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For the attention of:
Secretary of State for Transport
c/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
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Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport, for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge, as submitted by Cambridgeshire County Council on 12 November 2024.

I, Richard Beadle, of [REDACTED], am writing to make a formal objection to the above Order.

I am objecting specifically to the proposal for a stretch of off-road busway across the countryside between the roundabout at the junction of the A1303/A428, to an inappropriate destination in a residential area of west Cambridge. I am objecting for the following reasons:

1. The Benefit to Cost Ratio of the off-road scheme developed by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is less than 0.5, which does not meet your Department's criteria, and will constitute a patent and manifest waste of public funds.
2. Though it may claim to have done so, the GCP has failed adequately to evaluate an on-road alternative to its scheme, consisting of new bus lanes and bus priority measures on the A1303 into Cambridge, at a fraction of the cost of the off-road proposal. This on-road alternative will not require the construction of a new bridge over the M11 motorway, which will be a particularly costly feature in an the off-road scheme.
3. The proposed off-road route is to a high and unacceptable degree environmentally destructive, ruining both a particularly valuable and sensitive area of the green belt west of Cambridge, adjacent to the historic American Military Cemetery, and also in destroying the largest and most important of East Anglia's traditional orchards, at Coton.
4. This defective scheme for an off-road busway has recently been superseded and rendered irrelevant by the government's announcement in its October 2024 budget, that it intends to proceed with the East-West Rail link as the principal enhancement of transport infrastructure to the west of Cambridge.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Beadle.

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