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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object 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," submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 9 January 2025. As a resident of Shelford for the past three years, I am deeply concerned about the unnecessary expense and inefficiency of the proposed scheme.

The plan to construct five miles of new road through open countryside is an excessive and costly solution when a more practical and less disruptive alternative already exists. The original 2018 proposal, which involved adding sections of bus lanes along the A1307 and only one mile of new road, would deliver similar transport and economic benefits without the environmental and financial drawbacks of the current plan.

Moreover, the justification for this new route as a means to serve Shelford residents is misleading. The proposed bus stops would be located on the far periphery of the village, requiring an uphill walk that makes them inconvenient for most residents. This suggests that the real motivation behind the route is to facilitate further development of the surrounding countryside, rather than genuinely improving public transport access for existing communities.

Additionally, the area already benefits from significant cycling infrastructure improvements, including the Linton Greenway and the Sawston Greenway, as well as the DNA cycle path. These routes are more aligned with sustainable and cost-effective transport solutions than the construction of an entirely new road.

I urge the Department for Transport to reject this proposal and instead reconsider the original 2018 scheme, which would provide the necessary transport improvements without the excessive cost, environmental damage, and unnecessary urban expansion.

Yours sincerely,

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