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Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order for Transport (Dft) for a New Busway to the south East of Cambridge

I, Laura Blake, of [REDACTED], am writing to make a formal objection to the 'Application for a Transport and Work Act order to the Department of Transport(Dft) for a new busway to the southeast of Cambridge', as submitted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership on 9 January 2025

The grounds for objection are the following:

The construction of 5 miles of new road across open green countryside is unnecessary to deliver improvements in local transport.

It is :

- vastly more costly-
- will ruin the countryside, cutting through a countryside park, creating a scar in the Gog Magog Hills, one of the most important landscapes in the Cambridge area. damaging nature and impacting future users
- will cut through important arable land and reduce food production locally significantly.
- take longer to deliver and can not be used until completed.
- of no benefit to the villages locally as too far from the centre of population in all villages
- can not be used by emergency vehicles.
- will create more pollution with the vast use of **concrete** required to build the guided pathway and two huge extensive bridges over the River Granta and flood plain. This is in complete contradiction to ~South Cambs Net Zero policy widely publicised ! In addition there will need to be 5 miles x 2 of steel railings, if there is going to be a pedestrian path or bridleway between the tracks. This was an expensive retrofit required on the Cambridge cycle path after there were 3 deaths which I'm sure has not been either considered or budgeted for. This will be unsightly in the countryside
- Urbanisation of the local areas with bus stops etc leading to reduced access to unspoilt nature adding stress and impacting mental health in the local population.

The alternative Bus Lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile of new road:

- is vastly cheaper
- Better serves the planned Biomedical Campus as it would serve more of it.
- will be delivered more quickly
- usable in sections before completion

- less damaging to the countryside
- less polluting to the environment
- Reducing ambulance and fire brigades times locally,

These are my objections.

Laura Blake

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There is a far superior alternative which has been voted more popular locally namely the bus lane adjacent to the A1307 and 1 mile new road (busway)

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