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

I, Susan Russell of [redacted], am writing to make a formal objection to the "Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge" as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025.

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is totally unnecessary to deliver improvements in transport in this area. Similar transport and economic benefits can be achieved by building a version of the scheme first proposed by the GCP in 2018. This would involve building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and one mile of new road (busway).

This alternative would avoid building two new 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 future users and nature.

This alternative would avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to development and further harm to our precious 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 Linton Greenway which will connect Cambridge to Babraham, Granta Park and Linton; and Sawston Greenway that will connect Cambridge to Sawston. Stapleford and Shelford are already served by the DNA path.

Although the GCP say that the main reason they have chosen this route is to serve the villages but the bus stops are **not** located in positions that people are likely to use. The bus stop planned for Hinton Way is a ridiculous location, far too far from the village – only a few drop off places are allocated at this stop so if people had to be driven to it they would be much better off driving another half mile to the Babraham Road Park and Ride site where they could easily park.

The alternative route, a bus lane adjacent to the A1307, would be infinitely more sensible. It would be very very much less costly than constructing a busway across the countryside. It could be constructed very much faster and would help preserve our ever-dwindling countryside. Cambridge is rapidly becoming a concrete jungle and we desperately need to preserve some green space.

I sincerely hope that the Department of Transport will decide to build a busway next to the A1307, saving a great deal of money and helping to preserve the countryside.

Yours sincerely,
Susan Russell

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