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

Good evening Heidi Alexander,

I Chloe Smith 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 Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025. The grounds for this objection are the following:

Building 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary to improve transport. Similar benefits, both in terms of transport and the economy, could be achieved by implementing a version of the plan originally proposed by the applicant in 2018. This alternative would involve adding bus lanes along the A1307 and constructing 1 mile of new road (busway).

This approach would avoid the need to build two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.

It would also prevent disrupting the Gog Magog Hills, a significant and valued landscape in the Cambridge area.

Additionally, it would avoid the construction of a new road through a countryside park, which could negatively impact its future use by both people and wildlife.

This alternative would prevent the fragmentation of fields near villages, helping to protect the countryside from potential future development. We are slowly losing what people love about our area and more largely the UK. The countryside. I don't know anyone in the local area who doesn't walk on one of the walks affected by these plans, this plan is and will have a negative effect on everyone.

This area is already facing a lot of change due to South West Rail, which is also disturbing large parts of local countryside. It's unfair to destroy even more.

Transport should be aiding communities with them in mind, instead of destroying them to just be able to say actions have been taken.

Furthermore, it would better support the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, reaching a larger portion of the site.

I am part of many local groups and not once have I seen a support for the current bus way plans. When will who this is supposed to be aiding actually be considered?

This issue sadden me as I don't believe it aligns with what Labour stands for. I believed this party to be a party for the people, but this action just leaves me and many feeling ignored and not valued. My mother is a Labour Member and I always believed I would follow her footsteps. However, now in my 20s, I feel Labour aligning less with myself and I'm struggling to see it being the party for my future.

I hope more consideration can be taken,

Thank you for your time,

Chloe Smith.

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