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

I Carrie Lerner 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 as follows.

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 and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert. This is an area of natural beauty and should be preserved for the future.

This alternative would also avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area and enjoyed as such.

This alternative would avoid 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 harm to the countryside.

This alternative would better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the Campus.

This alternative would cost far less than the proposed bus way.

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 plan is not of use to local residents either simply because the distance of the proposed stops is inaccessible for so many. If one needs to cycle to a bus stop they may as well take the cycle routes straight to their destination, and for those unable to cycle, the walk outside of the village, uphill would be too great.

Please consider this formal petition against the bus way, with support for the alternative plan.

Signed

Carrie Larner

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