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To the Secretary of State for Transport

Cambourne to Cambridge Busway (C2C)

The North Newnham Residents' Association fully supports the plans for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway. We recognise the need for continuing expansion of housing and associated facilities in our region but note that such development cannot be accommodated within Cambridge itself without seriously damaging the character of the city and its protected open spaces. As a consequence, our submissions to the 2018 Local plan emphasised support for the policy of development in "necklace" villages supported by good public transport links.

The inspector's report on the 2018 Local plan drew attention to the need for well-defined public transport links if this policy was to succeed. The area around Cambridge is already congested from a traffic perspective. Good public transport is vital to ameliorate this and to limit the effects of climate change. But, for public transport to be attractive, it needs to be reliable and efficient. This requires the segregation of public transport from general traffic to enhance its reliability and increase its attractiveness. The segregated guided busways have already proved their worth in this regard and we fully expect that the Cambourne to Cambridge busway will be equally successful.

The guided busway has the additional advantage of providing support for active transport including cycling and walking. The alternative form of traffic management based on road pricing and congestion charging is very unattractive to our members.

Yours faithfully

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