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Dear Sirs,

Re: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge

I write 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 12th November 2024.

For the avoidance of doubt, principally, I support the improvement of public transport: just not the way in which the above-referred to Scheme proposes the same.

The predominant grounds for my objection are as follows:

There is an on-road alternative following the A1303 which has never been properly assessed by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) and this would cost a fraction of the of the GCP 's proposed off-road route.
This Scheme simply serves only to assist in the devastating destruction of an environment supporting a rich ecosystem and huge biodiversity, which *inter alia* includes many ancient

trees. It cannot be reasonably justified and is simply not proportionate when there is a less damaging, cheaper option.

The village I live in has a bus service to Cambridge that runs to and from Cambourne 6-days a week, including peak travel times. That same bus service is very rarely, if at all, running at capacity. There is no reason, therefore, to believe that this green belt destroying busway will be utilised anywhere near enough to warrant the wasteful massacre of the countryside.

Yours faithfully,

Lara Starr