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Sent: 03 February 2025 12:26
To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge Cambridge

Sirs,

I 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 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.

As a resident of Stapleford, I will be highly unlikely to use this busway as it provides no better connections to Addenbrookes Hospital and Cambridge City Centre than already exists.
The positioning of the Stapleford connection is not well placed to serve the village as it is well away from the centre and there is no provision for parking.
A recent housing development for the over 60's has recently been built , providing a country park for the village as part of its remit. This busway will dissect the park from the village and restrict access to it.
As there is to be no car parking facility at the Stapleford stop, this will only cause congestion along the narrow Babraham Road which is our main access route to the north of the village, The recent development for the over 60's is already causing issues along this road and it is not even open yet.
Apart from the massive environmental damage this busway would cause, there is simply no need for it. There is already a main road between Babraham and the Campus with space available for its expansion. The congestion on this road miraculously disappears when the education establishments are on holiday, so it is not the travellers between the two science parks that are responsible for this. Cyclists are already well catered for and there is a well established Park and Ride site available for the Addenbrookes facilities. So who is this busway for? Certainly not the residents of Stapleford and Sawston.
I strongly object to the damage it will cause and the cost of such an unnecessary project.
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