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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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I, Julie Vine 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.

I always use public transport wherever possible as it is a much more sustainable means of transport. My daughter lives in Cambridge and I always use public transport when visiting her. However, I object to this new busway due to the environmental impact on the section between West Cambridge and Madingley Mulch. This section will cut through fields, hedges, scrub and would involve felling many mature trees. We cannot afford to lose this essential habitat for wildlife. This scheme will lay waste to large amounts of green belt and an ancient orchard when there is a viable alternative which is not anywhere near as damaging to the environment. Surveys have shown that 31 species of bird that are on at least one conservation priority list inhabit these areas, along with bats and hares, it is crucial that we protect them.

Given that we are in a climate and nature crisis we should be doing all we can to protect and nurture our wildlife. Coton Orchard is East Anglia's oldest ancient orchard and should be protected. A State of Nature report in 2023 stated that the UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world. Ancient trees such as those in Coton Orchard should be protected at all costs as they provide sanctuary for wildlife when they are struggling hugely. We also cannot afford to lose more fields both in terms of the impact on our wildlife but also the impact on our food chain. Climate changes are making it more difficult for farmers to grow crops. We have already seen this with farmers unable to sow crops or food crops such as potatoes rotting in the fields due to the increasingly heavy rain which now occurs due to changes in our climate. We need to ensure that we keep all our fields in order to guarantee our food chains.

This new road is not popular with the general public. It has been voted against at every stage of the consultation but it is still the preferred option by The Greater Cambridge Partnership despite public opinion being against it. I would ask that you please ensure that public opinion is listened to in this matter and consider the alternative option which is to use the existing road network.

I look forward to your response.

Mrs Julie Vine, [REDACTED]

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