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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, Hugh Beattie ([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 Greater Cambridge Partnership on 9 January 2025.

The grounds for this objection are the following:

- (i) the busway would be a massive visual and auditory intrusion into the countryside between the Cambridge biomedical campus and the M11 (where it is proposed to build a new travel hub). It would involve bridging the River Granta chalk stream twice and channelling Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert, scar the Gog Magog Hills landscape and run only a few yards from the Nine Wells nature reserve.
- (ii) it would cut through fields close to villages, opening them up to future development which would further seriously harm this fragile landscape.
- (iii) it would bring little or no benefit to the villages of Stapleford, Sawston or Shelford, as any stops would be on their edges.
- (iv) it would not be a good use of public money at a time when the government is concerned to reduce spending.
- (v) a busway is not a very effective way of moving large numbers of people.
- (vi) equivalent transport and economic benefits can be achieved by building a version of the scheme which was first proposed by the Greater Cambridge Partnership itself in 2018. This would involve building sections of bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and reduce the impact on the countryside as it would only involve one mile of new road (busway). This would also better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and access more of the Campus.
- (vii) there is no requirement for any new cycle routes in this area because routes already under construction include the Linton Greenway which will connect Cambridge to Babraham, Granta Park and Linton, and the Sawston Greenway which will connect Cambridge to Sawston, while Stapleford and Shelford are already served by the DNA cycle path.

This wasteful and destructive vanity project should therefore be rejected and the GCP should revert to the original scheme for improving bus access to the biomedical campus.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration.

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