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

We, June and Andy Betts, [REDACTED], are 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 (who do not represent local people or their concerns) on 9 January 2025. The grounds for our objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary, and not needed, to deliver improvements in transport and in our opinion is criminal damage to valuable countryside, which should be protected. 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 would:

- avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.
- create damage in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area.
- avoid building a new road through a countryside park, to the detriment of its future users and nature.
- avoid severing fields close to villages making them vulnerable to future development and further harm to the beautiful countryside.

The alternative would much better serve CUH and the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, serve more of the Campus and be more cost effective. Why spend more money than is necessary on this scheme when, for example, the NHS and social services are in desperate need of money.

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 busway will NOT serve the villages. The bus stops are on the edge of all the villages, uphill, with no parking facilities on site, so parking will increase on roads near the busway. Parking is already an issue in Shelford and Stapleford and this scheme will make matters worse.

Please listen to local voices who are best placed to understand the issues and what could work best for them and the environment.

Yours sincerely

June and Andy Betts

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