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Sent: 07 February 2025 11:47
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Re: Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge”

Dear Secretary of State for Transport

I, Adrian K DIXON, of [REDACTED] would like 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. My grounds for objecting are that the construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is neither the best nor the most economical way to deliver improvements in transport.

Similar transport and far greater economic benefits can be achieved by building a version of the scheme first proposed by the applicant in 2018. The benefits of that 2018 scheme are that:

- bus lanes can be built adjacent to the existing A1307 and will then only require 1 mile of new road (busway) across the fields to the Biomedical Campus.
- construction of two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert is not required
- the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area, is left largely unaffected,
- building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature, is avoided,
- fields close to villages will not be ‘detached’, making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside.

As a local resident I am fully aware of the need for expansion of and improved access to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. However I consider the 2018 scheme better supports and offers far greater value for money. It also reflects the important establishment of the network of cycleways connecting the Campus with Babraham, Granta Park and Linton.

Finally, I am concerned that this is yet another 'vanity project' proposed by a local council who have squandered much money on recent projects which have gone way over budget - 'guided bus' and 'Dutch roundabout' to name but two. Money would have been better spent on maintaining existing infrastructure and even insisting on an 'oyster card' scheme for buses which would prevent major hold-ups at bus stops on critical roads.

Yours faithfully

Adrian Dixon