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I, Catherine Hills, 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.

The off-road section of the course of this busway is destructive in several ways, especially to Coton Orchard. This has frequently been pointed out. However, the on-road section in Cambridge is also problematic, not least because it has not been fully worked out. The GCP route terminates in Grange Road, which does not serve either major employment destinations or Cambridge’s sixth form colleges, which commuters would have to traverse the city centre to access. Grange Road is a fairly narrow road, for some parts of it two buses pass each other only by going into the cycle path. There is no scope for widening it without demolition of some of the substantial buildings along the road, some only recently constructed. There are four colleges and two schools along the road, plus other institutions. The road is much frequented by cyclists, many on cargo bikes with children, also students. In rush hour there is considerable traffic in cars, on bicycles and on foot, and traffic jams at both ends of the road, especially the Madingley road end. At those times the existing Universal bus, otherwise fairly successfully absorbed, aggravates the traffic jams. Adding further frequent buses arriving in the middle of Grange road and turning in either direction would create a situation with enormous potential for accidents, delayed journeys, and gridlock. Taking the bus down West Road, following the Universal Bus route, would bring it to Queens Road, the Backs, where in the summer months there are considerable numbers of tourist buses. There also would be potential for gridlocked traffic and accidents. A better terminus would be on the university West Cambridge campus, passengers transferring to the Universal bus at that point.

But a far better solution would be for the buses to stay on the existing appropriate road, Madingley Road, with better bus priority lanes and more frequent buses. No new busway would then be needed.



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