on a narrow road with limited visibility.

The busway as proposed, does not serve the villages of Sawston, Stapleford and Shelford as it passes at least a mile from these villages. There are already better alternatives for getting into Cambridge for villagers in these villages. Any money not spent on the busway should be used to provide more frequent and reliable buses going through the villages.

As for myself, I will not find this busway helpful as it will be inconvenient to reach and I value the beautiful nature in the area which is good for my mental and physical health. Any construction of a busway will cause much distress and ill health due to the damage to the countryside.

I do hope that you will reconsider the proposed busway.
Mary Cooper

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