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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Works Act Order to the Department for Transport for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge.

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to formally object to the application submitted on the 9th January 2025 by the Greater Cambridge Partnership for the above proposed scheme.

Firstly, we need to record that we are not against an improved park and ride bus service to the southeast of Cambridge, just the route being chosen by GCP.

The reasons for our objection are as follows:

- It is not necessary to build a new road at a very high cost on a new route through open unspoilt countryside, crossing the Gog Magog Hills.
- An alternative route should be taken next to and making use of the A1307 corridor at a much cheaper construction cost.
- This alternative route by the A1307 avoids having to build two new bridges over the River Granta, a much valued chalk stream that needs protecting.
- The proposed route passes the edge of the villages of Stapleford, Great Shelford and Sawston with bus stops for the locals to use. These stops are remote to the centre of these villages so would see little use. The City 7 bus service already serves the centre of these villages and goes to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.
- New and upgraded cycle routes (Greenways) already link these villages with the Biomedical Campus.
- The proposed route if built uses part of the old railway line to Haverhill. This would prevent the rebuilding of this line which will inevitably be required in the medium term to give that town a proper transport link to Cambridge.

It is quite clear that if the Greater Cambridge Partnership route is chosen, it would be a serious waste of public money at these times of economic constraint when a cheaper alternative could be built.

Yours faithfully,

Simon and Beverley James.

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