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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

Dear Sirs

I am Stephen Goddard living in Great Shelford just outside Cambridge and 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.

On both economic and transport grounds the reasons behind this busway are now out of date. It needs to be reconsidered now that the buses will be driven by drivers rather than be autonomous. The costs are unreasonable and likely to escalate. In addition the construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary to deliver improvements in transport. Similar transport and economic benefits can be achieved by building a version of the scheme first proposed by the applicant in 2018. This would involve building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new road (busway). Not only will this be quicker to deliver as well as being cheaper it will avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. It will avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area. It will also be a better solution linking as the original scheme serves more the Biomedical Campus.

It will provide little benefit to residents on the route and Great Shelford is already well served by a train station in the village and buses. The challenge for government is to get people to use the existing transport networks rather than their cars. It would be better to use some of the money to resurface the roads so as to encourage cyclists.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Goddard

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