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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order for a New Busway South of Cambridge

Dear Secretary of State,

My name is Dr Rob Mann, a resident of Shelford in South Cambridgeshire. I am writing to formally object 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", which was submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership (GCP) on 9 January 2025. My reasons for this objection include the following:

1. The proposed busway would run parallel to an existing major road - the A1307 - that already links the end-points of the proposed busway. By widening and improving that road, and by including a dedicated bus lane, its capacity would be significantly increased. Indeed, this roadside route is the essence of the GCP's original 2018 scheme for the transport link. It does not appear necessary to incur the large carbon, energy, financial and environmental costs of the busway subsequently proposed by the GCP, in order to deliver the benefits to transportation.
2. I moved to Shelford 14 years ago with my wife and our new-born child, and we chose it because it offered a relatively rural setting at a convenient distance from Cambridge. We already have several bus routes, a railway link and an off-road cycle way that serve us very well for work and leisure. There would be no benefit to us at all from the GCP's proposed busway since, unlike the access points for the existing links, the busway's Shelford bus stop would be a long way from the village centre.
3. Our natural environment is increasingly precious to residents of South Cambridgeshire. Chalk streams such as Hobson's Conduit, the beautiful hills of Gog Magog, and the wildlife clinging to them, should not be sacrificed for unnecessary development.

May I urge you to please subject the GCP's application for a TWAO to the highest possible scrutiny, and to compare it on a rational and objective basis to an alternative that is far less expensive and much less damaging?

Yours sincerely,

Dr Rob Mann,
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