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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

I, Peter Woods 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 Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025. The reasons for my objection are the following:

On a daily basis I walk from my home to the river Granta to walk my dog. I greatly enjoy these daily outings. The proposed route cuts right across the public footpaths I use and will effectively form a barrier between Sawston and the river. There is no comparable alternative dog walking circuit, but I believe there is a better alternative route for the proposed busway.

I do not understand why 5 miles of new road has to be created to solve local congestion of traffic heading into Cambridge at the morning peak time, when a cheaper and less environmentally devastating alternative is available.

I cannot imagine this busway route ever being of any use to me or most Sawston residents. I avoid driving into Cambridge and there are already good cycle routes, a bus service with a stop nearby my home, and park and Ride facility at Trumpington.

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).

I despair at the proposal to build two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and put Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. The proposed alternative eliminates the need for any of this.

When I moved to this area, proximity to the Gog Magog Hills and the surrounding landscape was an important factor in deciding where to live. I do not want to see this landscape needlessly diminished. I welcome the new countryside park that is being created, but cannot see how a concrete busway can do anything other than

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.

[If you live in Stapleford, Great Shelford or Sawston you might also give your view on how likely you (or your fellow villagers) might be to use the proposed 5 mile busway. Our councils say the main reason they have chosen that route is to serve the villages but the bus stops are on the edge of the villages uphill.]



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