



7th January 2025

Secretary of State for Transport
C/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Department of Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
London SW1P 4DR

Dear Sir

Greater Cambridge Partnership submission re Cambourne to Cambridge Busway

I understand that the Greater Cambridge Partnership are making proposals to yourself regarding a route for the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway using Rifle Range Road which involves the the construction of a bridge across the Bin Brook which will be less than 250 metres downstream from my home and many others. Construction work, and possible later effects of the new ground layout in this area, would appear to considerably increase the risk of flood damage to my home and many other properties on the Gough Way estate and Barton Road.

I am very concerned about this proposal as having lived in my house since 1972 I have seen two damaging floods affecting nearby properties. My house escaped being flooded as it is slightly higher than my neighbours, but the water still reached the top of my door step and I fear I will not escape in future. On the last occasion, while helping my neighbours move furniture higher, the water come up through the flooring before rushing through the doors to flood the house up to nearly 1+ metres. On many other occasions, after prolonged periods of heavy rain, the road outside my house becomes a river and the children's play area opposite submerged. It is always very stressful waiting to see if the water will pour into the houses again.

I am sure I am not alone in being very worried since there are numerous other homes in Gough Way, Wooton Way, Dane Drive, Spens Avenue and Barton Road that must surely be affected by this proposed route. I understand that many people have suggested that an alternative route using Madingley Road would reduce the flood risks to myself and my neighbours. It would also mean that a large sum of money would not need to be spent in building another costly bridge across the M11.

Yours faithfully

Janice Hawkins

