

Secretary of State for Transport
c/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit,
Department for Transport,
Great Minster House,
33 Horseferry Road,
London SW1P 4DR



January 6, 2024

Dear Secretary of State for Transport

Objection to the GCP Submission for the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway

I am writing to object to the portion of this application related to the track along the Rifle Range Road and crossing the Bin Brook which involves a 2.5m high embankment. The Bin Brook flows by the Gough Way Estate upstream from this. We moved into the above address in 1977 and in 1978 our ground floor was flooded to a depth of 30cm from the Bin Brook flow rate being too great for a culvert under Gough Way. A relief channel was then constructed and doubtless saved us from future flooding until 2001 when very heavy rain was too great for the culvert and relief channel to manage and we were flooded for a second time. We had extensive discussions with the Environment Agency and a viable upstream balancing pond was designed but sadly it did not meet the funding criteria of the day and was shelved. Less substantial relief was given by the EA with individual property flood guards being supplied and two upstream sensor systems installed that can be viewed on the web. We also have an annual meeting with the EA and City Sustainable Drainage Engineer which I chair as the Gough Way Flood Liaison Volunteer.

The reason I have given this background information is to demonstrate that we are extremely concerned about any changes that might affect our flood risk. The Bin Brook gradient is very modest and hence any changes in the local topography can make significant changes to the flood risk. We are not convinced that the present proposal has given sufficient analysis of the upstream effects.

On a separate aspect I was very disappointed that the GCP chose not to consider the alternative, more northern, route proposed by Cambridge Pas Present and Future, which appears to have a number of advantages.

Yours faithfully

A black rectangular redaction mark covering the signature of Prof. Keith Glover.

Prof. Keith Glover FRS, FREng
(Head of the University of Cambridge Department of Engineering 2002-09)