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Dear DoT

Please can I register my vigorous objection to the above plan for a busway to the south east of Cambridge?

1. The provision of a busway towards Cambridge Bioscience Campus (CBC) from Babraham will encourage car use from Haverhill to Babraham. This is well-known as a dangerous road (there are signs on it reminding drivers): thus if the busway gets approval, allowance must be made for expensive widening and straightening of the A1307 from Haverhill. And we should not I think be encouraging car use.
2. The proposed busway will quite unnecessarily spoil a lovely bit of countryside, when a road widening option for the A1307 from Babraham to CBC would allow buses to get to CBC similarly quickly in the morning rush. In the evening rush (out of Cambridge/CBC to Babraham) there are far fewer problems. So the busway seems to me unnecessary and readily replaceable with a much cheaper on-road option.
3. In the longer term, Haverhill needs its railway back, as a connection Haverhill/Shelford/CBC/Cambridge South would permit all commuting and other journeys to be undertaken car-free. Please factor this into your thinking. The busway would of course kill the possibility of re-opening the rail line.
4. The hostility to the plan from residents in the villages on the planned busway — especially Great Shelford and Stapleford — is enormous, but you will be aware of that.

Yours sincerely

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