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We are writing to you to object to the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway, for which a Transport and Works Act Order has recently been submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport.

1. The proposed bus route cuts through our Green Belt, including the West Fields and the ancient orchard at Coton. It will irreversibly damage the landscape and habitats. Besides, the West Fields is a flood plain and the proposed road will significantly increase the risk of flooding for local residents.

2. It will cost at least £220 million and has a low benefit to cost ratio.

3. It cuts just 3 minutes off a 30-minute journey.

4. The route ends on a residential road (Grange Road) which does not connect with work destinations.

5. East West Rail, which now has the go-ahead, provides a more attractive alternative for commuters.

6. The busway was opposed by the majority of the public in all consultations, but the County Council voted in March 2024 in favour of this scheme and against considering the alternative scheme proposed by the local environmental group Cambridge Past, Present and Future. The alternative route has better connectivity to key destinations for commuters, does not involve harm to biodiversity or habitats and could be delivered far more quickly for a fraction of the cost.

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