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Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire

I, Penelope Sarah Kite of [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 my objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is 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 only 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. Chalk streams are uniquely important in our country and should be treasured by us all.

This alternative would avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area, which has ancient roots,

This alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and natural environment, and one to which many members of the public have contributed over the years, to keep this beautiful landscape. This alternative would avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside.

This alternative would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, and would actually serve more of the Campus than the new proposals.

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, which we use at least weekly, and often more frequently.

I do believe fervently that we are only custodians of this wonderful countryside, and should consider most carefully any action that might do harm. If we need a better transport system - and we do - then we should at least care enough to do the least harm that we can.

Yours sincerely

Penelope Kite

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