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

I 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 Greater Cambridge Partnership on 9 January 2025.

The grounds for this objection are the following:

I live in Stapleford and enjoy quiet walks along the 'Barn track' through farmland and unspoilt countryside towards the village of Babraham. This track which is used by walkers and cyclists would no longer be a peaceful escape for my health and wellbeing.

The proposed route cuts a swathe through precious and internationally significant chalk streams and right next to the iconic restored Gog Magog chalk downs.

The busway will not serve me as a resident of Stapleford and it will not serve the currently underserved village of Sawston either.

I commute into Cambridge and Addenbrookes and the traffic only begins to be congested at the Gog Magog roundabout with the Golf Club and Hinton Way so a busway that starts at the roundabout and goes along the road into town from that point would be sufficient.

There is a cheaper viable alternative and in these financially straightened times, this cheaper and less disruptive of the countryside should be chosen.

In additions:

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).

This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.

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

This alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature.

This alternative would avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside.

This alternative would 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.

Finally, I am unlikely to use the busway as it bypasses the majority of houses in Stapleford, including mine so would be no reduction in traffic from my viewpoint.

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