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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order for a new busway in the Southeast of Cambridgeshire

Hello,

I, David Rudgley of [REDACTED], am writing to you to oppose the plan for the new busway in the Southeast of Cambridge as submitted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) on 9th January 2025.

The following objections of the busway are as follows:

1) Completely unnecessary route to be taken.

The A1307 that runs from Babraham to Addenbrookes is even more direct, efficient and only requires upgrading/widening. It also ties into the local Babraham Park and Ride, which for me, and many others in the local Sawston/Stapleford/Shelford villages, would actually be better to get into Cambridge or other areas with. This would also link up Linton/Haverhill residents far better! (Seeming as there already is a bus lane at the large A11 roundabout.) This A1307 route would potentially save millions of pounds and actually improve cycling/bus use/congestion, not to mention the safety aspect!

2) The Environment.

The fields around the back of The Gogs are the last bit of the local area we have that we can use publicly. Putting a busway defeats the purpose of creating a greener Cambridgeshire when you already have a perfectly good road to reinvest in and redevelop. The A1307 route would also be significantly cheaper and better to use, and while upgrading it, could improve the cycle path that runs alongside, for which I regularly use.

I also can't imagine the environmental effect of having a busway tear across the last part of greenbelt countryside we have in South Cambridgeshire. I often use the footpath/bridleway that connects Sawston and Stapleford for my running/cycling/walking, and its really quite lovely to have some countryside that hasn't been touched by development. So I can't quite understand the GCP's plan to "help the environment" by removing it? :(

3) There's no use for the new busway.

I regularly use the bus to travel into Cambridge from Sawston, and the bus service is perfectly fine currently. The new busway that is proposed is completely wasted and has no use to myself or others, why would I get onto the new busway that stops at Addenbrookes, and then have to get onto ANOTHER bus, when I can get the better current bus that goes into Central Cambridge in one? Or if the A1307 route is taken and upgraded, I could safely cycle into Cambridge, further reducing emissions/congestion. Also, having the A1307 route redeveloped means that the Wandlebury Park, Gog farm shop and Copley Hill Business Park would see increased business!

4) Conclusion.

Yes, the GCP is correct in stating that we need new busways in the local area to reduce congestion and improve our environment, but we need them to actually be useful and make sense to be used. The GCP's current route is never going to work and goes against all logic and sense. This is the only

chance to actually get this perfectly correct and work really well with the A1307 route instead. I cannot plead with you enough to change the GCP's course of direction for the new busway, the A1307 desperately needs renovating, both for safety and congestion, and now is the perfect chance for the cheaper, efficient, and environmentally superior option to happen.

Thank you for your time,

David.

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