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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 Secretary of State for Transport,

My late Uncle, Anthony Crosland MP, was at one time Secretary of State for the Environment in a Labour Government, and I share his deep concerns for much needed developments that will take place in ways that preserve the beauty and integrity of green environments.

I 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 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.

I do trust that you will step in to ensure that the destruction of precious countryside round the ancient city of Cambridge is avoided in the ways suggested.

Yours sincerely,
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