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c/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Department for Transport
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**Submission to the Inspectors regarding the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)
Busway Scheme on 12 November 2024.**

Dear Inspectors,

I, Susan Burford, of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] am writing to respectfully request that the Inspectors consider my request for reasonable adjustments with regard to the construction and the positioning of the Cambourne to Cambridge busway should the Transport and Works Order be granted.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I live within a close proximity to the proposed route with my garden approximately 50 metres from the proposed route and my home 80 metres away. The IAQM guidance indicates that highest dust impact occurs within 100m of source areas. [REDACTED]
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I have been in contact with Jo Baker, Project Manager at the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) to discuss the mitigation required during construction and when the busway is in operation and have so far only received generic mitigation measures that would apply to anyone who is concerned about the general nuisance caused by dust and debris during the construction of the busway. The Project Manager has not given me any more reassurance that the request for further mitigation will be provided taking into account the significant detriment that will be caused to my health. Further, the request for an individual risk assessment has thus far been ignored. The measures that have been described in the correspondence are not tailored or proportionate to my circumstances and they do not meet the legal requirements for my situation under the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

Specifically, under the Equality Act 2010 the GCP has a duty to make reasonable adjustments to avoid substantial disadvantage. The current proposal, without further mitigation, places me at a clear disadvantage given that adjustments have been made to the route where the route runs close to other properties/businesses. The refusal to consider adjustments specific to my needs amounts to a failure in their statutory duty.

Under the Human Rights Act 1998, Article 2 (right to life) and Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life, home, and correspondence) are both relevant. Exposing me to increased levels of dust, debris, and emissions risks significant deterioration in my health, thereby threatening my rights under these provisions.

In light of the above, I respectfully request that the Inspectors recommend the following:

1. Relocation of the route so that it is at least 100 metres from my home and garden, in accordance with the IAQM's threshold of significant impact.
2. Creation of a protective buffer zone between the busway and my property to materially reduce dust, debris, and emissions.
3. Engineering and landscaping adjustments, specifically that the busway be placed in a cutting, with a barrier of trees and vegetation between the route and my property.
4. A recommendation that the GCP carry out an individual risk assessment to understand the specific risks to my health. The risk assessment must take into account the prevailing winds and put in place preventative actions and safeguards. The risk assessment must be shared with me and the safe guards agreed prior to the commencement of any works.

Without such measures, the scheme will fail to comply with the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998. The adjustments I am requesting are proportionate, practical, and necessary to prevent serious harm to my health.

I therefore urge the Inspectors to ensure that my rights are upheld by requiring the Greater Cambridge Partnership to implement the above recommendations.

Yours faithfully,

Susan Burford