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Subject: 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
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Dear Secretary of State for Transport

We the Halket family of [REDACTED] are writing to make a formal objection to the above Order.

We are objecting to the off road section between Madingley Mulch and West Cambridge, there is a good on-road alternative including new bus lanes and bus priority measures following the A1303 which has never been properly looked into by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The on-road alternative would provide a more direct route to Cambridge biomedical campus allowing other buses and emergency vehicles to use the priority lane. The Benefit Cost Ratio for the GCP scheme is less than 0.5 being extremely poor value for money and doesn't meet the Department's criteria for considering such a scheme and the on-road alternative would cost a fraction of the GCP's proposed off-road route.

Not to mention a busway built across the greenbelt would transect Coton Orchard, a County Wildlife Site, East Anglia's largest remaining traditional orchard which is the eighth largest in the UK, how can this be okay? New Labour government confirmed in its October 2024 budget that it intends to proceed with the East West Rail development which will provide a direct link between Cambourne and the new Cambridge South station adjacent to the Biomedical Campus which is a far better transport option.

On a personal note, I've lived in Cambridge all my life and the thought of destroying part of the much loved Coton Orchard is incomprehensible, not only for its natural beauty and the nature but to the wildlife that live there, some of them protected species. We should be doing all we can to protect it not destroying it. Please can you help as there are far better alternatives that would avoid damaging the biodiversity in the area which is so important.

Kind regards
The Halket Family

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