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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Cambridge South East Transit.

Dear Secretary of State,

Cambridge South East Transit....objection.

I am writing to you to object to the bus road that the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is intent in building from the Cambridge Bio Medical Campus to a car park alongside the A11 road close to Granta Park.

This busroad is very expensive for its relatively short length. Although it is labelled “bus” it will in fact be very damaging to public transport as it will encourage people to drive along the M11 / A11 from London and all of East Anglia from as far afield as Norwich, Thetford, Newmarket, Bury St Edmunds to the proposed car park. This park and ride site will damage the expanding ridership on the the trains from London (on both lines from Liverpool Street and King’s Cross), Norwich, Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket to Cambridge South and ‘Central’. All very counter productive when the Dft is funding a large railway station at Cambridge South to encourage more railway traffic.

Even by the GCP’s own admission the bus road will be at capacity on day one of its opening. Cambridge is growing fast, creating thousands of new jobs, vital to the nation’s economy. It’s transport system needs more capacity that only the railway network can provide. Twenty years ago the bus road may have made sense but it definitely does not now. The money must go into creating capacity. This can be created by restoring the railway along the same CSET corridor but beyond Granta Park to Haverhill. Recent studies have shown that the railway from Haverhill to Cambridge would be a real game changer in getting people off the road. The railway would take workers travelling along the CSET corridor to the Bio Medical Campus, then beyond to the thousands of jobs being created around Cambridge “Central Station”, Cambridge North Station in minutes from Haverhill, Granta Park rather than hours on the bus network being created. The buses can only ever be single deckers because of a low bridge on the guided bus route under Hills Road in Cambridge.

I agree with those who maintain the bus road will unnecessarily despoil some of the (rare) most beautiful natural landscape around Cambridge. Additionally as a local transit it is unlikely to be much use to the residents of Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston either, as the suggested bus stops are literally miles from much settlement.

I hope you will reject this inappropriate project and use the money to restore the railway from Haverhill, Linton, Granta Lark to Cambridge via Shelford Junction. I want Cambridge to grow but can only do so sustainably with a high capacity railway network. CSET is a waste of resource.

Yours sincerely,

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