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Subject: CSET Cambridge South east Busway - Objection

I am writing 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 09 January 2025.

My grounds for objection are as follows –

The busway runs through open countryside and will not serve the villages that it affects – despite what the proposal states. Each stop by an affected village is well outside the village centre which are all served better by existing transport links. Despite this, the bus crossings will impact the bypassed villages by stopping traffic leaving/entering the village. In our village this is already impacted by a level crossing on the same road.

If a busway really is the only option then a route following the A1307 is less environmentally damaging and will not impact the bypassed villages. However, by far the best option would be to reinstate the Shelford to Haverhill railway with either light or heavy rail. East-West rail, which the Government has just committed to delivering, will be doubling the number of lines into Cambridge north of Shelford so if the railway to Haverhill is reinstated there would appear to be capacity on the line that was not considered when the options for the SE corridor were being considered. In fact there seems to have been absolutely no coordination between the various projects that all affect the same pathway i.e.

South Cambridge Station
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The lack of coordination is a criminal waste of public money and someone needs to be held accountable for it.

The GCP should have learnt from the terrible implementation of the St Ives to Cambridge busway which was severely over budget and didnt even deliver buses into the centre of Cambridge so that extensive, long and very expensive further works have been necessary on Milton Road since its construction. I strongly recommend that the long term economics of reinstating the railway to Haverhill are reconsidered and the experience of the St Ives to Cambridge busway are taken into consideration so that “Silicon Fen” is delivered with the transportation network it sorely needs and deserves. Other similar sized towns across Europe are doing this – why are we sticking with outdated, environmentally damaging and costly alternatives which deliver lower value?

Yours truly,

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