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Subject: Objection to a Transport and Work Act Order

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

Dear Secretary of State,

My name is Robert Doel and I live at [REDACTED]
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I am sending this email to make a formal objection to the ***“Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department of Transport for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge”***. This application was submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership (CGP) on 9 January 2025.

The grounds for my objection are as follows:

- 1) As now proposed, some 5 miles of new busway would be constructed across open countryside damaging one of the most important rural landscapes in the Cambridge area.
- 2) The route proposed entails two crossings of the river Granta, the intention being to construct two major bridges. This again would damage the landscape in the vicinity of this precious rural chalk stream leaving the area vulnerable to further incremental development.
- 3) The applicant claims the new busway would provide a valued new transport amenity for residents of Great Shelford and Stapleford. Both villages already have excellent public transport services and the proposed provision of new busway stops about a mile from the village centres would bring local residents no extra benefit.
- 4) A new busway for users living further from Cambridge is needed but can easily be provided by routing the buses along new bus lanes adjacent to the A1307. This was the CGP’s original intention and has the great advantage that it provides the required amenity without causing major damage to the open countryside.
- 5) It has been estimated that the cross-country route would cost around £100 million more than the A1307 alternative. With public finances now under huge pressure there can be no justification for adopting the route currently proposed. There is an equally effective, less damaging alternative readily available at a substantially lower cost.

I trust the applicant’s current proposal will not be approved.

Robert Doel

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