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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge

Dear Heidi Alexander MP, Secretary of State for Transport,

My name is Stephen Webb and my address is [REDACTED].

I 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 strongly support much needed improvements to public transport, but this can be achieved without unnecessarily destroying the environment.

The grounds for my 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 a bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 additional mile of new road.
- This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and culverting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream. There are only 200 chalk streams across the world, 85% of which are found in the UK in southern and eastern England. The River Granta is a precious habitat for wild brown trout and water voles and bridge construction will substantially alter the natural environment.
- This alternative would avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important natural 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 Research Campus, Granta Park, the Abingtons, Hildersham and Linton; and the Sawston Greenway that will connect Cambridge to Sawston. Stapleford and Shelford are already served by the DNA cycle path.

I urge to you to stop the construction of the busway and pursue an alternative option.

Regards

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