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Sent: 01 February 2025 15:17
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 Officer,

I am contacting you 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.

My address is [REDACTED]. Hinton Way is one of the roads that will be cut by the busway and which will have a small number of parking spaces, so that the bus can be used by locals.

I have no objection to the bus way as a concept. And as the chancellor Rachel Reeves is encouraging growth around Cambridge I can see that getting more people to the Cambridge Bio-medical Campus is important and will be needed, however this is not the right route.

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 route is far better, cheaper and avoids the construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside.

This roadside route has not been properly considered. It avoids building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. As important this route does not create a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, a very significant heritage landscape. The current proposal leaves large areas delineated by the line open to development proposals at a time when the Shelford, Stapleford local neighborhood plan is about to be accepted by South Cambridgeshire District Council. .

I understand that the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership and the County Council think that choosing the current proposal better serves the local villages, but with the stops positioned at the edge of the villages and certainly on my road (Hinton Way) at the uphill edge of the village housing; I don't think this is a sensible way to serve the village. 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 already has the DNA cycle path, which is by far the quickest way to get to Addenbrookes and is the way I go if I ever have an appointment at the hospital..

Please could you ensure that the A1307 roadside route is properly considered before money is wasted and countryside unnecessarily ruined. I do not like to see money wasted, when a much cheaper and more environmentally sensible alternative is easily available.

Many thanks
Katherine Brown



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