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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I Ellen Theresa Bateman of [REDACTED] 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 Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025. The grounds for this objection are the following:

I was a resident of Cambridge for 30 years and found there was a lack of accessible outdoor spaces in the outskirts of Cambridge, which was one of the reasons I decided to move away. Areas such as the Gog Magog Hills are one of the few available areas and are a vital requirement since Cambridge is expanding so much. I still go there often when I visit my daughter, who lives in Cambridge and goes walking there several days per week.

I object to the plan submitted on 9/1/2025 because it proposes the construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside which is unnecessary to deliver improvements in transport. It would create a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area. A new road should not be built through the countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature, which has in recent years been a great new asset for the community. I also object to the plan submitted on 9/1/2025 because it goes through fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside.

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 better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus.

best wishes
Ellen Theresa Bateman

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