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Subject: Objection to the Proposed South East Cambridge Busway

I, Karen Lockhart of [REDACTED], am writing to make a formal objection to the "Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge", as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9th January 2025. Although I live in Germany at the moment for work reasons I own a house in Great Shelford and I will be returning to live there in the next few years. The grounds for the objection are as follows:

Firstly, the building of this new road through open countryside is not needed to provide improvements in transport. A previous proposal put forward in 2018 where a bus lane is built alongside the A1307 can achieve the same transport and economic benefits and will not require the high expenditure that will be needed to build this proposed busway. I am in favour of building a bus lane beside the A1307

Secondly, the Gog Magog Hills are an important and protected chalk land area south of Cambridge where people go to 'escape' the city. This project will scar the local area and remove valuable farming land from production. In addition, two bridges will be built over the River Granta chalk stream and Hobson's Conduit will be placed in a culvert. We should be doing everything we can to protect our rare chalk streams. The proposed route along the A1307 would avoid this destruction.

Thirdly, several fields close to villages would be severed making them vulnerable to future development leading to the loss of more farmland and harm to the countryside.

Fourthly, it appears to be rather cynical that it has been stated that this route has been chosen to serve the villages of Great Shelford and Stapleford. At the moment there are more than adequate bus services and a train service to travel into Cambridge. The stops for the guided busway are on the edge of the villages and up a hill and are therefore inconvenient for all but a few villagers. I will continue to use the buses that already serve the village.

In conclusion, I believe the building of this busway will be expensive, will not provide value for money and will lead to irreversible damage to the countryside and the Gog Magog Hills. The alternative route next to the A1307 is a much preferable alternative.

Regards,
Karen Lockhart

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