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

I Julia Sizer of [redacted], work in Stapleford and 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 9 January 2025. The grounds for this objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is completely unecessary 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 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.

This alternative would avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further extensive harm to the countryside, which is vanishing at an alarming rate. It would also better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus, who are also about to benefit from a new rail station.

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 new scheme is complete environmental vandalism by the Government. Furthermore, the existing roads in the whole area are poorly maintained and quite

dangerous in places for road users. They need to be repaired with the many potholes filled, sides of carriageway filled, cats eyes and painted lines restored in a lot of places. I dread to think how any unfortunate person being taken to Addenbrookes in an ambulance must feel.

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