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Subject: Objection to Transport Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge
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Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

I, Christine Holt ([REDACTED]), am writing to make a formal objection to the Application for Transport Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne and Cambridge as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 12 Nov 2024.

Whilst, in general, I support the aim of improving public transport in the area, I object to the off-road section of the proposed new busway between Maddingly Mulch and West Cambridge. The scheme is hugely destructive to the local environment as it will be routed through Coton Orchard, one of East Anglia's few remaining ancient orchards. It is a wildlife preserve of rich diversity with habitats that will be irretrievably lost if the busway is routed through the area.

The scheme is ill-thought out as is evident from the fact that it will not even achieve one of its stated main goals of bringing residents into the centre of Cambridge and to the Biomedical Campus, since the busway will terminate in Grange Road, West Cambridge. Travellers will then need to walk a long way, or find other modes of transport, to get to the centre of Cambridge and to the Biomedical Campus. This surely is not the desired outcome of such an expensive (and destructive) scheme.

The scheme completely disregards a viable and less costly alternative of routing the busway through existing roads via new bus lanes and bus priority measures following the A1303. Extraordinarily, this sensible alternative has never been properly assessed by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. This On-road alternative would provide a direct route to the Cambridge biomedical campus and allow other buses to use the priority buslane.

Furthermore, the new Labour government has confirmed in its Oct 2024 budget that it intends to proceed with the East West Rail development which will provide a direct link between Cambourne and the new Cambridge South station adjacent to the Biomedical Campus. Surely this is a much better transport option.

I urge you to drop this hairbrained, impractical and destructive busway scheme and put in its place a better alternative that serves the local community and uses tax payers' money wisely.

Yours sincerely,
Christine Holt

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