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I am writing to express my concerns about the Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) project. While improving transport links is crucial, I believe the current CSET plan has several fundamental flaws:

The busway will not significantly improve journey times between the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and the city centre, where congestion remains the main issue. Without dedicated infrastructure further into Cambridge, the bus is unlikely to be competitive with other forms of transport such as private cars.

The planned stops are poorly placed outside village centres, making them less convenient than existing bus services. Many residents, especially those with limited mobility, may still find the 7 and 13 services more convenient.

The CSET may be subject to the shortcomings of the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway, risking high construction and maintenance costs due to poor standardisation, and might suffer from severe capacity constraints if ridership exceeds predictions (which is often the case).

I also believe that its construction would likely prevent the reinstatement of the Stour Valley Railway, making a future rail link to Haverhill unfeasible. This would be a huge detriment to the town, which is one of the largest in the country with no train station. A rail connection, while initially more expensive, would offer greater long-term benefits, higher capacity, and better service for a larger population.

I urge you to oppose the current CSET plan and advocate for a thorough reassessment by local transport authorities such as the Greater Cambridge Partnership, ensuring that a rail alternative is properly considered before irreversible decisions are made. Please raise this issue in Parliament to ensure a more sustainable, long-term solution is considered. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,
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