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

I, Olivia Bendelack 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 Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) on 9 January 2025. The grounds for this objection are as follows:

The construction of five miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary to deliver improvements in transport. Similar transport and economic benefits can be achieved by building an alternative version of the scheme as first proposed by the applicant in 2018. This alternative version would involve building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and one mile of new road (busway).

This alternative version would be significantly cheaper than that currently proposed. The alternative version would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream as well as avoiding the creation of a scar through the Gog Magog Hills, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area. It would avoid putting the historic Hobson's Conduit chalk stream through a culvert. It would also avoid building a new road straight through a country park and avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future infill development. The environmental damage currently being proposed is immense and unnecessary.

The suggested alternative would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus as well as serving a greater proportion of the Campus.

Cycle routes in this area are already under construction and include the Linton Greenway (connecting Cambridge to Babraham, GrantaPark and Linton) and the Sawston Greenway (connecting Cambridge to Sawston). Stapleford and Shelford are already served by the DNA cycle path.

As a resident of Great Shelford I am extremely unlikely to use the busway as it is currently proposed. The bus stops are not within the village and would require an uphill walk to access them when I can currently take a walk of no more than two minutes to the centrally located Shelford train station from where I can be in Cambridge in five minutes.

Thank you
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