

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

I, Alan Yeo 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. My grounds for this objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through beautiful open countryside is totally 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 a 1-mile section of new road (busway) and building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307. This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. It would also avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, which boasts a magical landscape in the Cambridge area.

This more sympathetic alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature. It would also avoid disrupting fields close to villages, thereby making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside. The alternative version would also 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.

Kind regards

Alan Yeo

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