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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

I Jennifer Macpherson of [REDACTED] am writing 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 Greater Cambridge Partnership on the 9 January 2025. The grounds of the objections are the following:

This proposed Busway will urbanise and destroy the beautiful rural countryside of this part of south east Cambridgeshire. It will spoil the scenic views of the Gog Magog Hills, which are currently enjoyed. There is a risk that once the countryside has been cut through by this busway, it will allow for future property development, causing more urbanisation of the countryside by building on greenfield sites. I am concerned that building this busway across fields, will cause a permanent loss of valuable arable agricultural land, particularly affecting our ability to produce sufficient quantities of wheat and barley for this country's needs. This proposed busway would require the building of two large bridges across the River Granta, which if built would be very visible in the landscape and create a significant impact on the environment. The three planned Bus Stops sited a mile from the three villages they are supposed to service, will mean that most villagers are unlikely to use these bus stops, especially as they are uphill. These Bus Stops create further urbanisation with increased lighting.

The construction of this Busway is very expensive at £1.6 Billion, and this price will probably rise even further. This is an unnecessary expense when there is a cheaper option, which was initially proposed by Greater Cambridge Partnership in 2018. This alternative transport route delivers similar transport benefits without the damage to the countryside and is cheaper. This alternative would have new sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new busway to the Biomedical Campus. As well as being a much cheaper option it will take less time to build and once sections have been built these could be used, reducing traffic congestion sooner. The building of two bridges across the River Granta chalk stream would be avoided with this alternative busway, thus saving money and avoiding unnecessary environmental damage. This option would reduce urbanisation and future property development, leaving greenfield sites untouched and important arable land to be cultivated.

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