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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the DfT for a new (guided) busway to the Southeast of Cambridge

I, Delia Lloyd of [REDACTED], am writing to make a formal objection for a new guided busway as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9th January 2025.

It is an extremely expensive option, at the moment around three times as much as the environmentally better option (which was also considered earlier by the CGP) of creating a bus lane adjacent to the A1307.

Apart from the waste of excessive public funds, the chosen busway will damage beautiful countryside which we and wildlife are able to enjoy. A huge amount of infrastructure will be needed to support the proposed busway including the building of two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. The Gog Magog Hills is one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area and the proposed new busway will permanently scar it. A bus lane adjacent to the A1307 however would avoid all the damage and detriment to the landscape as well as being far more cost effective.

The proposed busway will stop uphill on the outskirts of Great Shelford and Stapleford. We already have an excellent train station, cycle paths and bus routes that are much more accessible to residents as they are closer to the centre of the villages. One of the reasons given by the GCP is that their proposal will provide better transport for our villages but this is definitely not the case, as we already have excellent transport facilities which are easily accessible, whereas the proposed busway will be very difficult to access up a hill on the outskirts of each village.

There used to be a light railway line that ran from Cambridge to Haverhill, which I understand could also be reinstated providing a very good railway system around Cambridge if more transport facilities are needed in the future. This would be much better than creating an unsightly busway through beautiful countryside.

I strongly object to the proposed new busway and I believe that the bus lane alongside the A1307 (originally proposed by the GCP) should be reconsidered for all the reasons I have stated above.

Yours faithfully,

Delia Lloyd

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