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

I Jennifer Copley-May of [REDACTED] am writing to make a formal objection to the « Application for a Transport Work Act Order to the Department for Transport(DfT) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge » as submitted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership on 9th January 2025. The grounds for this objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through wonderful open countryside is an unnecessary and expensive way to deliver 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 to the A1307 and one mile of new road (busway). Thus saving a great deal of unnecessary expense and disruption.

This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert, both expensive and avoidable if the alternative is used. (internationally chalk streams are rare and should be protected)

This alternative would avoid scarring the famous Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important and valued landscapes in the Cambridge area .

This alternative would avoid building a new road through a wonderful country park to the detriment of users and Nature.

This alternative would render severing fields close to villages unnecessary and avoid further harm to our already threatened countryside and wildlife.

This alternative would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Medical campus whilst at the same time serving 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.

Sawston and Shelford are already served by the DNA cycle path.

All in all it seems obvious to me that the well thought out alternative is a better solution by far, supported by local people and, as they say « a no brainer » saving much precious countryside and money.

Yours faithfully

Jennifer Copley-May

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