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The Secretary of State for Transport
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Re: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge Cambridge

Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

I 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, on the following grounds:

The construction of 5 miles of a new concrete busway through open countryside is unnecessary and the claimed benefits are far from certain. The adverse environmental impact, however, is absolutely certain: Two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. The busway would be a scar in he Gog Magog Hills, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area. The busway would also sever fields close to the villages making them vulnerable to future development and harm to the countryside.

The busway would offer NO benefit to us residents of Great Shelford as it is planned to be constructed at the eastern edge of the village, which is already served by the A1301, Shelford train station, and National Cycle Route 7.

Additionally, the proposal is estimated to cost £160 million, which the country can ill afford at this stage.

The alternative, a version of the scheme first proposed by the applicant in 2008, would involve building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new road (busway) and cost an estimated £100 million less.

Yours sincerely,

Vartan Narinian

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