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Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge

I, Mia Devereux, of Brook House, [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 Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025. The grounds for this objection are the following:

Firstly, why has so little attention been permitted to hearing what Better Ways for Busways has to say? I can only deduce that someone or some organisation may be financially supporting your ideas else why wouldn't you listen to us locals?

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unecessary 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).

This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.

This alternative would avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area which is enjoyed by so many on a daily basis.

This alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature.

This alternative would avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside.

This alternative would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus.

Cycle routes in this area are already under construction and include the Linton Greenway which will connect Cambridge to Babraham, Granta Park and Linton; and the

Sawston Greenway that will connect Cambridge to Sawston. Stapleford and Shelford are already served by the DNA cycle path.

I live in Sawston and have a no.7 bus stop quite literally outside my house, which is great. Unless the Guided Busway were far, far quicker than the bus we have now, I wouldn't bother cycling or driving to the other end of my village in order to catch it. To be fair, the Guided Busway could be a very good, quick alternative if it were say 15 mins from Sawston to Cambridge. That would be fabulous. However, I agree with bw4b.org that this new route would still be possible from Sawston using their ideas, at a far greater cost saving both financially and environmentally to what you are currently suggesting.

Together, we can get a better solution that improves transport and the economy without destroying the countryside. Thank you for standing with us at this critical moment.

Standing in agreement with Better Ways for Busways (bw4b.org)

Best wishes

Mia Devereux

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