



Secretary of State for Transport
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Dear Secretary of State

Cambourne to Cambridge Busway Transport and Works Act Order: Representation from the University of Cambridge

The University of Cambridge welcomes the opportunity to make representations in support of the Transport and Works Act Order submitted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) in November 2024.

The vast majority of students and over 70% of our staff use sustainable modes for their journey to study/work. Whilst this is significant, it is a percentage that is reducing due to the gradual erosion of punctuality and reliability of bus services, as a result of limited infrastructure provision across the city region. For those who live outside of Cambridge, this percentage is considerably lower and we anticipate that in the future more staff will be travelling from outside of Cambridge.

Of those staff who live outside of the city, 20% travel along the A428/Madingley Road corridor. Congestion along this corridor, therefore, has a major impact on our productivity, the health and well-being of our staff and the environmental quality of our operational sites. Despite a number of local authority initiatives, staff living along this corridor have limited sustainable transport options available to them, and whilst the University has undertaken considerable investment to support staff on their journey to work, we recognise that unlocking the growth potential of Cambridge depends upon the provision of realistic opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport, including interchange between all modes.

From an institutional point of view, we therefore agree that this corridor is in need of investment in 'critical' transport infrastructure and we believe that the proposals put forward by the GCP for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway will provide this.

The GCP's investment in transport infrastructure along the A428 corridor will support existing and future investment by the University and others. It will help to ensure that Cambridge remains a

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growing and sustainable centre of excellence and a world leader in the fields of higher education and research. It will help the city to nurture its growing industries and will facilitate the further expansion of its knowledge-based economy, whilst retaining the high quality of place that underpins our city and supports its standout economic success. It will help bring the city's expertise to communities across its hinterland and is essential for the University and the local authorities to deliver on their proposed commitment in the years and decades to come.

We believe that the opportunity to change the transport offer in Cambridge should not be missed and that future generations will be thankful for decisive action to deliver the Cambourne to Cambridge busway.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the points raised in this representation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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