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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

I, Michael Woodroofe 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:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is not necessary 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 building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new road (busway).

This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting the Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. It would avoid ruining the Gog Magog Hills landscape, an extremely important landscape in the Cambridge area.

This alternative would avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside and would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

Living in Stapleford, the proposed bus stop would be of no value due to its location on the very edge of the village with existing bus services being more convenient and providing an adequate timetable. Of course, current bus services could be reduced with the busway used as an excuse. There are already a number of cycle routes available or under construction around the village, so little benefit will be gained by cycling adjacent to the busway route.

In conclusion, I do not see any benefit to this proposal which would be of far greater expense to the alternative offered with little additional advantage to be gained, would destroy any chance of connecting Haverhill and Cambridge by rail (remember global warming) and would quite likely become a white elephant in the near future.

Yours faithfully.

Michael Woodroofe

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