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Dear Secretary of State for Transport

I write with reference to the TWAO submission for the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge Busway. Whilst I agree with the principle of increasing public transport and reducing car use this proposal should not proceed and the alternative suggested by Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF) should be reconsidered which is viable and cost-effective

I object to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. The route is very environmentally damaging crossing the countryside and running through the historic Coton Orchard, West Fields and Green Belt (adverse effect on biodiversity and habitats)
2. The route is extremely expensive to create with a new bridge over the M11 and delivery will be slow.
3. The route does not end where people want to go - ie Grange Road - poor connectivity
4. The end of the route carries heavy pedestrian and cycle traffic for small children accessing King's College and St John's College schools in particular
5. When buses turn the corner to or from West Road into Grange Road, the rest of the traffic including cycles and pedestrians have to move out of the way because the corner is too tight
6. There is a new flood risk which has not been investigated to Gough Way houses and Clare Hall through the elevated section embankment to cross Bin Brook on the Rifle Range Road. This is a chalk stream and the added runoff in addition to being a risk through increased backing up of water will be detrimental to the wider environment
7. The route only cuts 3 minutes off the 30 minute journey
8. The cost is #220 million and there is a low benefit to cost ratio.

I urge you to prevent the proposal proceeding as currently redesigned and reconsider a more environmentally sound, cost effective and prudent route for users taking them where they want to be.

Kind regards

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