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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

I, Mike Holroyd of [REDACTED], 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 9 January 2025. The grounds for this objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary 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 the A1307 and 1 mile of new road (busway).

This alternative would avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream, putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert and creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area, which as a local resident I hugely appreciate during regular walks on the Magog downs.

The proposed busway involves building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature and severs fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the countryside. The alternative avoids this.

This alternative 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.

The proposed Busway will be of little use to residents of Shelford and Stapleford (like myself) as it passes too far from the centre of the village to be accessible by walking in a reasonable time.

Existing Cambridge busways have proven to be dangerous "white elephants", under utilised, and limited to low speeds due to risks to cyclists and pedestrians.

The proposed busway is a ridiculous waste of money and an environmental catastrophe, unwanted by local residents such as myself, and grossly inefficient in delivering the desired benefits.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Holroyd

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