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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Cc: Anna Jeffs Everson
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the DfT for a new busway to the south east of Cambridge

Dear Sirs

I am writing to formally object to the “Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department of Transport for a new Busway to the South East of Cambridge” as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership (GCP) on 9 January 2025.

I have been a resident of Stapleford for almost 14 years, currently raising my 3 children in this lovely village. As an active member of the community, grounds for this objection are as follows:

1. The construction of 5 miles of new road across open countryside is completely unnecessary to deliver the required improvements in transport. A similar scheme - first raised in 2018 by the same applicant - of building the bus lane adjacent to the A1307 plus a 1-mile section of new road would solve the same issue at far less cost (approximately £100m reduction);
2. The 2018 scheme would also avoid building bridges over the Granta chalk stream and putting Hobson’s conduit into a culvert. It would also stop the addition of a new road through a countryside park that my family and I use regularly. The 2018 scheme would avoid a detrimental impact to the countryside, local nature and ensure that local villages are not vulnerable to the likely future development should the current GCP scheme go ahead;
3. Cycle routes have already been constructed or are under construction and include all the areas and connections noted in the new GCP scheme. This renders moot the use of cycling on the busway as a positive point to the new scheme;
4. The new scheme’s bus stops are in peculiar positions - some outside the current edge of the villages - and I cannot see that these will be used by villagers in the community, especially those of senior years as they will need to travel a distance to get to the stop in the first place. To serve the villages sensibly, the stop should be somewhere central, this requirement is currently met by the regular Stagecoach buses and the train station at Shelford, which my eldest child uses daily to commute to sixth form college with great ease; and
5. The current GCP scheme is now out of date as since Covid, commuting habits have changed. Therefore, I would suggest that this scheme should be reviewed to ensure it is still required.

As such I would object to the current GCP scheme as currently planned.

Should the traffic alleviation project still be required I would suggest replacing it with the 2018 version, which is a more effective solution to achieve the intended outcome. As a taxpayer, or anyone

sensible looking at value for money as one of the constraints of a project, I am shocked that a review has not been considered by the relevant parties involved.

Faithfully
Anna Everson

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