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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge

Good evening,

My name is Graham Briscoe and I live at [REDACTED] and I'm 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 Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025. The grounds for this 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 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.

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

This alternative would avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature.

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 serve more of the Campus.

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.

From what I can see from the plans, the new busway does little or nothing to serve the residents of Great Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston, who will be the ones most affected by the destruction of local countryside. This is not an example of nimbyism, I just firmly believe the money that this plan will cost would be better spent on improving existing bus services and encouraging greater use of the Park & Ride services by replacing the fare for the service with a charge for parking. Hence, making it cheaper for 4 people to share a car to the Park & Ride terminus, rather than each driving there separately.

Kind Regards,

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