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Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department of Transport for a new busway to the south east of Cambridge

I, Susan Ray of [redacted], am writing to make a formal objection to the above. I am a long term resident and have been actively engaged in the community(Stapleford& Great Shelford) as a teacher, parent and grandparent since 1980.

My objections are as follows:

- I have seen very little evidence of genuine community engagement or shared decision making with GCP, an unelected body and in no sense a partnership with local representatives. I have heard nothing to convince me that GCP has really listened to or considered other views or viable alternatives. It's my impression that decisions have been made largely undemocratically.
- The construction of the busway represents huge expenditure of public funds, without any substantial/updated evidence of benefit for travel connectivity for local residents/commuters. I would not use it at all.
- The splitting and sacrificing of fields will reduce farmland and incur additional production costs for farmers with knock on effects on sustainability and rising costs overall.
- An additional consequence of the busway constructed over farmland would be to make surrounding fields vulnerable to speculative developments, which would overwhelm local infra structure, services and resources.
- The threat to the environment is huge and no amount of promises of tree planting or "country park" will ever replace or compensate.
- The health of chalk streams, special areas such as Nine Wells and the biodiverse nature corridor would be seriously damaged by very close construction and barriers.

In conclusion, there is a significantly more affordable plan which could be actioned in a very timely way; in fact there are already cycle routes under construction and a new railway station which will serve Cambridge Biomedical Campas expansion. It is my belief that GCP have not listened or seriously considered this far less damaging option.

Susan Ray

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