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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge

Dear Sir / Madam

Please accept my apologies for submitting this objection a few hours after the deadline, but as hte deadline was on Friday and his has arrived on Saturday, over the weekend, before Monday, I trust it will be accepted.

My name is Jillian Hardwick of [redacted] 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 bus way to the southeast of Cambridge, as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership (CGP) on the 9th of January 2025.

I firmly believe building five miles of new road through open countryside is unnecessary to deliver the required improvements in transport. Similar transport and economic benefits can be achieved by building a version of the scheme first proposed by the GCP in 2018. This would involve building sections of a bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and one mile of new road (busway).

The alternative (2018) route would:

1. Avoid building two bridges over the River Granta chalk streams and putting Hobson's Conduit chalk stream into a culvert.

2. Avoid creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills landscape, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridgeshire area and a valuable "lung" for Southeast Cambridge.

3. Avoid building a new road through a countryside park to the detriment of its future users and nature. I feel very strongly about this as we try to improve the mental health of young people and offer opportunities to get them outside. As a former Cub Scout Leader, I recognise the benefits of being able to cycle to and within the countryside park. Our countryside is something we should protect especially as there is an alternative cheaper route. This is not a case of not in my back yard, it is a case of economic reality.

4. Avoid severing fields close to villages, making them vulnerable to further future development and further harm to the countryside at a time when being self-sufficient in crop production, supporting local farmers should be a priority given the geopolitical situation.

5. Better serve the planned expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and serve more of the campus. Cycle routes in this area are already under construction and include

    a. Linton Greenway, which will connect Cambridge to Babraham, Granta Park and Linton,
    b. the Sawston Greenway that will connect Cambridge to Sawston.
    c. Stapleford and Shelford are already served by the DNA cycle path.

I totally understand the need to relieve the traffic on the A1307, and to set the area up for future development but it will be easier to attract people to the area if the countryside remains intact; even doctors and scientists need a work life balance and fresh air.

However, I firmly believe that the proposal that was first proposed by the GCP in 2018, will be quicker, easier and cheaper to implement and benefit the local community in a way that the new proposal does not.

I trust that you will take views into consideration.

Yours faithfully

J Hardwick

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