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Subject: Objection relating to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a busway from Cambourne to Cambridge
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I, Michael Duncan of [REDACTED] am writing to make a formal objection to the [REDACTED] Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge. My main objections are two fold:

In the first instance, there do not appear to have been any credible proposals for managing traffic in Cambridge in the medium to long term and therefore it is highly inappropriate to 'hard wire' proposals for bringing more people into the city until a strategy for moving people and goods around the city has been developed. One possible consequence of back to front planning would be if, for instance, the Adams Road/Grange Road end point of the proposed busway were found to be sub-optimal in the context of an optimised inner Cambridge solution. This brings echoes of the HS2 and Euston saga to mind.

Secondly, there appears to be duplication with the proposed East/West Rail link. This proposal is controversial in its own right but does have the advantages of the existence of (in Cambridge at least) of existing stations with existing resources and connections for meeting the requirements for onward travel. This proposal also meets requirements for travel beyond Cambourne, all the way to Oxford and therefore promises greater benefits to balance the undoubted social, environmental and economic costs of building the infrastructure.

I therefore think that the proposal for the busway is untimely and should be refused.

Regards,

Michael Duncan

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