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Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Order Guided Busway SE Cambridge

Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

I am writing to make a formal objection to the **Application and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the SE of Cambridge as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on Jan 9th 2025.**

As a resident of Great Shelford for 46 years (and born in Cambridge City in 1947), I have seen first hand the dramatic increase in buildings and businesses that Cambridge has attracted and appreciate the wealth that has been brought to the area.

However, I have very real concerns about the future water supply: fresh water and sewage treatment, to what is known as the driest region of England. The rate of building is growing beyond what is reasonable for the water situation. A safe and plentiful water supply should be a priority. It will surely be our most valuable and important commodity in the future. In my opinion this busway will contribute towards plans for massive building expansion between here and the Biomedical Campus.

Planners seem to completely ignore the risks of flooding to those who buy properties on low lying, easily flooded areas, despite knowing the consequences.

The proposal of a 5 miles guided busway built across a very special and rare chalk streams area of beautiful countryside is a very expensive and ugly solution to the traffic problem between The Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Cambridge. The route does not serve the local residents of the Shelfords, Stapleford, Babraham or Sawston and does not link up with the limited bus services for these villages.

It is still not too late to eat humble pie and admit to a big mistake. Accept the loss of the expensive costs so far and to choose one of the original cheaper proposals by GCP in 2018, primarily that of widening sections of the existing A1307 road for bus lanes and create a mile of new road/busway. At a local meeting I attended on February 18th, 2025 I heard no one speak up in support of the guided busway proposal. Officials in support of the scheme were invited but did not attend.

Despite Cambridge being a great Cycling City the number of longer distance cyclists to work is limited,(especially in inclement weather). I write this as someone who still cycles regularly, several times a week, in all weathers. Many stretches of the existing guided bus cycle lanes are not over used by cyclists or walkers, certainly not in the past 10 years.

I am a very concerned resident of Great Shelford who would like to see the government making much more effort to support expansion of work in other regions of the UK. Many regions have been ignored and

marginalised for far too many years and are now depressed and have poorly supported communications. They deserve better.

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