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Formal Objection to the Transport and Works Act Order for the proposed busway to the southeast of Cambridge

To the Department for Transport,

I Maggie Craig, [REDACTED] strongly oppose the proposed busway to the southeast of Cambridge due to the devastating impact it would have on the local countryside and biodiversity. In the face of climate breakdown and mass biodiversity loss, carving a five-mile wide concrete road through open fields is not just unnecessary—it is reckless.

Beyond the environmental damage, this busway fails to serve the very communities it is meant to help. The proposed stops are located outside villages, often uphill, making them impractical for many residents. If local people cannot easily access it, then what is the justification for such destruction? Additionally, the route does not optimally serve the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, a key destination for many commuters.

A far less harmful alternative was proposed in 2018—one that avoids severing habitats, destroying the Magog Down Hills, and endangering the fragile chalk streams of the River Granta and Hobson's Conduit.

This alternative, which involves only short sections of bus lane along the A1307 and a single mile of new road, would deliver equal or greater transport benefits without sacrificing irreplaceable landscapes.

This busway is not a necessity—it is an act of destruction with little gain. I urge the Department for Transport to reject this plan in favour of a solution that truly serves local people while respecting and protecting nature.

Yours Sincerely,
Maggie Craig

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