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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, Nikola Baumgarten of [REDACTED] am writing to make a formal objection to the above Order.

While I support better public transport into Cambridge I strongly object to the proposed off-road section between Maddingly Mulch and West Cambridge, which would be environmentally detrimental. It would cut straight through the century-old Coton Orchard - the largest remaining traditional orchard in East Anglia -, devastating this County Wildlife Site. Up to 500 trees would be removed, and bulldozers and other large construction vehicles would devastate the natural habitat of its wildlife, effectively destroying the Orchard completely in terms of ecological value.

A superior on-road alternative exists, which would follow the A1303. It would offer a more direct route into Cambridge and buses in general could use it as well. It would be significantly cheaper than the GCP's proposed off-road route. And the environmental impact by comparison would be minimal.

Moreover, since the Covid pandemic many more people are working from home at least part time and the density of traffic down Maddingley road is much less. The changes since the pandemic have not been properly assessed.

Importantly, the proposed route terminates in Grange Road. It therefore represents no sensible option to most commuters or to secondary school students who depend on public transport to Cambridge's secondary schools and Sixth Form Colleges.

The proposed scheme is environmentally detrimental, devastating the historic Coton Orchard, a natural habitat of principal importance; it is extremely poor value for money in itself and significantly more costly than the alternative along the A1303; and it terminates on the Western perimeter of Cambridge. I therefore object to the current proposal in the strongest possible terms.

Regards,

Nikola Baumgarten

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