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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: OBJECTION to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge

To whom it may concern,

We write to register our **OBJECTION** to the Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge, as submitted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership on 9 January 2025.

We object for the following reasons:

- the monumental waste of taxpayers' money to construct a concrete bus road across greenbelt land when a more direct and cheaper alternative is available alongside the A1307
- if the GCP had not unnecessarily split the on-road route options into two in a consultation over preferred route choices in 2018, it would have emerged as the clear route preference amongst consultees - plans at this stage and subsequently have never reflected the views of local communities
- the GCP's greenbelt route reflects long withdrawn plans to link the busway to the former Mayor's CAM transport system - the death of the latter should have led to a fundamental rethink of the CSET busway strategy
- the appalling degradation of nature and the countryside - including the sensitive Gog Magog Hill landscape, the River Granta chalk stream, Nine Wells and the Hobson's Brook corridor - and greenbelt wrought by a vast concrete swathe of road and river bridges. No mitigation could ever begin to replace what would be lost
- the busway would chop up greenbelt and arable fields into smaller parcels of land which would be vulnerable to development, permanently eroding the rural character of South Cambridgeshire's 'necklace villages' and subsuming them into sprawling Cambridge City suburbs
- as Stapleford residents, we would be highly unlikely to ever use the busway even though the bus stop would be about a 6 minute walk from our house because it does not serve our main destinations in either a direct or timely manner. We are already very well - and indeed better - served by the train (Shelford station is just over 1km from our front door) and the local cycling 'greenways'.

Yours faithfully,
Jenny and Gavin Flynn.

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