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Sent: 26 February 2025 22:24
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to DfT for new busway to the southeast of Cambridge

I, Barbara Howarth, 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.

I am all for improvements in public transport. However, in this case, I believe that improvements can be achieved without irreversible damage to valuable countryside. I am one of many protesters, joined by local parish councils, environmental Trusts, charities and partnerships who strongly object to this proposal. Together we have put forward a viable alternative that will improve public transport while protecting our precious Gog Magog Hills and greenbelt countryside.

My grounds for objecting to CGP's application include the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is 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 building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new road (busway).

This alternative would avoid:

- creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscape's in the Cambridge area
- two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert
- building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature
- severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future developments and further harm to the countryside

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

Additionally, cycle routes in this area are already under construction and will include the

- Linton Greenway which connects Cambridge to Babraham, Granta Park and Linton
- Sawston Greenway which will connect Cambridge to Sawston, Stapleford and Shelford which are already served by the DNA cycle path.

As a Great Shelford resident, I have yet to meet anyone in the village who would make use of the proposed new bus route/stop. The bus stop is planned for the least populated, furthest end of the

village's residential area and therefore will not, in my view, be of benefit to villagers as claimed by the applicant.

Despite a viable alternative developed by experts and a petition with over 7,000 names, our councils have applied for permission to go ahead with this unwanted scheme.

I object to this application in the strongest terms.

Yours sincerely
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