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To the Secretary of State for Transport:

I am writing to register an objection to the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway which is the subject of a Transport and Work Act Order application from the Greater Cambridge Partnership, on the grounds that it is in contravention of the National Planning Policy Framework regarding flood risk.

I am concerned that the very substantial Bin Brook bridge plus embankment structure looks like it could increase the flood risk to the Gough Way estate by creating a dam-like barrier across the low-lying fields north of Gough Way. The application documents and plans submitted by GCP exclude the Gough Way estate from the plans and any risk is not addressed in the submission. As far as I understand it the National Planning Policy Framework states that an application should demonstrate that a development will not have an adverse impact upstream or downstream, so it is very worrying that the GCP submission has ignored this and simply implies that the Gough Way estate is outside the impact area. Bin Brook runs through the estate and has backed up causing flooding before.

I also object to the C2C route overall because:

1. it destroys open countryside including greenbelt land and seems an unnecessary waste of money. It has never been properly explained why an alternative route adapting the existing main road into town from that direction (Madingley Road) would not be viable.
2. it arrives on the public road network on the narrowest section of Grange Road, opposite the busy pedestrian and cycle entrance to a school. Grange Road is already heavily congested at peak hours. The buses' onward route would inevitably be slow and worsen the traffic problems on this side of the city. There are no large employment sites or other destinations in this part of the city.
3. The old Rifle Range road is too narrow to allow for a safe pedestrian and cycle route to run alongside the busway at the point where it would run between the rugby ground and Clare Hall, especially worrying in light of pedestrian and cycle deaths on the St Ives busway. This is a well-used and much-loved route into the open countryside from the city centre, and by local dog walkers in the residential streets nearby. The King's School also uses the Rifle Range track to access their playing fields.

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