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

I, Susan Pitman 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 9th January 2025. The grounds for this objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is not needed to deliver improvements in transport. 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 alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert, and would avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area.

It would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature. This alternative would avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside. It would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus.

I feel very strongly about the negative impact of urbanising green belt land and losing it forever. It should be protected for wildlife, growing food and giving nature somewhere to live.

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 are already served by the DNA cycle path. The bus stop would be down my road but I usually cycle to town or use the Citi 7 service which serves my needs well, especially when I am not going into the centre of town. I would not like to lose this service if the new busway were there to compete with it. The Citi 7 is user friendly to me and only an easy walk from my house.

We really do need a solution that is better for nature long term that improves transport and the economy without destroying the countryside.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Susan Pitman

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