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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm 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:

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

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 also avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area.

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

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

This alternative would actually 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.

Given all of these compelling circumstances will you please do the right and sensible thing both for our precious and fast-diminishing countryside, and also for those of us whom are proud to live in this beautiful and precious area?

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Jonathan GN King

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