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Subject: 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
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Dear Sir/Madam

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, Janet Miller, of [REDACTED], am writing to make a formal objection to the “Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge”, as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 12 November 2024. My objections are based on the following.

The infrastructure around Cambridge has failed to keep up with growth in the area already and, as much more is planned, improvements to public transport are definitely needed. Various options have been suggested including a light railway for example, and there are plans, supported by the Labour government, to go ahead with an East West Railway. This would connect Cambourne to Cambridge thus reducing the need for a busway. Cambourne already has an adequate bus route into Cambridge.

However, should it go ahead, I have strong objections to that part of the route planned between Madingley Mulch and Cambridge West, ie the off-road section, as there is a perfectly viable on-road alternative at a much lower cost which would give tax payers much better value for money. I understand the BCR for the off-road route is less than 0.5! Surely this does not make good financial sense? The on-road solution using the route of the A1303 with added bus lanes and bus priorities must be worthy of further consideration by the CGP which, for unexplained reasons, seems fixated on the off-road option which would not reduce the travel time by sufficient to make it meaningful.

Then there is the question about where the route terminates. Grange Road is not a convenient place for getting to any of the most frequented parts of Cambridge, eg Addenbrookes hospital and the biomedical campus, business parks, shopping areas, secondary schools, etc. A further consideration is what would happen to it in future. What started out as a **guided** busway has now become just a busway. Once built it would almost inevitably become a general **road** around which development of the green land by Cambridge University would very likely ensue, not the original **stated** intent.

Finally, and also very important to me, is the damage to the environment that would be caused by putting a road through Cotton Orchard and the Past, Present and Future Country Park. This is surely in contravention of all governments' environmental policies. It would also create an eyesore on the side of Madingley Hill where the American Cemetery enjoys a tranquil and unimpeded location.

In conclusion, I find it hard to understand why Cambridgeshire County Council wants to go ahead with this off-road scheme when there is a perfectly acceptable, less environmentally damaging and much cheaper option. I therefore urge you please to refuse the Work Act Order.

Thank you.

Regards,

Janet Miller

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