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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge Cambridge

Dear Heidi Alexander MP, Secretary of State for Transport,

I, Dr Christopher J Powell of [REDACTED] 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. The grounds for this objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary 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), or alternatively and in my view, preferably, on the route of the former railway line to Haverhill - which would make the busway readily accessible to the communities (particularly the young and the elderly) of Sawston, Stapleford and Great Shelford.

- * The A1307 alternative would
- * avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.
- * avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area.
- * avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature.
- * avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside.
- * better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus.

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.

Unfortunately, the Greater Cambridge Partnership appear to be determined to pursue an unnecessarily expensive and unpopular route, irrespective of public feedback - quite simply, they are not listening!.

This is not in the best interest of those who travel towards or into Cambridge, nor is it in the best interest of the communities that would be impacted.

Kind regards,

Dr C J Powell

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