

Wednesday 22 March 2023

### Waterbeach to Cambridge Busway 2023 Survey

To the Greater Cambridge Partnership

Please record this letter as response to the consultation entitled “Waterbeach to Cambridge 2023 Survey”.

The consultation presents two revised busway routes. We are pleased to note that both avoid the need for house demolition that was part of the options put forward in the 2020 consultation. We also note that a detailed options appraisal has been carried out by Atkins since that first consultation.

The Green Party registered our opposition to the initial proposal for a busway and suggested that other transport improvements should be implemented to meet the demand from Waterbeach New Town<sup>1</sup>. Atkins, in their option appraisal, also state that these other “quick wins and complementary schemes” should be progressed. These include the Mere Way active travel route, the Waterbeach Greenway, A10 cycle route and improved bus / rail timetable co-ordination and capacity.

There is a large financial cost associated with the busway. Responses to the first consultation also showed clearly that the majority felt the busway would have a negative environmental impact. At the present time it is not clear if there has been due consideration of the use of all the other non- busway options. **The Green Party therefore remains opposed to this development** and would support the progression of the numerous other transport solutions highlighted in the Atkins appraisal report.

Response submitted on behalf of the Cambridge & South Cambridgeshire Green Party

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<sup>1</sup> <https://southcambs.greenparty.org.uk/news/a-new-waterbeach-to-cambridge-busway.html>