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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, Shaun Pitman of [redacted] are 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. The original scheme of a building a busway along the existing A1307 (proposed in 2018 to alleviate congestion along the A1307) would be a far cheaper option and still give similar transport and economic benefits.

This alternative would avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area.

It would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus. The Granta site in Abington already has a regular bus service to Cambridge so the proposed 5 mile new busway would have little benefit.

It wouldn't take many buses running along an A1307 busway to elevate traffic problems along this route (in or out of Cambridge). These could easily be electric like many of the buses in Cambridge.

As the busway only clips the villages of Shelford, Stapleford, & Sawston local uses would most likely have to drive to the busway stops to use it. This defeats the reasoning behind the proposal. The villages already have bus services to the Addenbrooke's site (Biomedical Campus).

I'm not aware of the finite costings for the proposed busway, but the figure in the public domain of £160M is very likely to be an under estimate.

We really do need a solution that is better for nature long term that improves transport and the economy without destroying the countryside, and is flexible. An expensive concreate busway does not achieve this.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Shaun Pitman

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