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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 Cambridge

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Edward Harris 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 south east of Cambridge", as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025.

I object on the following grounds:

- 1) The construction of a new road through open countryside is unnecessary to deliver the desired improvement in public transport. The applicant first proposed a different version of the scheme in 2018 with a bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and a much shorter length of new road, which would be much more suitable.
- 2) The significant environmental impact of building the new road across the environmentally and scientifically significant "chalk stream" River Granta and placing Hobson's Conduit in a culvert.
- 3) The obstruction of the the route of the Cambridge to Haverhill railway will make it much more expensive to re-instate this route. The preservation of this corridor, to allow the re-instatement of the railway, is of significant importance to local transport. It would reduce traffic on the A1307 between Haverhill and Granta Park, which is one of the more dangerous roads in the county in terms of the numbers of people killed or seriously injured on it.
- 4) Cycle routes are already under construction in the area to connect Cambridge to Sawston, Stapleford and Shelford and another to connect Cambridge to Babraham, Granta Park and Linton.
- 5) The stops along the route adjacent to Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston and on the periphery of the village and will be remote for the majority of the resident. There is a reason conventional bus routes go through the centres of towns!
- 6) Placing the stops on the edge of the villages will encourage development in that area and thus more harm to the countryside.

Your sincerely,

Edward Harris.

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