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## Objection to Cambourne to Cambridge busway

The parish Council in Barton, S. Cambs passed a resolution to submit the following objection(s) following the request for feedback regarding the proposed busway.

We object to the route planned for the busway from Scotland Farm travel hub (just off A428) to Grange Road in Cambridge. Whilst we fully support the need for greater public transport into the city centre, there are existing roads that should be used for buses with direct links to different areas of Cambridge, at significantly less cost to public spending and to the environment.

Multiple direct routes have been ignored seemingly by planners in preference to a costly single route into the historic centre of Cambridge alongside the existing Madingley Road. Planners have developed an off-road scheme cutting through the green belt, farmland, through an ancient established orchard, requiring a new bridge across the M11, and on through the West Campus site to terminate in the middle of Grange Road. The resulting environmental damage of this routing cannot be overstated.

Further, the destination of this proposed route, Grange Road, is entirely unsuitable, something which would be immediately apparent upon a site visit. Grange Road is a 20 mph road with multiple speed cushions and chicanes designed to reduce traffic speed and protect cyclists. There are several school and university buildings on this road, meaning a large proportion of the road users are pedestrians and cyclists, a significant number of whom are children. The existing motor vehicle traffic on this road already results in congestion and gridlocks during peak times: to increase the bus usage on this road would increase the danger to pedestrians and cyclists. The physical width of the road and its adjacent buildings will not permit the addition of a cycle route - quite simply it does not have the capacity for additional buses.

As a destination, Grange Road is neither sufficiently close to the city centre nor next to any of the commercial or business districts and only a few would want to end their journey there. How would users then connect to public transport links to those other destinations? Grange Road does not make sense for a proper integrated high-capacity transport system.

We have not seen any evidence to suggest that the majority of people living along the A428 corridor want to travel to this area of Cambridge. It is more likely that demand requires links to the science parks on the North side of the city (Cambridge North station), connections through villages and on onto Cambridge along Huntingdon Road, the existing bus route along Madingley Road to the West Campus site and Eddington suburb and park and ride, through Hardwick, Comberton/Toft and Barton and on into the city from Barton Road, and finally, direct connection to the Medical Campus on the South of the City. These roads exist and have the capacity to take extra buses.

The future additional residents from Cambourne will be served by the EWR routing - why destroy even more of the countryside with a superfluous bus route throwing away public money? The money would be better spent on increasing the number of buses along these existing routes, on increasing the greener transport options and in creating a mass public transport scheme which will be appropriate for the next hundred years. This scheme feels like the GCP spending more for spending's sake, rather than a well thought out scheme, meeting actual demand, with an emphasis of careful spending with full consideration of the environmental cost.

For this reason, we would encourage you not to fund this scheme.

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