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To the Secretary of State for Transport
Care of the Infrastructure Planning Unit, Department for Transport,
Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR

Dear Secretary of State,

I wish to comment on the proposal by the Greater Cambridge Partnership to build a new, off-road busway between Cambridge and Cambourne.

Grave concerns have been raised by several local organisations who agree that bus lanes on existing roads would involve vastly less environmental impact, and far less public expense, than the proposed destructive development of a new busway through valuable green space including an ancient orchard, important habitat, valuable landscape and views for the city. I urge you to give serious consideration to their objections.

It is difficult to believe that a system of bus lanes with traffic management, restrictions on car flow and possibly congestion charging for incoming traffic, could not be both viable and preferable. I fear the alternative suggestions have not been considered with any seriousness. As you will be learning, local perceptions are that the GCP is undemocratic and lacks transparency and that its consultations are felt by local people to be more cosmetic than real.

Busways such as the one we already have in Cambridge use huge amounts of concrete which is highly carbon intensive; another new busway away from existing roads would have an unnecessarily high environmental impact.

I believe many years ago there were proposals to build a road across Lammas Land, a very important green space close to the heart of the city, to link Barton Road and Brooklands Avenue, and I am very grateful that did not happen. It might have looked like a very convenient idea at the time but residents can all agree, now that green space is so much more obviously valuable as the city grows, that it would have been a terrible loss. I hope future generations will also be able to look back on this new proposal with relief that serious damage to our environment was avoided and the West Fields preserved.

I am aware over 22,200 local people have signed a petition asking for bus lanes and not bus roads and I urge you to listen to their concerns.

Yours sincerely

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