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

I, Michael Coleman of [REDACTED], 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 Greater Cambridge Partnership on 9 January 2025. The grounds for my objection are:

- The plan to reduce traffic congestion with the proposed busway is fatally flawed. It will achieve precisely the opposite by creating junctions with traffic lights on four roads that are currently junction-free: Babraham Road, Sawston, Got Magog Way, Stapleford, and Hinton Way and Granham's Road in Shelford. These will have tailbacks on both sides in every rush hour making it harder to reach the existing Babraham Road Park and Ride by car.
- The route serves only the Addenbrookes Campus. While this is expanding, the assumption that this is the only destination of commuters is plain wrong. Those travelling from villages to the south west of Cambridge to other destinations will have their journey made harder.
- The purpose of improving public transport would be better served by building the new busway adjacent to the existing A1307 with 1 mile of new road, as first proposed by the applicant in 2018. This is also substantially cheaper.
- The current scheme is a bizarre location for the busway as it travels over open countryside. As a resident of Great Shelford, the location of the new busway is basically useless for me as I have to go well out of the village to reach it.
- I object to the needless destruction of greenbelt land when there is a viable and more cost-effective alternative.
- I and many others use the Gog Magog Hills for recreation and dog walking and this would be spoiled.
- There are already viable cycle routes under construction and I would continue to use the existing DNA path rather than the busway. Those wishing to use public transport will certainly choose to use the train from Shelford to Cambridge South, as Shelford station is far more conveniently located.

Please reject this application as it is not sensible approach to improving transport infrastructure in this area. It has simply not been thought through and is an extraordinarily poor use of public money at a time when the country just cannot afford it.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Coleman

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