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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge
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Dear Sir/Madam

I, Robert Connon Smith, 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.

The grounds for this objection are the following:

- The construction of the busway would go through Coton Orchard Wildlife Site destroying valuable habitats and veteran trees. The habitats that would be destroyed would take over 50 years to recreate.
- The busway would also go through two other local wildlife sites, destroying habitats.
- The busway would be built on the side of Madingley Hill, one of the few hills and high points in our area, which separates the historic villages of Coton and Madingley. It would create an urbanising scar on this locally important landscape.
- All of this harm, and more, could be avoided by building new public transport infrastructure adjacent to the A1303, including new bus lanes and bus priority measures.
- Cyclists and walkers would be better served by extending the new Greenway from Hardwick to Cambourne because that would be more direct and avoids the large hill.
- These last two measures would provide the transport improvements needed to support the planned new development at Bourn Airfield, without significant harm to nature and the environment. They would also be cheaper than building a complete separate busway.

Yours faithfully

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