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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to TWAO for busway southeast cambridge

Dear Secretary of State,

My name is William Bannell, I live at [REDACTED], which will be one of the affected areas of the proposed busway to the south east of Cambridge as submitted by Greater Cambridge Partnership.

I went to a public meeting in which the proposal was explained, and an alternative was put forward by a group called Better Ways For Busways, which looked a lot more appropriate, less destructive to the surroundings and also less expensive in terms of cost and construction.

Also, there was a member of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board at the meeting himself, and I asked him if he could explain why this alternative proposal would not work to achieve all the objectives that the GCP were trying to achieve with their route, but he could not explain at all, he waffled and made vague references to growth and housing, but his answer was not compelling at all. And the fact he actually is on the Executive Board of the GCP and himself voted to approve the route, yet could not explain why, was very troubling, which was a feeling shared by many people in the room.

My view is that, while not knowing the full extent of either proposal, the alternative route seemed to make a lot more sense, and that the GCP version seems to be based on some outdated modelling and criteria from a previous administration, and would both proposals would certainly require detailed examination by the Secretary of State to see which would be more worthwhile.

What is more, as a resident and member of the community, there is a strong and growing feeling that Cambridge is being overdeveloped, and gradually destroyed and ruined, yet this development could be designed in a way which is more conscientious to the existing landscape and settlements without destroying them. So in my view, the alternative route put forward by Better Ways for Busways is much more appealing, and I would hope the Secretary of State would be able to see that, and decline to grant the TWAO that the GCP is applying for.

Certainly, a public enquiry into the matter is needed.

Yours Sincerely,

William Bannell
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