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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway as it has been put forward by the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

The proposed busway would be both an environmental and climatic disaster. It would destroy huge areas of natural habitat including Coton Orchard, itself a County wildlife site, as well as precious green belt. Run-off from the busway would be into Bin Brook. As a chalk stream, this is a globally rare habitat in itself. In addition, losing hundreds of veteran fruit trees, many over 100 years old, as well as scrub and meadow habitat simply is not compensated for by planting even thousands of saplings. The biodiversity contained within the orchard and surrounding areas will be lost forever, at a time when we are losing species at an unprecedented rate. In the Greater Cambridge Partnership's own words, 'Vegetation loss required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme will result in the release of an estimated 10,145 tCO₂e [tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent] of sequestered carbon' (1) and even with newly planted trees this 'would lead to a decrease in sequestration (i.e., an increase in carbon emissions) of 1,910 tCO₂e' (2). Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the busway's construction are estimated at 29,130 tCO₂e (3) yet GHG savings from a shift to bus use is expected to yield a reduction in carbon emissions of just 4,500 tCO₂e over 60 years (4). The scheme is estimated to cost £200 million+ yet it promises to save only minutes of journey time. In a biodiversity and climate emergency, the C2C busway is a catastrophic step in the wrong direction. [Coton Busway Action Group](#) with Cambridge PPF show there is an on-road alternative that is far less environmentally damaging and cheaper, see [here](#).

Best regards

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- (1) [CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE Technical Report 06](#) – Greenhouse Gasses page 12, point 5.4.1
- (2) CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE Technical Report 06 – Greenhouse Gasses page 12, point 5.4.2
- (3) CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE Technical Report 06 – Greenhouse Gasses page 11, point 5.2.3
- (4) CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE Technical Report 06 – Greenhouse Gasses page 11, point 5.3.1

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