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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

I, Trevor Coleman 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:

In my view the Gog Magog hills and river Granta valley are the most attractive, and also the most environmentally sensitive, area of countryside close to Cambridge. It is an area I visit regularly throughout the year, both for recreation and as a volunteer working to maintain and improve the wildlife habitat. The area is well known for its beauty and wildlife and it is extremely popular with residents of Cambridge and surrounding villages.

I fully understand the wish to enable further development of the Cambridge area economy, but I don't believe the construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is necessary to deliver improvements in transport. Similar 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 Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert;
- creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area;
- 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 development 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.

Cycle routes in this area are already under construction and include the Linton Greenway which will connect Cambridge to Babraham, Granta Park and Linton; and the Sawston Greenway that will connect Cambridge to Sawston. Stapleford and Shelford are already served by the DNA cycle path.

Yours sincerely,

Trevor Coleman

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