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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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Alan Phillips of [redacted]

I write to you to express my 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 9th January 2025.

The grounds for my objection are based on the construction of FIVE miles of new road through the beautiful, open countryside. This is simply not necessary in order to deliver the intended 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 a busway that requires just ONE mile of new road.

Quite why this superior alternative proposal has not been made the clear and obvious choice had made our local community very suspicious, confused and upset.

It avoids the building of not one but TWO bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. It would also prevent blotting the beautiful Gog Magog Hills landscape, considered one of the most important in the Cambridge area and one that many locals enjoy.

It also prevents 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.

Further, it would far 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 including the Linton Greenway and Sawston Greenway.

Please consider the merits of the alternative busway proposal.

Kind regards,

Alan Phillips

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