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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,

We, Carol and Timothy Holburn of [REDACTED] are 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.

While we support the need for improved public transport, we believe that building, at great monetary and environmental cost, a totally new off-road section between Madingley Mulch and west Cambridge is neither a sensible cost-effective plan, nor is it sensitive to the needs of the local environment or residents.

The Labour Government has 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 which is already being built. This direct link to a station close to the Biomedical Campus seems much more sensible than carving up Coton to take buses to Grange Road in Cambridge which is not near to major employment destinations nor sixth form colleges.

We believe a suggested on-road alternative including improvements to the A1303, would be more cost effective and less environmentally damaging. However, this option was dismissed by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), we believe without proper assessment and consideration.

The busway would urbanise Coton and its surroundings including transecting Coton Orchard which is a wildlife haven and rare traditional orchard. All this for what gain? Cyclists and walkers would be better served by extending the new Greenway from Hardwick to Cambourne avoiding the large Madingley Hill.

We believe the off-road busway, if built, will be a travesty and an embarrassing white elephant.

Yours in good faith,
Carol Holburn
Timothy Holburn

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