



22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge**

We, Steven and Virginie Lampon, of  are 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 Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The grounds for this objection are 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). We understand that this could be done at much lower cost, with less technical risk and more quickly than the GCP's guided busway without cutting through the green belt. **We have read that this alternative solution could quickly deliver 80+% of the benefits of the GCP busway for ~20% of the costs (£100m by some estimates).**
- This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.
- This alternative would avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area.
- This alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature.
- This alternative would avoid 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.

We hope that our objection will be considered along with others that you receive and help trigger a Public Inquiry to consider this viable alternative – a dedicated bus lane to the A1307 with a new access road into Addenbrookes. We believe this can be done at much lower cost, with less technical risk and more quickly than the GCP's guided busway without cutting through the green belt.

Yours faithfully,

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**Steven and Virginie Lampon**