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

To the Secretary of State for Transport

I, Ann Cheung of [REDACTED] write on behalf of my household including my two children who are ages 5 and 7. We have been following the developments of the proposed busway and are devastated by the aggressive pursuit of the new busway.

We write 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 our objection are the following:

- The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary to deliver improvements in transport. In fact, the proposed busway will cut directly across a field at the back of our property.
- 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.

Our council claims the main reason they have chosen this absurd route is to serve the nearby villages, but the bus stops are on the edge of the villages uphill.

We hope the government can come to its senses, engage with the local community, and consider the other alternatives proposed. Please stop wasting public money to support vain infrastructure projects that are detrimental to the environment and its residents.

Sincerely,

Ann Cheung, Isaac and Jayden.

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