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Dear Bridget,

Cambridge South East Transport Scheme (CSET)

I am writing to share with you the results of my recent online survey regarding the GCP's CSET busway. I am pleased to say that the survey attracted a high level of engagement, receiving nearly 2,000 responses. You can view the results [via this link](#).

You will see that the GCP's scheme faces major public opposition, with 81% saying they would 'definitely not' or 'probably not' support it. This compares with 58% who would 'definitely' or 'probably' support an on-road alternative along the A1307. The survey data also confirms that 85% of respondents would never or only rarely use the GCP's busway. Interestingly, almost 70% support reopening the Haverhill to Cambridge railway.

As discussed at our recent catch-up meeting, the independent Planning Inspector's decision to approve the retirement village in Stapleford has now created a serious complication for the GCP's proposed route for CSET. Furthermore, you will be aware that the Mayor is undertaking a full review of the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan, which could result in significant changes to the region's strategic outlook for transport.

In the circumstances, I would again ask your administration to withdraw its support for the current CSET scheme. It has a highly questionable business case, will cause untold damage to the countryside and there are better alternatives to improve transport.

Instead, I am urging the GCP to look at an on-road route on the A1307 and to keep alive the option of reopening the Haverhill to Cambridge railway in the future. As Leader of the District Council, I hope that you will join me in calling for this.

Yours sincerely

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