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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Cambridge South East Busway

To whom it may concern,

I write to you objecting to the South Cambridgeshire Busway as a resident in [REDACTED]
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The reasons for the objection are as follows:

- There is a cheaper, less damaging option (to run the busway alongside the A1307). This option is cheaper, destroys less of the green belt and delivers the same "benefits".
- The busway will pave over and irreversibly damage the greenbelt / fertile farmland, and completely change character of the local area, encouraging more building on the GreenBelt that currently surrounds Cambridge.
- The farm land beyond Stapleford is enjoyed by many walkers, runners and cyclists who all enjoy the green open space, because it is an open green area, free from tarmac and traffic. I urge you to visit and see for yourself the beauty and calm of this area, and how many people enjoy using the existing path on weekends. Ploughing a 14m wide concrete track through this area would totally destroy the natural beauty that so many enjoy.
- The impact of the busway is also not environmentally sound - concrete production and building the busway would do severe damage through CO2 production, and the small number of car journeys that it would take off the road would never pay back the carbon cost. As Cambridge County council have declared a climate emergency, this seems totally contradictory to their aims of tackling climate change.
- The route has zero benefit for the villages it pass past / through as the route is too far away from the village centres. Further, it is unclear as to how many people would actually use the busway (will those commuting to Addenbrookes really abandon their car for a 20/30 bus journey where they have to wait in the cold and rain for the next unreliable bus?). These villages are served by the no7 bus, which is also rarely full. So adding a busway route that is further away from the village centres for a large amount of cost and damage will deliver minimal benefit.

So in summary, I urge you to reject this plan and encourage the (mostly unelected) GCP to pursue the A1307 route.

Many thanks
Andrew

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