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Subject: Objection to the proposed route of the Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) busway

To whom it may concern

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has applied for a Transport and Works Act Order to build a new busway in the South East of Cambridge, a project known as CSET.

I object to the route proposed by the GCP. It is expensive and environmentally destructive, and the GCP has ignored a cheaper and greener alternative.

See the proposed route on page 2 of this document (CSET-11-D01, Works and Land Plan including Longitudinal Sections). The proposed route starts on the A1307, but rather than running alongside the A1307 to take the most direct route to the east, it first heads south and then carves a longer route through virgin countryside and highly productive farmland, with an expensive and unsightly bridge to be built over the River Granta.

The representatives of the GCP briefly considered building the busway alongside the existing A1307. That route would be cheaper and greener than the route now being proposed to the DfT, so these proposals are, frankly, bizarre. The decision-makers in the GCP have ignored countless protestations about their route selection from the people of Cambridgeshire. Instead of listening to the local electorate, the representatives at the GCP have listened to their egos, and have selected the most expensive option under consideration.

It is a similar story for the busway route proposed to the west of Cambridge – the GCP would rather see the destruction of an ancient orchard than consider running a busway alongside the existing A1303.

As a UK taxpayer, I am appalled at the GCP's lack of respect for the nation's public finances, and their lack of respect for the environment. The previous MP for South Cambridgeshire was against the proposed busway routes, so I am hopeful that the DfT will be better than the GCP at listening to the public, and more focused on achieving good value for money from the public purse.

Regards,

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