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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
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Dear Secretary,

We are writing about the above submission to register an objection. I am a resident on the Gough Way estate immediately upstream of the proposed bridge over the Bin Brook along Rifle Range Road (our address is 14 Wootton Way, Cambridge CB39LX).

Our concern is that while there has already been a good deal of consultation about potential routes for the busway, some very key issues have not been addressed. First of all, and to greatest concern for us personally, the current plans do not show proper consideration of whether the proposals as they stand have assessed any change in flooding risk to the Gough Way estate. This seems to have been done for Barton Road and for the area round the Bin Brook bridge but not the estate with around 150 households. Houses on the estate have been flooded in the past before the current overflow channel was built. We as residents need to be assured that the plans won't have an adverse effect through flood risk or raising of the water table under our properties.

Secondly, we have never had any satisfactory explanation as to why the West Fields/Rifle Range Road route is being proposed in preference to Madingley Road. It seems that the latter has just been rejected out of hand by the GCP without adequate reasons given. One enormous problem about the currently proposed route is that it is a bus way to nowhere. There is no clarity about what would happen to passengers once they arrived at Grange Road; there is no possibility of a transport hub to take them to other parts of Cambridge where they might need to get to for work or study.

We would be grateful to be given answers to these questions and earnestly suggest that the GCP are required to revisit the plans, whether via a public enquiry or other means.

Yours sincerely,
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