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

5th March 2025

To: The Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP  
Secretary of State for Transport  
c/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit, Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR.

I, **Patricia Mirrlees**, [REDACTED] am writing to make a strong 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.

My grounds for this objection are the following:

There is a better alternative that would involve **building sections of the bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new road** (busway) with a new access road into Addenbrookes. This can be achieved without affecting the green belt, at much lower cost and delivered faster than the GCP's guided busway

The current GCP proposal requires the construction of **5 miles of new road** through unspoilt green belt fields.

The 2018 proposal provides the same improvement in transport and economic benefits without the destruction of the countryside as in the current proposal.

The proposed new route's destruction of the countryside involves:

- building **two bridges** over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.
- **creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills** landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area.
- **building a new road through a countryside park**, to the detriment of its future users and nature.
- **and severing fields close to villages** making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside.

The 2018 proposal would also 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.

For me, the newly proposed route has no value. I can cycle into Cambridge, take the No 7 Bus from the Church Street stop in Stapleford or the train from Shelford.

Anthony Browne, our former local MP, consulted with residents and found that over 80 percent do not support the busway. Griff Rhys Jones and Sir Davod Attenborough both object to it.

Sir David Attenborough has stated that **“The open green spaces of Cambridge need protection.”**

I would add that they do -- from the Cambridge Greater Partnership’s application of 9 January 2025

Yours faithfully,

Patricia Mirrlees

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