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

Dear Secretary of State

My name is Elisabeth Claire Schofield of [REDACTED].

I wish to raise an objection to the building of a new busway to the south-east of Cambridge, which was proposed by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025. The reasons for my objection are:

1 Damage to the countryside.

The proposed five miles of busway with accompanying cycle path will cause a considerable amount of damage to the open countryside, part park and part farmland. It would ruin the Gog Magog Hills landscape, by crossing farmland below the Gog Magog reserve and by the building two large bridges over the precious River Granta chalk stream. It would also involve putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.

2 Poor route selection

The new transport is needed to deliver improvements in transport between the Cambridge Biomedical and Babraham Campuses, but the construction of 5 miles of busway through open countryside is not necessary. The A1307 already covers most of the required route and at considerably less expense than proposed for the countryside route, it could be widened so that sections of bus lane could be built adjacent to the existing road. Only one additional mile of new road (busway) would be needed. This version of the scheme was proposed previously by the applicant in 2018. It is not clear why the route was changed.

3 Dubious justification

I am amazed to see that a major justification for the present route is that the bus it will serve the villages outside Cambridge (e.g. Sawston and Great Shelford). The proposed location of the bus stops is on the edge of the villages, uphill from the centre. In the case of Great Shelford, about a good 20 minute walk from the centre.

Also, cycle routes in this area already exist or are currently under construction, another route is not needed at such an environmental cost.

Yours faithfully
Claire Schofield

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